Dear Ms. Moeller:

This letter is in response to your request for information which is being processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 10/5/09.

Request 1 - “For school years 2000-01, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10, statewide and county- or school-district-specific student arrest data, disaggregated by race and ethnicity as separate variables, and arrest data by offense if available.”

Response 1 - Our agency does not collect or maintain student arrest data.

Request 2 - “For school years 2000-01, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10, statewide and county- or school-district-specific numbers of expulsions by offense, numbers of suspensions by offense, graduation numbers and rate, dropout numbers and rate, and truant/chronic truant numbers and rates for youth, disaggregated by gender, grade level, and race and ethnicity as separate variables.”

Response 2 -

Expulsions - Data regarding offenses are not available prior to 08/09. Data for 08/09 would require a unique search. (Contact us to share search variables.) Data for 09/10 are not yet available. District level expulsion data since 01/02 are available at the following location: http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/eoy_report.htm.

Suspensions - (See previous response.)

Graduation numbers and rates - District level graduation numbers from 01/02 to 08/09 are available at the following location. (Data for 09/10 are not yet available.) http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/eoy_report.htm. Grade levels are not reported.
Drop out numbers and rates – District level drop out numbers from 01/02 to 08/09 are available at the following location. (Data for 09/10 are not yet available.)
http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/eoy_report.htm. Grade levels are not reported.

Truancy numbers and rates – District level truancy numbers from 01/02 to 08/09 are available at the following location. (Data for 09/10 are not yet available.)
http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/eoy_report.htm. Grade levels, race and ethnicity are not reported.

High school graduation and dropout rates and chronic truancy rates are available on state and district report cards at the following location.
http://www.isbe.net/research/htmls/report_card.htm

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

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