

PENNSYLVANIA RIGHT TO KNOW ACT

The Pennsylvania Right to Know Act is a series of laws designed to guarantee that the public has access to public records of governmental bodies in Pennsylvania. The new Right to Know or Open Records Law (Act 3 of 2008) took effect on January 1, 2009. This law presumes that all documents of all governmental bodies will be presumed to be open to the public unless the agency holding them can prove otherwise.

The Western Area Career & Technology Center Joint Operating Committee recognizes the importance of access to public records. The public has the right, under law, to inspect and to procure copies of such records with certain exceptions subject to Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law. Any citizen may request, in writing, a document of the Western Area Career & Technology Center. This request must be made to the Center's Open Records Officer:

Dr. Dennis J. McCarthy
Executive Director
688 Western Avenue
Canonsburg PA 15317

The Center will respond to the request in five business days of receipt. Fees may apply for access and/or copies of the requested information. Copies of the following are available by clicking below:

Policy Guidelines for Public Records Right to Know Request Form

Additional information can be found on the Right to Know Law by contacting the State Open Records Department as follows:

State Open Records Department
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of Open Records
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Plaza Level
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225
717-346-9903

www.openrecords.state.pa.us