

Star Rating System: Monitoring transparency in government

Reach for a star... by meeting every Sunshine Law requirement. Then add best practices from the list below to achieve a multiple-star rating



Compliant: Meets all Sunshine Law requirements



Compliant, plus 1-2 best practices



Compliant, plus 3-4 best practices

Compliant, plus 5 or more best practices

Visit the StaRS page

(StaRS.html)

Click on the ratings in Best Practices or Non-Compliant columns for details

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eastwood local school district

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Name of Entity	County	Audit Period
Eastwood Local	Wood	07/01/2018 to
School District		06/30/2020

Compliant	Best Practices	Non- Compliant
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- Method to Track Public Records Requests
- Standard Request Forms ri
- Public Records Request Acknowledgement D က်
- Public Records Custodian Identified and Trained 4
- Prompt Certified Public Records Training D r)
- Online Presence Upcoming Events and Office Operations D

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Online Presence – Official Documents D

This entity received the Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent **Government Award**

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Achievement in Open and Transparent Government:

Implemented 1-2 best practices*



Outstanding Achievement in Open and Transparent

Government: Implemented 3-4 best practices*



Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government:

Implemented 5 or more best practices*

Non-compliant

Sunshine Law requirements are not fully achieved. Click <u>here</u> for information to help you achieve compliance.

- Read Auditor Faber's bulletin announcing StaRS
- Click here for online Sunshine Laws training
- Request a <u>public record</u>
- Search for your government's transparency rating
- Public Records Mediation Program statistics

*Best Practices

To create an open and transparent government, the AOS suggests implementing the following best practices. *Note:* These suggestions are not required by Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

- The public office employs a method to track public records requests, such as record requested, date received and date provided.
- To assist the public in making a request for records the public office has standard request forms that are available to requestors to use if they wish, as well as for the staff to use when a request is made via phone.
- The public office provides an acknowledgment to the requestor when a public records request is received, consistent with how the request was made.
- To assist the public in making a request for records, the public office has publicized (website, public records poster, etc.) the name or office title of the records custodian and his/her contact information. Further, the public office's staff has been trained on how to route public records requests to the record custodian, who also has been trained on fulfilling the public records requests, including guidelines for negotiating ambiguous or large requests.
- All elected officials or their designees, as well as community school administrators, have taken the required public-records training within the applicable time frame.
- The public office has an online presence that provides the office's agendas, policies, and schedules.
- The public office has an online presence that provides access to official documents, such as the annual budget, salaries, and contact information.