

Talking About

TITLE IX

A resource for parents and teachers of students age 5-7

What is Title IX?

Title IX is a law that gives all genders an equal opportunity to learn

This law prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities in federally funded schools at all levels

Title IX applies to ALL students in federally funded schools



MOASH believes the law should be interpreted to cover discrimination based on sex and gender identity

Enforcement of Title IX ensures:

- Equal educational opportunities
- Equal opportunity in athletics
- Protections against sexual harassment & assault.

Before learning about Title IX, your student should be able to answer these questions:

What is gender?

Gender means whether you feel like a girl, boy, neither, or both

What is a bully?

A bully is someone who uses their power (such as strength or status) to hurt people on purpose

A bully can be a kid or an adult

Why is Title IX Important?

Without Title IX . . .



Schools may not allow you to play on a sports team because of your gender



Schools may not be required to have policies that ensure that all genders are treated equally inside the classroom

It would be more difficult to protect students from unwanted touching and sexual advances



Not all genders would have equal opportunity to learn the same subjects in school



Schools would not be required to teach students material that contradicts gender stereotypes

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"You are protected from two kinds of bullying at school by a law called Title IX."

Have your student say this with you!

"TITLE NINE"

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Exclusion

Unwanted Touching

If an adult at school won't let you do something because of your gender, that adult is not following the law.

Example: Your teacher won't let you play basketball because you are a girl.

If anyone (a kid or an adult) touches your body or talks about looking at or touching your body in ways that you don't want them to, that person is not following the law.

Example: Your teacher asks you to get undressed or change your clothes in front of them.

If you are uncomfortable at school because of exclusion based on gender, unwanted touching, or inappropriate comments, the school is violating Title IX

Title IX can protect you whether this happens at school or not



Encourage your student to tell a trusted adult if they experience bullying. Help them identify who they can turn to for help.