

[External] RE: PRA REQUEST FW: [EXTERNAL] General Information

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Wed 11/1/2023 3:06 PM

To:Parker, Amy <amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu>

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Hello, Amy,

Please see the correction below in red.

Sincerely,

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From: Mike Torres
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Parker, Amy <amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu>
Subject: RE: PRA REQUEST FW: [EXTERNAL] General Information

Hello, Amy,

Thank you so much for meeting with me via phone on October 26, 2023 to discuss the scope of this PRA request. Our division had multiple projects which included public comment that we needed to search using keywords responsive to your request “regarding the issue of homework assignments (such as whether to assign homework, how much homework to assign, etc)”.

We searched public comment and the full documents for the following projects. Any public comment we found in our searches have been uploaded to a [box.com folder](#), separated out by project. We’ve added a few notes below based on searches of the publicly available guidance document itself below.

[Digital Learning Integration and Standards Guidance](#)

Page 27 offers guidance on creation of a virtual help desk for homework and technology assistance.

[Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum](#)

Public Comment in Box. The Model Curriculum mentions homework assignments as one of several different ways of promoting student engagement on page 46. There are various references to different kinds of homework activities throughout chapter 4 (sample lessons).

[Mathematics Curriculum Framework](#)

Public Comment in Box. The Mathematics Framework includes discussions related to homework in chapters 2, 9, 12, and 13.

Also, the May 2021 Instructional Quality Commission attachment "[Summary Table of Public Input on the Draft Mathematics Framework](#)" includes public comments from the first field review online survey that reference homework.

[Arts Education Curriculum Framework](#)

No public comment responsive to the request. There are two mentions of homework on page 716 of this framework.

[World Languages Curriculum Framework](#)

No public comment responsive to the request. There are 17 mentions of homework in chapters 2, 7 and 13 of this framework.

[Health Education Curriculum Framework](#)

No public comment ~~in Box. responsive to the request.~~ There is one mention of homework in chapter 2, however it is not a reference to student homework.

[Computer Science Standards](#)

No public comment responsive to the request.

The [Grading Student Progress](#) webpage references a study that recommends using other criteria besides homework for determining grades. And specifically mentions homework one time.

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From: Parker, Amy <amyipdev@csu.fullerton.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 12:55 PM
To: Mike Torres <MTorres@cde.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: PRA REQUEST FW: [EXTERNAL] General Information

Hello,

I would be willing to meet to more strictly define the request. However, I would likely not change the time range (unless the number of records is too voluminous for my side to process), as denying a request because of the time range being too broad is not permitted under the CPRA.

Your response cited *Fredericks v. Superior Court*; however, you did not provide a clear showing that the request was unduly burdensome. Documents could be searched for using keywords like "homework", for instance, then further narrowed. We can discuss these narrowings during the meeting. Further, *Fredericks* provides the primary remedy for an "undue burden":

- Where an agency can show objectively that there is an undue burden in complying with a request, the CPRA provides for an extension of time. Under section 6253, subdivision (c), an agency's obligation to disclose in a timely manner may be changed by the circumstances of the case, if disclosable records are sought but specified "unusual circumstances" apply to them.

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Hello, Ms. Parker,

Thank you for contacting the California Department of Education. Attached is our initial response. Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss the records request so we can best assist in providing you with responsive records.

Sincerely,

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From: Amy Parker <amyjpdev@csu.fullerton.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 10:01 PM
To: Contact Us <ContactUs@cde.ca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] General Information

CAUTION! This email originated from outside the California Department of Education. Be careful of links and attachments.

Name: Amy Parker
Email: amyjpdev@csu.fullerton.edu
Organization: Open Information Collective
Job Title: Founding Member
Subject: General Information
Phone: 562-299-8551

Comment: Hello, I hereby request, under the California Public Records Act), copies of all reports, studies, public comments, and surveys held/received by the Department of Education from between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2023, regarding the issue of homework assignments (such as whether to assign homework, how much homework to assign, etc). I request the documents in electronic format; if the documents are only in physical format, I request that they be scanned at no cost. If a cost is required, I will exert my right to scan the documents using my own equipment and to view them in person pursuant to GOV 7922.525. If any documents are nondisclosable, those documents should be segregated, and the disclosable documents provided. If content on/materials in the documents are nondisclosable, those should be redacted pursuant to GOV 7922.525(b). If you have any questions about this request, you can contact me at this email address, or at (562) 299-8551 by SMS or RCS (phone calls may not always be returnable). If any segregations are

performed, or this request is denied in its entirety, please note that under GOV 7922.540, the names of all individuals involved in the denial of the record must be provided. Under GOV 7922.535(a), the records must be provided within ten calendar days; as such, please provide the records by no later than October 27, 2023 (with intentional delays to or beyond that point prohibited by GOV 7922.500).