

**From:** FOIL <FOIL@nysed.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)  
**Subject:** **RE: FOIL/Records Request: Education Law §801 & the required "courses of instruction in the constitution of the state of New York and the amendments thereto"**

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law request (FL-EM-25/283) for State Education Department records regarding Education Law §801, which was received on March 6, 2025.

Your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request is denied. This FOIL request does not constitute a "request for a record reasonably described" pursuant to Public Officers Law ("POL") §89(3)(a). Specifically, FOIL pertains to existing records only, and it does not compel an agency to answer questions, prepare new records, offer explanations for governmental activities, or perform legal research and answer questions of a legal nature in an effort to be responsive (see POL §89[3][a] and see *also* NYS Comm. on Open Govt. FOIL-AO-9383, FOIL-AO-13208, FOIL-AO-10675, and FOIL-AO-16632a). Therefore, your request is beyond the scope of a request for records made pursuant to Article 6 of the POL.

You will find some information regarding your request at the following links:

- For Learning Standards: [Social Studies | New York State Education Department](#)
- For general school requirements: [General School Requirements \(Section 100.2\) | New York State Education Department](#)
- For regulations related to middle school requirements: [Middle Level Requirements \(Section 100.4\) | New York State Education Department](#)
- For regulations related to high school / diploma requirements: [Diploma Requirements \(Section 100.5\) | New York State Education Department](#)
- For Attendance Policy: <https://www.nysed.gov/student-support-services/attendance>
- For Regents History/Authority: <https://www.regents.nysed.gov/about-us>

If you wish to appeal this response, you may do so within 30 days by emailing [FOILappeal@nysed.gov](mailto:FOILappeal@nysed.gov) or writing to:

Betty A. Rosa  
Commissioner of Education  
NYS Education Department  
Room 111, Education Building  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, NY 12234

Sincerely,  
Records Access Officer

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 4:54 PM

**To:** REGENTSOFFICE <[REGENTSOFFICE@nysed.gov](mailto:REGENTSOFFICE@nysed.gov)>; FOIL <[FOIL@nysed.gov](mailto:FOIL@nysed.gov)>

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**TO:** [New York State Board of Regents/Department of Education](#)

Attached is my above-entitled letter/FOIL request to the Board of Regents of today's date.

Thank you.

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