

About Title IX

[Title IX: An Overview of the Law](#)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX states that:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The U.S. Department of Education gives grants of financial assistance to schools and colleges. The Title IX regulation describes the conduct that violates Title IX. Examples of the types of discrimination that are covered under Title IX include sexual harassment, the failure to provide equal opportunity in athletics, and discrimination based on pregnancy. The Title IX regulation is enforced by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and is in the code of federal regulations at [34 CFR Part 106](#).

Title IX prohibits retaliation for filing an OCR complaint or for advocating for a right protected by Title IX. Title IX also prohibits employment discrimination, but employment complaints filed with OCR are generally referred to the [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#).

[Title IX: Programs and Activities](#)

Programs and activities at universities and colleges that receive federal funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. These programs and activities may include, but are not limited to:

- admissions
- recruitment
- financial aid
- academic programs
- employment
- physical education
- athletics
- counseling and guidance
- discipline
- classroom assignment
- grading
- vocational education
- recreation
- housing
- student treatment and services

[Title IX: Athletics](#)

The regulation (34 CFR Part 106) implementing Title IX contains specific provisions relating to athletic opportunities. See [Requirements Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972](#) for more information about the athletic requirements contained in the Title IX regulation.