

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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FROM: Rebecca Nelson, Director and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer
Michigan State University FOIA Office



SUBJECT: FOIA Response

This is written in response to the FOIA request that you emailed to this Office on June 23, 2021.

Data responsive to your request for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters grade distribution information accompany this letter. Information pertaining to student instructors, and data pertaining to courses for which there were ten or fewer enrollees have been withheld under Sections 13(2) and 13(1)(a) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (MIFOIA). Section 13(2) requires the withholding of information that, if released, would prevent the public body from complying with 20 U.S.C. 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Section 13(1)(a) provides for the withholding of “Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual’s privacy.” The Michigan State University Office of the Registrar advises that at this time there are no data responsive to your request for Summer 2021 semester grade distribution information. No fee will be assessed for this processing of your request.



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICE

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The MIFOIA provides that when a public body denies all or a portion of a request, the requester may do one of the following: (1) submit an appeal of the determination to the head of the public body; or (2) commence a civil action in the court of claims to compel the public body’s disclosure of the records. If you wish to seek judicial review of any denial, you must do so within 180 days of the date of this letter. If the court of claims orders disclosure of all or a portion of the public record(s) to which you have been denied access, you may receive attorneys’ fees and, in certain circumstances, damages under the MIFOIA. Should you choose to file an appeal with the University regarding this response to your request, you must submit a written communication to this Office expressly stating that it is an “appeal” of this response. In your appeal, please state what records you believe should have been disclosed to you. You must also state the reasons you believe any denial of your MIFOIA request should be reversed. This Office will arrange for the processing and review of your appeal. Pursuant to Section 4(4) of the MIFOIA, the University’s procedures and guidelines for processing MIFOIA requests can be found at <http://foia.msu.edu>.

Attachments: 2 Excel files
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