

DISTRICT 211 WEBSITE EARNS THIRD CONSECUTIVE AWARD FOR TRANSPARENCY



For the third consecutive year, Township High School District 211's website was awarded for its transparency of information to the public.

A 2013 Sunny Award was given to the District from editors of the Sunshine Review on March 5. District 211 received a perfect score for its website efforts out of 7,000 reviewed government websites. This is the highest rating, an A+, that the District website has received.

"The Sunny Awards recognize governments that make transparency a priority," said Michael Barnhart, president of Sunshine Review in a written statement. "The winners of the Sunny Awards are cities, counties, and school districts that proactively share the public information that empowers citizens and keeps government accountable to the people."

Only government websites are eligible for the award, and 247 of 7,000 government websites ranked by Sunshine Review earned a Sunny Award. Eight states earned nearly half of the 246 Sunny Awards, which include 25 awards in Florida, 19 in Virginia, and 19 in Illinois.

Each website is reviewed with a 10-point transparency checklist in content areas such as taxes, budget, meetings, elected officials, administrative officials, contracts, audits, public records, academics, and background checks. Editors reviewed content available on each website and compared that against what should be provided.

The Sunshine Review is a nonprofit organization that promotes state and local government transparency, and was founded in 2008. Since the start of Sunny Awards in 2010, 613 awards have been given to local and state governments.

For more information on Sunny Awards, click [here](#).