

Title IX Support & Reporting Options

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What is Title IX?

A civil right law that creates a process to protect students from sexual harassment, gender-based discrimination, and sexual violence in education.

How can Title IX help me?

If you experience sexual harassment, discrimination, or violence, Title IX is there to be sure your school supports you. If you decide to file a complaint, your school must do an investigation. During the investigation, your school must provide you with options for staying safe and getting support, such as changing your schedule, connecting you to someone who is trained in issues of sexual assault, and providing a support person at school.

What is an investigation?

An investigation is when the school or someone who works for the school talks to all people involved to find out what happened and if any rules and/or laws were violated. If rules have been violated, consequences could include expulsion, suspension, punishment, change in privileges, etc.

What is mediation?

Mediation is decision making where everyone gets a chance to tell their side of the story. Then everyone must agree on the solution.

Who is the Title IX Coordinator?

Every school or school district has a Title IX Coordinator. Their job is to make sure students who experience harassment, discrimination, or violence can make a report and get support. Look on your school or district website for contact information. An advocate can also help you find your Title IX Coordinator - 1-800-871-771.

Why would I work with an advocate?

Advocates work with people who have experienced sexual harassment or abuse. They can explain your options, talk about what happens next, and listen to your worries. An advocate might be able to connect you to a lawyer or counseling.

Sexual assault advocates are available statewide, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year - 1-800-871-771 or mecasa.org

Sexual harassment, discrimination, & sexual violence include:

sexist or sexual comments

bullying based on being LGBTQ

unwanted sexual contact

rape & sexual assault



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