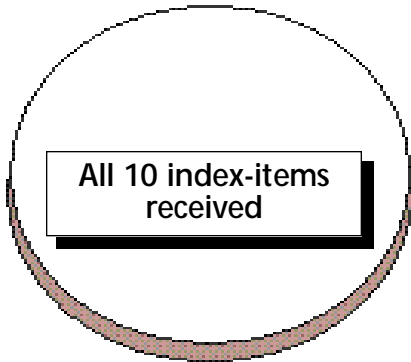


FIRST TWO VISITS: OCT. 27
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Middletown

Documents Not Received



School Committee Minutes:

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

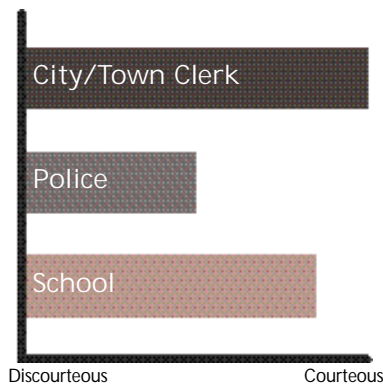
City/Town Council Minutes:

- Readability: Poor
- Thoroughness: Good
- Layout: Poor
- Legal Compliance: Partial

Middletown is one of the best jurisdictions in the state for overall compliance with the Open Records Law. It is one of only eight cities and towns to comply with all of the requests made for the ten indexed items. Not only were all of the documents provided, but they were made available without the necessity of return visits to any of the three divisions of town government. The clerks were reasonably courteous, but they were also quite inquisitive. They asked for a reason for the request in 60 percent of the interactions. One of the employees at the School Department knew the researcher personally and asked repeatedly for the reason and motives for the request. Middletown is one of only four jurisdictions in the state to require its own paperwork. The School Department required the researcher to complete their paperwork before processing a request to inspect School Committee agendas, minutes, and the contract settlement.

“ The Middletown Town Clerk was considerate and helped me with everything I asked for. She did not ask me any questions; she just provided the information for me. At the Middletown Police, I found the clerk very rude when I requested information. At first, he was not sure how to handle the requests. He said, ‘I don’t care, but I don’t know if I can show you this information.’ The log was on the computer which eventually showed me. ”

How We Were Treated



Comparison: Cities/Towns

