

FIRST TWO VISITS: OCT. 23
NOV. 7

Burrillville

Documents Not Received



School Committee Minutes:

- Readability: NA
- Thoroughness: NA
- Layout: NA
- Legal Compliance: NA

City/Town Council Minutes:

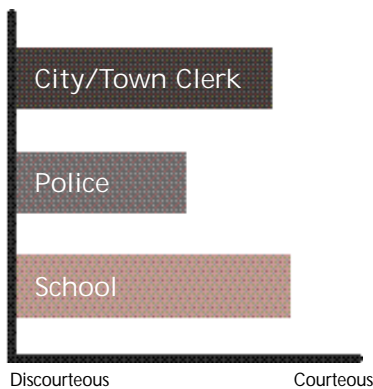
- Readability: Average
- Thoroughness: Good
- Layout: Poor
- Legal Compliance: Full

Twenty percent of the requests for public records were denied in Burrillville. The problems were with the Police Department, as was the case in many other towns. The Police denied access to both indexed items. The Police said that they were not “obligated” to release arrest reports. (This is incorrect because the researchers specifically asked for reports that were not under investigation.) They also denied access to the log.

Burrillville is one of the two municipalities in Rhode Island that requested personal identification for all the requests made among all departments. The reason for the request was asked for 60 percent of the inquiries which, unfortunately, was about the state average. On the positive side, only one visit was required for all the documents that were received. Still, there is significant room for improvement in this town.

“ The Burrillville Police Department was extremely discourteous when I asked for the arrest and brutality reports. They made a copy of my license and asked me repeatedly why I wanted the information. Then both the officers and chief told me ‘they were not obligated to give out that information.’ ”

How We Were Treated



Comparison: Cities/Towns

