

# Policies

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## Westerly Public Schools School Committee Public Records

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**No. 1100**

The Westerly School Committee meetings and records will be matters of public information, subject to such restriction as are set by federal law or regulation, by state statute, or by pertinent court rulings.

The official minutes of the Committee, its written policies, and its financial records will be available at the Superintendent's Office by any citizen desiring to examine them. Approved minutes from open session meetings also will be posted on the District website.

However, no records will be released for inspection by the public or any unauthorized persons, either by the Superintendent or any other person designated as custodian for the Westerly Public Schools records, if such disclosure would be contrary to the public interest, as described in state law or voted to be sealed by the School Committee.

The people's right to know the process of government decision making and the documents and statistics leading to determinations is basic to our society. Access to such information should not be thwarted by shrouding it with the cloak of secrecy or confidentiality.

Reference: Titles 38-2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island.

See also Policy 2005 Freedom of Information – Public Records Policy

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