

Nine things to know about Title IX:

Number one: Title IX is a landmark federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. Title IX is not just about sports, it also addresses sexual harassment, gender based discrimination, and sexual violence.

Two: Title IX does not apply to female students only. Males and gender non-conforming students are protected, too.

Three: schools must be proactive in ensuring that your campus is free of sex discrimination. They just can't wait for something to go wrong.

Four: schools must have an established procedure for handling complaints of sex discrimination, harassment, and violence.

Five: schools must take immediate action to ensure that a survivor can continue his or her education safely.

Six: schools may not retaliate or let someone else retaliate against a victim filing a complaint.

Seven: schools can issue a no-contact directive to prevent the accused student from interacting with you. Kind of like a restraining order from your school.

Eight: in cases of sexual violence, schools are prohibited from encouraging or allowing informal mediation of the complaint, rather than a formal hearing.

Nine: schools can not discourage you from your continuing education, since you have a right to education under title IX.

You have the right to remain on campus and have every educational program and opportunity available to you. If your rights aren't being respected, you have options. Visit <http://knowyourix.org>.