

IPA Policy Manual

Chapter 5 – Association Operations

5.8 Media Relations

It is the intention of the Illinois Principals Association to be open and transparent with the public regarding the business practices of the Association. The Illinois Principals Association recognizes the role of the media in providing information to the public and therefore adopts the following procedures:

1. All regular session meetings of the IPA Board of Directors shall be open to legitimate media representatives, as determined by the President of the Board of Directors. The IPA is not subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and is therefore not required to provide notice to members of the media and may enter into closed session at any time as provided for in this policy manual.
2. All media inquiries shall be promptly referred to the Executive Director or his/her designee for comment.
3. All requests for information or documentation shall be referred to the Executive Director or his/her designee for consideration. The IPA is not subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, and therefore the decision as to whether or not to provide the documentation requested lies solely with the Executive Director or his/her designee.
4. The IPA shall not comment on any matter concerning one of its members, any other school district employee or the operations of a particular school district.

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