

Title IX

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces, among other statutes, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance such as Sunrise Middle School. 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 education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Educational programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. Some key issue areas in which public schools and other recipients have Title IX obligations are: recruitment, admissions, and counseling; financial assistance; athletics; sex-based harassment; treatment of pregnant and parenting students; discipline; single-sex education; and employment.

Also, a school or other recipient may not retaliate against any person for opposing an unlawful educational practice or policy, or made charges, testified or participated in any complaint action under Title IX. For a recipient to retaliate in any way is considered a violation of Title IX.

If you believe you have been discriminated against in violation of Title IX you may file a complaint with OCR using OCR's electronic complaint form at the following

website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html>.