



Title IX – Take Action Now

Make your voice heard by submitting an official comment to the U.S. Department of Education via the Parents Defending Education Title IX comment portal at defendinged.org/title-ix.

WHAT IS TITLE IX?

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits schools that receive federal funds from discriminating on the basis of sex.

HOW IS TITLE IX ADMINISTERED?

Schools are required to address sex discrimination—including conduct that interferes with an individual's equal access to educational opportunities. A school's failure to address or respond to discrimination can jeopardize its federal funding.

HOW IS TITLE IX ENFORCED?

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) writes Title IX guidelines and regulations for schools to follow, investigates complaints, and determines whether schools are in compliance with Title IX. According to OCR, any "unwelcome" sex-based incident, including sexual harassment, even those perpetrated by non-students/staff or occurring off-campus, may be deemed Title IX violations if the conduct impacts the school's educational environment. According to OCR, any "unwelcome" sexual incident including sexual harassment, even those perpetrated by non-students/staff or occurring off-campus, may be deemed Title IX violations if education attainment is shown to be affected.

WHY IS TITLE IX IN THE NEWS NOW?

On June 23, 2022, the 50th anniversary of the passage of the original Title IX legislation, President Biden announced his intention to dramatically broaden the scope of Title IX to include discrimination based on gender identity. On July 12, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights published the proposed rule changes to the federal register for a 60-day public comment period.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE IX?

These changes WILL:



Allow biological males to **participate in girls-only sports and school activities.**



Make bathrooms, locker rooms, and overnight field trip housing available based solely on "gender identity," **not on someone's biological sex.**



Apply sex discrimination and harassment rules to students and teachers who "misgender" another student or teacher. This means that if someone refers to someone by their biological sex (instead of their gender identity) or doesn't use the person's "preferred pronouns," **they will be punished for sexual harassment.**



Encourage schools to hide information from parents—including a **student's gender transition from their parents.**

In short, the proposed changes to Title IX would confuse kids; compel speech; and curtail due process, safety, and fairness in K-12 schools nationwide.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE IX?

Make your voice heard by submitting an official comment to the U.S. Department of Education via the Parents Defending Education Title IX comment portal at defendinged.org/title-ix. The deadline to submit comments is September 12, 2022. The Department must read, consider, and respond to every comment before they can move forward so Take Action Now! **SAVE GIRLS SPORTS!**