March 6, 2012 [e-mailed to rharris@catalyst-chicago.org]

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Dear Ms. Harris:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Feb. 28.

You have requested "data on teacher candidates' basic skills test (Illinois Certification and Testing System) pass rates for all test administrations during fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, broken down by: Teacher candidate race/ethnicity, teacher candidate gender and college or university the teacher candidate is attending."

Illinois Certification and Testing System reports are available on our website at http://www.isbe.net/certification/html/testing.htm. Pass rate information based on ethnicity is available as well as an institutional pass rate summary.

Our Educator Certification division does not have the other data you seek.

If you have questions, please contact me at (217) 782-4648 or asimhaus@isbe.net

Sincerely,

Amanda Simhauser
Freedom of Information Act Coordinator