Title IX Information

District Title IX Coordinators

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Your Rights Under Title IX

Pursuant to Education Code 221.8 you have the right to:

- Fair and equitable treatment and you shall not be discriminated against based on your sex.
- Be provided with an equitable opportunity to participate in all academic extracurricular activities, including athletics.
- Inquire of the athletic director or your school as to the athletic opportunities offered by the school.
- Apply for athletic scholarships.
- Receive equitable treatment and benefits in the provision of all of the following:
 - equipment and supplies
 - scheduling of games and practices
 - transportation and allowances
 - access to tutoring
 - coaching
 - locker rooms
 - practice and competitive facilities
 - medical and training facilities and services
 - publicity
- Have access to gender equity coordinator to answer questions regarding equity
- Contact the State Department of Education and the California Interscholastic Federation to access information on gender equity laws.
- File a confidential discrimination complaint with the United States Office for Civil Rights or the State Department of Education if you believe you have been discriminated against or if you believe you have received unequal treatment on the basis of your sex

- Pursue remedies if you have been discriminated against.
- Be protected against retaliation if you file a discrimination complaint.

Further information about your rights under Title IX:

<u>United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights</u> and their information regarding <u>sex</u> discrimination and Know Your Rights documents.

California Department of Education Office of Equal Opportunity and their Gender Equity/Title IX.

Harassment and Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

The following practices amount to harassment and/or discrimination on the basis of sex under Education Code section 230:

- On the basis of sex, exclusion of a person or persons from participation in, denial of the benefits of, or subjection to harassment or other discrimination in, any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training, or other program or activity.
- On the basis of sex, provision of different amounts or types of student financial aid, limitation of eligibility for student financial aid, or the application of different criteria to applicants for student financial aid or for participation in the provision of student financial aid by others. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit an educational institution from administering, or assisting in the administration of, scholarships, fellowships, or other forms of student financial aid, established pursuant to domestic or foreign wills, bequests, trusts, or similar legal instruments or by acts of a foreign government, which require that awards be made to members of a particular sex; provided, that the overall effect of the award of these sex-restricted scholarships, fellowships, and other forms of student financial aid does not discriminate on the basis of sex.
- On the basis of sex, exclusion from participation in, or denial of equivalent opportunity in, athletic programs. For purposes of this subdivision, "equivalent" means equal or equal in effect.
- On the basis of sex, harassment or other discrimination among persons, including, but not limited to, students and nonstudents, or academic and nonacademic personnel, in employment and the conditions thereof, except as it relates to a bona fide occupational qualification.
- On the basis of sex, the application of any rule concerning the actual or potential parental, family, or marital status of a person, or the exclusion of any person from any program or activity or employment because of pregnancy or related conditions.

Filing a Complaint

Complaints will be processed under Title IX when a student alleges that, while in an education program or activity in which a district school exercises substantial control over the context and respondent, was subjected to one or more of the following forms of sexual harassment:

- 1. A district employee conditioning the provision of a district aid, benefit, or service on the student's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a student equal access to the district's education program or activity

3. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined in 20 USC 1092 or 34 USC 12291.

All other sexual harassment complaints or allegations brought by or on behalf of students shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with BP/AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. The determination of whether the allegations meet the definition of sexual harassment under Title IX shall be made by the district's Title IX Coordinator.

Because the complainant has a right to pursue a complaint under BP/AR 1312.3 for any allegation that is dismissed or denied under the Title IX complaint procedure, the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that all requirements and timelines for BP/AR 1312.3 are concurrently met while implementing the Title IX procedure.

A student who is the alleged victim of sexual harassment or the student's parent/guardian may submit a report of sexual harassment to the district's Title IX Coordinator using the contact information listed in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment or to any other available school employee, who shall forward the report to the Title IX Coordinator within one day of receiving the report.

Upon receiving such a report, the Title IX Coordinator shall inform the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint and the process for filing a formal complaint.

A formal complaint, with the complainant's physical or digital signature, may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by email, or by any other method authorized by the district.

Even if the alleged victim chooses not to file a formal complaint, the Title IX Coordinator shall file a formal complaint in situations when a safety threat exists. In addition, the Title IX Coordinator may file a formal complaint in other situations as permitted under the Title IX regulations, including as part of the district's obligation to not be deliberately indifferent to known allegations of sexual harassment. In such cases, the Title IX Coordinator shall provide the alleged victim notices as required by the Title IX regulations at specific points in the complaint process.

Complaints can also be filed with the <u>U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights</u> – complaint form.

The California office of the Office for Civil Rights contact information:

San Francisco Office
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education
50 United Nations Plaza
Mail Box 1200, Room 1545
San Francisco, CA 94102

Telephone: 415-486-5555

FAX: 415-486-5570; TDD: 800-877-8339

Email: ocr.sanfrancisco@ed.gov