

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](#).

D211 RECEIVES 2ND AWARD FOR TRANSPARENCY

Township High School District 211 was recognized with a “Sunny Award” from the Sunshine Review on March 8, 2012. The award honors the most transparent government web sites in the country, and District 211 was one of 19 honorees in Illinois, which included 7 school districts. This is the second consecutive year that District 211 has been honored with the award.



“The Sunny Awards recognizes governments that are doing an exemplary job at proactively disclosing information to taxpayers,” said Michael Barnhart, president of Sunshine Review in an online posting. “There are so many organizations and associations that highlight what is wrong with government. We at Sunshine Review are proud to acknowledge those who are doing it right and setting a transparency standard that all governments can, and should, meet.”

The Sunshine Review analyzed more than 6,000 government web sites, grading each on a 10-point checklist for transparency. Editors looked for content that included budgets, meeting, lobbying information, financial audits, contracts, academic performance, public records, and taxes, with those agencies receiving a grade of “A” being recognized with a “Sunny Award.” District 211’s web site received a grade of “A+.”

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Additional information on 2012 Sunny Awards is available [here](#).