

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
5 ILCS 5/140-4

A. Summary information about High Mount School District #116

1. High Mount School District #116 is a school district located in Swansea, Illinois in St. Clair County. The district is organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and provides education for the eligible residents in grades PK-8.
2. A block diagram of the district's functional subdivisions is as follows:
School Treasurer Board of Education Board Secretary
 Superintendent
 Principal
 Lead Teacher
3. The total amount of projected expenditures is \$4,200,000.
4. The district office is located at 1721 Boul Avenue in Swansea, Illinois (618-233-1054)
5. The approximate number of full and part-time employees for is 60.
6. Although the state has primary authority, the legislature has given responsibility to local school districts for the organization, operation, and financial support of their schools. The Board of Education, consisting of seven elected representatives of the local school district, has full authority to operate the public school within the framework of law established by the legislature and interpreted by the office of the State Superintendent of Education. The current members of the Board of Education are Robert "Dusty" Cole (President), Ray Gotsch (Vice-President), Debra Wolf, Lorraine Cange, Jason Karstens, Shirla Ellis, and Javis Taylor.

B. Freedom of Information Act Information

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), public records may be accessed upon written request. Certain records, which are deemed confidential, are not subject to release via the FOIA process.

The public may request records under FOIA guidelines by mailing, emailing, or faxing a request to:

Mr. Michael Brink, FOIA Officer
Address: 1721 Boul Avenue Swansea, IL 62226
Phone: 618-233-1054 x. 509
Fax: 618-233-1136
Email: mbrink@highmountschool.com

Under FOIA guidelines, an agency must respond to a request within five days of receiving the request. A five-day extension is allowed with written notification to the requester. There will be no cost when the requested record is 50 pages or less. If the records exceed 50 pages, the requester will be informed of the duplication costs (\$.15 per page).