April 3, 2014 [emailed to dgibson@findthebest.com]

Doug Gibson
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

This letter is in response to your request for information under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on Mar. 27, 2014.

You have requested "information on standardized testing scores broken down by race for each public school in Illinois. This would include the assigned school id as well as the average ISAT and PSAE (and if possible the IAA) scores broken down for each school by race (white, black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, etc.) for the most recent year and the historical data going back to 2009."

We do not have the average score broken down for each school by race because the scores are scaled differently for each grade. We do have the percentages of students who meet or exceed expectations broken down for each school by race available on the Illinois Report Card.

The 2013 data can be found at the following link: http://www.illinoisreportcard.com/Default.aspx. First, type in the school you are interested in viewing. Then click on “Academic Progress.” Select the achievement test you are interested in viewing then click “view details.” This will bring up multiple drop-down options where you can select a grade or summary of all grades, as well as narrowing each score summary down to a specific student group (race). You can also view the results in a PDF or Excel format. You can also perform subgroup comparisons and view achievement gap information with the options on the left side of the “Academic Progress” page for each school.

The 2009-2012 data can be viewed at our classic version of the Illinois Interactive Report Card, located at the following link: http://iirc.niu.edu/Classic/Default.aspx. This will allow you to see the same information, but for past years.

If you have questions, please contact Megan Griffin at (217) 782-4648 or mgriffin@isbe.net.

Sincerely,
Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information