

FOIA EXEMPTIONS CHART

Below is a list of records that are exempt under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1).

The below highlighted FOIA exemptions are the most frequently used by the Chicago Teacher’s Pension Fund.

Section	Description	Text
7(1)(a)	Prohibited by law	Information specifically prohibited from disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations implementing federal or State law.
7(1)(b)	Private information	Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court orders.
7(1)(b-5)	Information owned by law enforcement agencies	Files, documents, and other data or databases maintained by one or more law enforcement agencies and specifically designed to provide information to one or more law enforcement agencies regarding the physical and mental status of one or more individual subjects.
7(1)(c)	Personal information	Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects. “Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy” means the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. The disclosure of information that bears on the public duties of public employees and officials shall not be considered an invasion of personal privacy.
7(1)(d)(i)	Interfere with law enforcement proceedings	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings conducted by any law enforcement or correctional agency that is the recipient of the request.
7(1)(d)(ii)	Interfere with administrative proceedings	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would interfere with active administrative enforcement proceedings conducted by the public body that is the recipient of the request.
7(1)(d)(iii)	Interfere with the right to a fair trial	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would create a substantial likelihood that a person will be deprived of a fair trial at an impartial hearing.

7(1)(d)(iv)	Confidential source	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would unavoidably disclose the identity of a confidential source, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source, or person who file complaints with or provide information to an administrative, investigative, law enforcement, or penal agencies...except when disclosure would interfere with an active criminal investigation conducted by the agency that is the recipient of the request.
7(1)(d)(v)	Specialized investigative techniques	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would disclose unique or specialized investigative techniques other than those generally used and known or disclose internal documents of correctional agencies related to detection, observation or investigation of incidents of crime or misconduct, and disclosure would result in demonstrable harm to the agency or public body that is the recipient of the request.
7(1)(d)(vi)	Endanger physical safety	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel or any other person.
7(1)(d)(vii)	Obstruct a criminal investigation	Records in the possession of any public body created in the course of administrative enforcement proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the disclosure would obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation by the agency that is the recipient of the request.
7(1)(e)	Security of prisons	Records that relate to or affect the security of correctional institutions and detention facilities.
7(1)(e-5)	Info already available to inmates	Records requested by persons committed to the Department of Corrections if those materials are available in the library of the correctional facility where the inmate is confined.
7(1)(e-6)	Staff information to inmates	Records requested by persons committed to the Department of Corrections if those materials include records from staff members' personnel files, staff rosters, or other staffing assignment information.
7(1)(e-7)	Info to inmates when available by administrative request	Records requested by persons committed to the Department of Corrections if those materials are available through an administrative request to the Department of Corrections
7(1)(f)	Preliminary drafts	Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda, and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.

7(1)(g)	Trade secrets	<p>Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or business where trade secrets or commercial or financial information are furnished under a claim that they are proprietary, privileged, privileged, or confidential, and that disclosure of the trade secrets or commercial or financial information would cause competitive harm to the person or business, and only insofar as the claim directly applies to the records requested.</p> <p>The information included under this exemption includes all trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained by a public body, including a public pension fund, from a private equity fund or a privately held company within the investment portfolio of a private equity fund as a result of either investing or evaluating a potential investment of public funds in a private equity fund. The exemption contained in this item does not apply to the aggregate financial performance information of a private equity fund, nor to the identity of the fund's managers or general partners. The exemption contained in this item does not apply to the identity of a privately held company within the investment portfolio of a private equity fund, unless the disclosure of the identity of a privately held company may cause competitive harm.</p>
7(1)(h)	Proposals or bids	Proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or agreement, including information which if it were disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage to any person proposing to enter into a contractor agreement with the body, until an award or final selection is made. Information prepared by or for the body in preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an award or final selection is made.
7(1)(i)	Computer geographic systems	Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems, designs, drawings, and research data obtained or produced by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be expected to produce private gain or public loss. The exemption for "computer geographic systems" provided in this paragraph does not extend to requests made by news media as defined in Section 2 of this Act when the requested information is not otherwise exempt and the only purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, welfare, or legal rights of the general public.
7(1)(j)(i)	Academic examination docs	The following information pertaining to educational matters: test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer an academic examination
7(1)(j)(ii)	Information regarding faculty members	The following information pertaining to educational matters: information received by a primary or secondary school, college, or university under its procedures for the evaluation of faculty members by their academic peers.
7(1)(j)(iii)	Academic discipline	The following information pertaining to educational matters: information concerning a school or university's adjudication of student disciplinary cases, but only to the extent that disclosure would unavoidably reveal the identity of the student
7(1)(j)(iv)	Course materials	The following information pertaining to educational matters: course materials or research used by faculty members.
7(1)(k)	Architect's plans	Architects' plans, engineers' technical submissions, and other construction related technical documents for

		projects not constructed or developed in whole or in part with public funds and the same for projects constructed or developed with public funds, including but not limited to power generating and distribution stations and other transmission and distribution facilities, water treatment facilities, airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention centers, and all government owned, operated, or occupied buildings, but only to the extent that disclosure would compromise security.
7(1)(l)	Meeting minutes	Minutes of meetings of public bodies closed to the public as provided in the Open Meetings Act until the public body makes the minutes available to the public under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.
7(1)(m)	Attorney-client privilege/internal audit	Communications between a public body and an attorney or auditor representing the public body that would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in anticipation of a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the public body, and materials prepared or compiled with respect to internal audits of public bodies.
7(1)(n)	Employee grievances	Records relating to a public body's adjudication of employee grievances or disciplinary cases; however, this exemption shall not extend to the final outcome of cases in which discipline is imposed.
7(1)(o)	Technical information	Administrative or technical information associated with automated data processing operations, including but not limited to software, operating protocols, computer program abstracts, file layouts, source listings, object modules, load modules, user guides, documentation pertaining to all logical and physical design of computerized systems, employee manuals, and any other information that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the security of the system or its data or the security of the materials exempt under this Section.
7(1)(p)	Collective negotiating	Records relating to collective negotiating matters between public bodies and their employees or representatives, except that any final contract or agreement shall be subject to inspection and copying.
7(1)(q)	Applicant questions	Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to determine the qualifications of an applicant for a license or employment.
7(1)(r)	Real estate	The records, documents, and information relating to real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated. With regard to a parcel involved in a pending or actually and reasonably contemplated eminent domain proceeding under the Eminent Domain Act, records, documents, and information relating to that parcel shall be exempt except as may be allowed under discovery rules adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court. The records, documents, and information relating to a real estate sale shall be exempt until a sale is consummated.
7(1)(s)	Risk management association info	Any and all proprietary information and records related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool or jointly self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool. Insurance or self-insurance (including any intergovernmental risk management association or self-insurance pool) claims, loss, or risk management information, records, data, advice, or communications.
7(1)(t)	Supervision of financial institutions	Information contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of a public body responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions or insurance companies, unless disclosure is otherwise required by State law.

7(1)(u)	Digital signatures	Information that would disclose or might lead to the disclosure of secret or confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or private keys intended to be used to create electronic or digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security Act.
7(1)(v)	Security risks	Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and response policies or plans that are designed to identify, prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's population or systems, facilities, or installations, the destruction or contamination of which would constitute a clear and present danger to the health or safety of the community, but only to the extent that disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement them or the public. Information exempt under this item may include such things as details pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to tactical operations.
7(1)(x)	Utilities/Power generation	Maps and other records regarding the location or security of generation, transmission, distribution, storage, gather, treatment, or switching facilities owned by a utility, by a power generator, or by the Illinois Power Agency.
7(1)(y)	Electric power	Information contained in or related to proposals, bids, or negotiations related to electric power procurement under Section 1-75 of the Illinois Power agency Act and Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities Act that is determined to be confidential and proprietary by the Illinois Power Agency or by the Illinois Commerce Commission.
7(1)(z)	Information about students	Information about students exempted from disclosure under Sections 10-20.38 or 34-18.29 of the School Code, and information about undergraduate students enrolled at an institution of higher education exempted from disclosure under Section 25 of the Illinois Credit Card Marketing Act of 2009.
7(1)(aa)	Viatical settlements	Information the disclosure of which is exempted under the Viatical Settlements Act of 2009.
7(1)(bb)	Mortality review	Records and information provided to a mortality review team and records maintained by a mortality review team under the Department of Juvenile Justice Mortality Review Team Act.
7(1)(cc)	Burial information	Information regarding interments, entombments, or inurnments of human remains that are submitted to the Cemetery Oversight Database under the Cemetery Care Act or the Cemetery Oversight Act, whichever is applicable.
7(1)(dd)	Correspondence and records	Correspondence and records (i) that may not be disclosed under section 11-9 of the Public Aid Code or (ii) that pertain to appeals under Section 11-8 of the Public Aid Code
7(1)(ee)	Minors who are participants in recreation associations.	The names, addresses, or other information of persons who are minors and are also participants and registrants in programs of park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, recreation agencies, and special recreation associations.
7(1)(ff)	Participants in	The names, addresses, or other personal information of participants and registrants in programs of park

	recreation associations.	districts, forest preserve districts, conservation districts, recreation agencies, and special recreation associations where such programs are targeted primarily to minors.
7(1)(gg)	Tax information	Confidential information described in Section 1-100 of the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal Act of 2012
7(1)(hh)	Reports to the state board of education	The report submitted to the State Board of Education by the School Security and Standards Task Force under item (8) of subsection (d) of Section 2-3.160 of the School Code and any information contained in that report