



Forest Ridge

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 142

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Forest Ridge Elementary School District 142 is a public school serving approximately 1,700 students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth grade residing in Oak Forest and portions of Crestwood and Midlothian.

It is the Mission of the Forest Ridge School District 142 to develop within a child-centered environment the full academic and behavioral potential of each student in a caring but demanding manner. The mission is accomplished through the cooperative efforts of students, parents, staff and the community and by wisely using all available human and financial resources.

The Forest Ridge Elementary School District Office serves the four attendance centers in the district, the names and locations of which are as follows:

Ridge Early Childhood Center
(Pre-K through Kindergarten)
5151 W. 149th Street
Oak Forest IL 60452

Foster Elementary School
(Grades 1-5)
5931 W. School Street
Oak Forest IL 60452

Kerkstra Elementary School
(Grades 1-5)
14950 Laramie Avenue
Oak Forest IL 60452

Hille Middle School
(Grades 6-8)
5800 W. 151st Street
Oak Forest IL 60452

The Total Budgeted Expenditures, for all funds of the District, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 is \$17,419,986.

The District employs approximately 180 full and part-time employees.

The Board of Education is comprised of the following seven members: Kurt Staehlin – President, John Doolin – Vice President, Judy Schramm – Secretary, John Gron, Joseph Bittner, Gerard Curran, and Callie Laycoax.

Request for Documents, in accordance with the State of Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), must be submitted in writing and directed to the Freedom of Information Officers Dr. Margaret W. Longo, Ellen DeSpain, Catherine Baran, or Carol Goecking, at the following address: Forest Ridge Elementary School District 142, ATTN: Freedom of Information Officer, 15000 Laramie Avenue, Oak Forest IL 60452. Email requests will be accepted at mlongo@d142.org, edespain@d142.org, cbaran@d142.org, or cgoecking@d142.org.

The District may require a fee for producing copies of requested documents at a rate of \$.15 per page copied, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/6).

Most records maintained by public entities are open for inspection and/or copying by individuals through the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 et. seq.). Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, these records may be accessed by the public upon written request.

The following are links to many documents available on the District website which you may download at this time (no FOIA request required):

- Board policies
- District boundary map
- Schedule of regular board meetings
- Public notice of each board meeting that is posted at least 48 hours before the meeting and remains posted until the meeting is concluded
- Agenda for each regular board meeting that is posted at least 48 hours before the meeting and remains posted until the meeting is concluded
- Official open meeting minutes that are posted within 7 days of the Board's approval and remain posted for at least 60 days
- Description of the District and its records
- Annual budget for the current year
- District current report card
- Administrative salary compensation report
- Current contract with the Forest Ridge Education Association
- Current contract with the Support Education Association
- Listing of all contracts over \$25,000 for the current fiscal year

How Can I Submit a FOIA Request?

District 142 has no specific FOIA request form. Requests should state that information is being sought under the Freedom of Information Act. Provide a brief description of the public records requested, being as specific as possible. Requests must be submitted in writing and can be either mailed to the below address or emailed to the Freedom of Information Officers, Dr. Margaret W. Longo - mlongo@d142.org, Ellen DeSpain - edespain@d142.org, Catherine Baran - cbaran@d142.org, or Carol Goecking - cgoecking@d142.org.

Mailing Address:

Forest Ridge Elementary School District 142
Attention: Freedom of Information Officer
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What Happens After I Submit a Request?

The Illinois Freedom of Information Act requires agencies to respond within **five business days** of receipt of a request. **An extension of time may be requested for reasons stated in 5ILCS 140/3(e)(i-vii).**