Title IX

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.

Enforcement of Title IX ensures:
- Equal educational opportunities
- Equal opportunity in athletics
- Protections against sexual harassment & assault.

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

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.

Before learning about Title IX, your student should be able to answer these questions:
- What is gender?
- What is a bully?

Why is Title IX Important?
Without Title IX . . .
- Schools may not allow you to play on a sports team because of your gender
- Not all genders would have equal opportunity to learn the same subjects in school
- 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
- Schools would not be required to teach students material that contradicts gender stereotypes

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

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.

For more information, visit:
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- www.advocatesforyouth.org
- http://stopsexualassaultinschools.org

Talking About Title IX

Exclusion
Unwanted Touching

If an adult at school won’t let you participate in activities based on your gender, that adult is not following the law.

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

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

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