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TRAINING INFORMATION

K-12 Title IX Coordinator

Training Schedule

Monday, February 22, 2021 - Friday, February 26, 2021 This course meets daily from 9a-1p Pacific.

Resources

Printable participant workbook can be found on following pages.

Description

Learn the responsibilities required under the current Title IX regulations. This online training will provide you with the opportunity to gain or further develop your existing skills related to the role of Title IX Coordinator in the K-12 setting. Feel confident in your role by better understanding what is expected of a Title IX Coordinator and the foundational knowledge required to make appropriate discretionary decisions surrounding Title IX and child-abuse reporting that oftentimes is spread across multiple trainings.

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state agencies, and community based service providers to identify and create some of the nation's leading models in Title IX and student services. From pioneering education based legislation that spread to other states to developing new and emerging school based investigation techniques, Jackie and their team bring this experience and more to TIX and its clients.

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Cutting edge training integrating up to date mandates as well as emerging best practices.

Each curriculum tailored to meet your needs.

CONSULTATION

Customized consultation in all forms including policy audits and review, case consultation, program review, climate surveys and more.

INVESTIGATION

Let our team of highly trained and experienced investigators help you stay on top of challenging cases and expanding case loads.

ABOUT: TIX EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

About TIX Education Specialists

TIX Education Specialists sets itself apart from other training and consultation bodies in that it offers guidance and training on not only what is cimpliant, but what is known to be best practice and trauma-informed. Wed don't believe that one model fits all. Instead, TIX brings years of expert experience to identify solutions that serve you and your community best.

Our Mission - Bridging Compliance & Best Practice

Successful responses by schools take not only compliant policies and strategies, but must also include techniques rooted in emerging best practice. While many firms solely providee schools with what the law requires, TIX Edu goes a step further by ensuring that schools understand what implementation looks like, and how mandates integrate with institutional missions. Schools are tasked with the safety of students as well as creating and fostering an enviornment for students to reach their fullest potential. Let TIX Edu assist with the hard work of identifying the path to get there.

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TRAININGS & COURSES

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Become a member of TIX Edu's network and receive email alerts, resources, networking opportunities, technical assistance and more.



OVERVIEW OF Title IX: Understanding the New Regulations

An overview of the regulatory requirements of Title IX including the new scope of Federal Title IX, jurisdictional determinations and administrative requirements of school districts.

Learning Objectives:

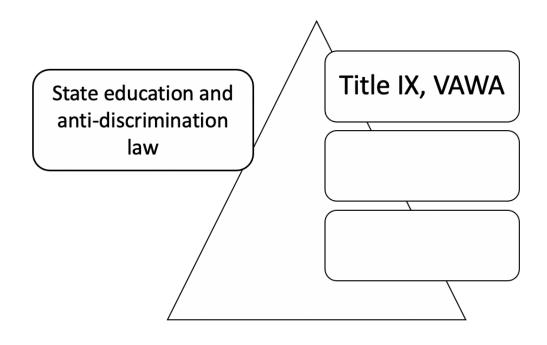
- o Develop a clear understanding of requirements of Title IX
- Understand the scope and limitations of Title IX and how that intersects with best practices
- Identify where regulations begin and end and where district discretion can guide district decisions

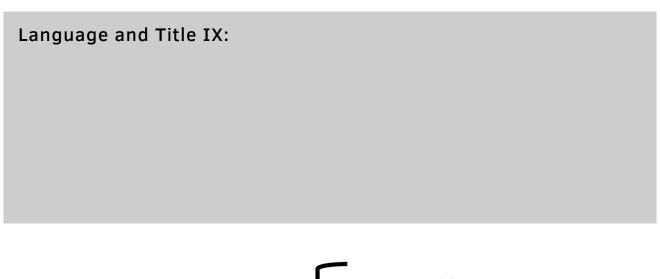
Title IX encompasses more than just sexual harassment.

Main areas of Title IX *not an exhaustive list:

- sexual harassment
- retaliation
- athletics
- single sex educational programs and activities
- gender identity and gender expression
- pregnant and parenting students

Notes:			





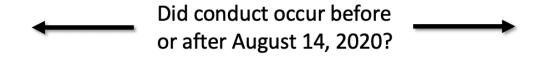
Sex based discrimination

- 1. Sexual harassment
- 2. Sexual Assault
- 3. Domestic Violence
- 4. Dating Violence
- 5. Stalking

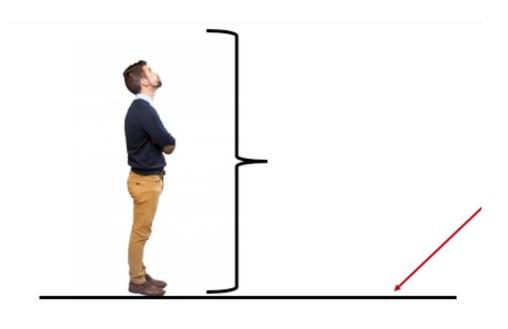
Office for Civil Rights:

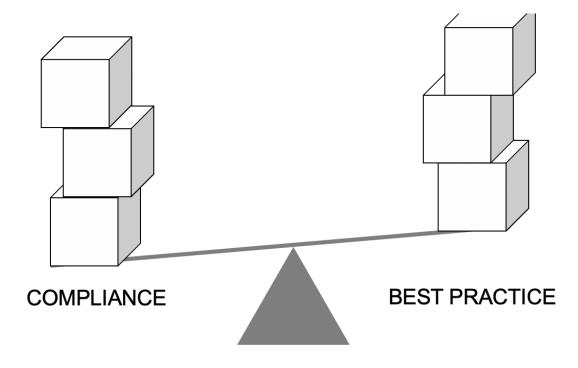
Title IX regulations effective August 14th, 2020.

New Title IX regulations are not retroactive in their application.



School district discretion:



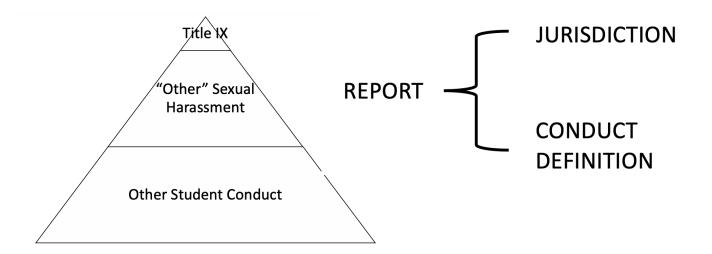




School district's independent responsibility to respond:

Narrowing of Title IX:

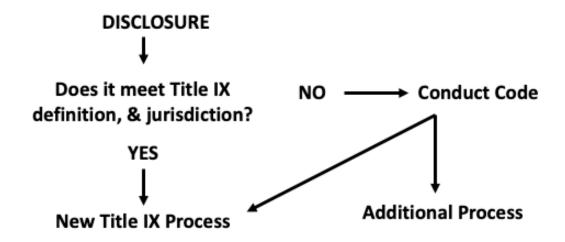
"A recipient with <u>actual knowledge</u> of sexual harassment in an <u>education program or activity</u> of the recipient against a person in the <u>United States</u> to respond promptly in a manner that is not <u>deliberately indifferent</u>, meaning not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances."



1. Does your district want to create policy to respond to "other" types of sexual harassment and sex discrimination?

2. If you capture "other" types of conduct, do you use one process provided by the federal regulations or do you use two?

"If the allegations in a formal complaint do NOT meet the definition of sexual harassment, or [jurisdiction], ... the school must dismiss such allegations for purposes of Title IX.... BUT may still address allegations in any manner the school deems appropriate under the school's own code of conduct."



Deliberate indifference:		

DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE + RESPONSE:

- support measures offered
- contact complainant and process counsel
- follow grievance procedures
- investigate formal complaints
- determine if formal complaint will be filed
- dismiss complaints that don't fall under Title IX

Basic adminstrative requirements:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

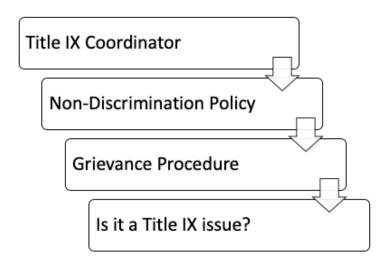
TITLE IX COORDINATOR:
Providing Title IX Coordinator's information:
NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: "[School District] does not discriminate on the basis of sex in education programs or activities it operates including admissions and employment"
Notice of non-discrimination:
Grievance procedure:

Grievance procedure requirements:

- Definitions
- How to file a complaint
- Contact information of Title IX Coordinator
- Process available
- Prohibition of retaliation
- Evidence standard used
- Scope of sanctions
- Appeals process
- Impartial investigations
- Support measures
- Party notice
- Whether informal process offered
- Presumption that responsible not responsible
- Reasonably prompt timeframes
- Range of remedies
- Whether sanctions for providing false information

All non-Title IX mandated policies must be applied equitably to all parties.

Dissemination:			



Notes:			



THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA

How trauma affects the brain including acute trauma, memory recall, long term effects of trauma, reporting and process of information.

Learning Objectives:

- Identify types of trauma and the effects on students
- Understand how trauma affects memory and impacts physiological changes
- Adopt trauma-informed skills to mitigate impacts of trauma on students within the Title IX process

NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA

WHY LEAF	SNAE	BOUT	TRAI	JMA?
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EVIDENCE-BASED INVESTIGATIONS:

TRAUMA-INFORMED INVESTIGATIONS:

Evidence-based Objective Fact finding Neutral Trauma-informed • Services Interviews • Processes & policies

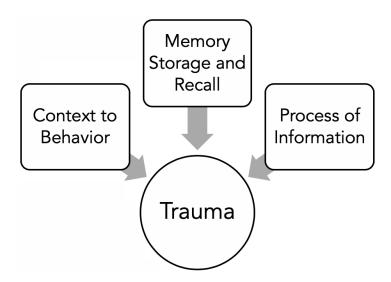
MYTHS TO AVOID:

TRAUMA IS NOT SPECIFIC TO A SINGULAR PARTY.

SIGNS OF TRAUMA (OR LACK OF) IS NEVER "EVIDENCE" TO BE WEIGHED IN FINDINGS.

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF TRAUMA LEADS TO BETTER POLICIES AND PROTCOLS FOR MORE EQUITABLE ACCESS AND OUTCOMES.

ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE MET WITH TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICES.



COMMON TYPES OF TRAUMA

- 1. Secondary Trauma:
- 2. Vicarious Trauma:
- 3. Historical Trauma:
- 4. Institutional Trauma:

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

The prevalance of adverse childhood experiences, nationally, by state and by race or ethnicity, by Vaness Sacks and David Murphey, Feb 12, 2018. Study based on the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH).

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE: Potentially traumatic experiences and events, ranging from abuse and neglect to living with an adult with a mental illness.

NATIONALLY:

- 1 in 10 U.S. children have experienced at least one traumatic experience.
- 1 in 4 U.S. children live in families that find it hard to pay for necessities like food or housing very or somewhat often.

Identity and ACE's:

Pacific Region				
(including Oregon)				
White NH	63%			
Black NH	51%			
Asian NH 75%				
Other NH 59%				
Hispanic	53&			

HOW ACE'S AFFECT OUR STUDENTS:

6 PRIMARY CAUSES OF TRUAMA:

1. 4.

2. 5.

3. 6.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE BODY?

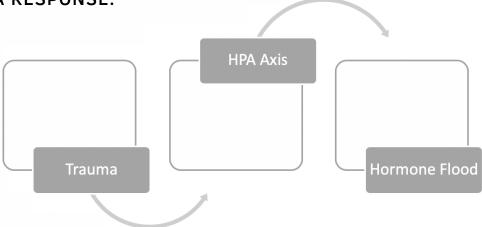
physicological changes

o complex thought and decision making

o memory affected

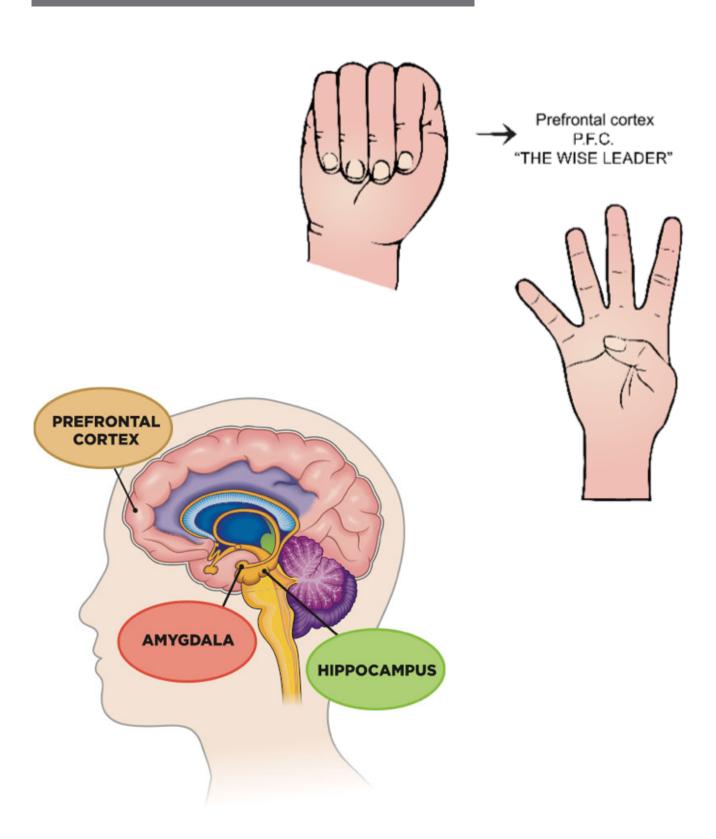
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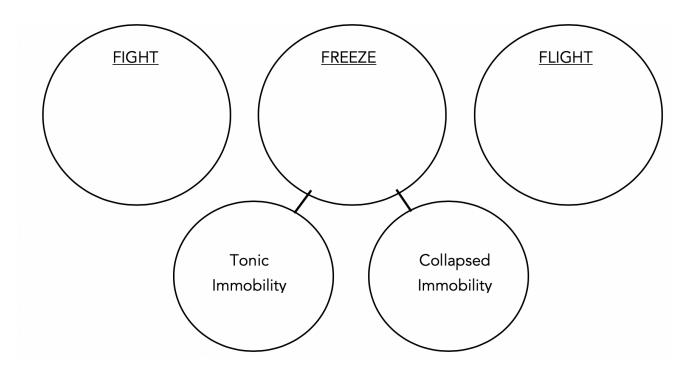
TRAUMA RESPONSE:



Physiological Response:

TRAUMA AND THE BRAIN

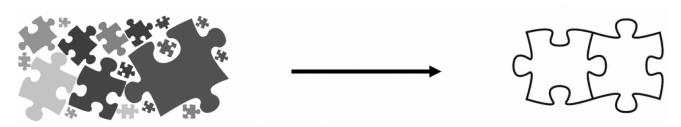




TRAUMA AND MEMORY:

Increased stress Impaired functionoing of hippocampus	Fragmented memories		Memory recall slow and difficult but still accurate	
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PUTTING TOGETHER A PUZZLE:



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Trauma and the Brain



Why learn about trauma and the brain?

Integrating trauma-informed practices into our policies and everyday practices is critical to creating a process that not only responds to complaints of harassment and violence, but serves people best.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Nationally, 1 in 10 children have experienced at least one traumatic experience according to the National Survey of Children's Health.

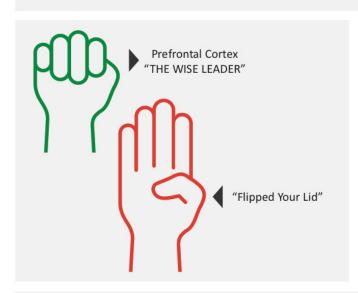
We often discuss trauma in terms of acute trauma after an assault. It's important to know that students can experience a wide spectrum of traumas that can intersect with each other.

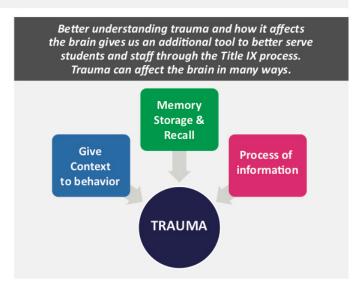
Vicarious Trauma

Historical Trauma

Institutional Trauma

Cultural Trauma





Tips to mitigate institutional trauma triggers:

- Check website search keywords to include common terms for Title IX conduct such as "sexual assault" and "rape"
- Ensure that Title IX Coordinator contact information and reporting information is easily accessible
- Use vacation responders on email to let students know if you are absent from email or if you frequently have delayed email responses
- Write down information given verbally in meetings including dates and times of next meeting
- Avoid terms such as "remember," "why," and "alleged" that might have negative connotations

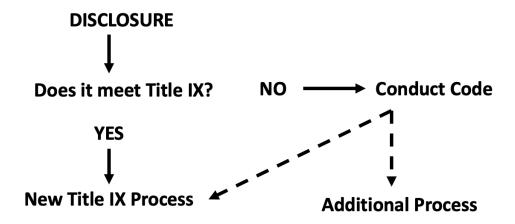


Knowing When Title IX is Triggered: Conduct, Jurisdiction, and Notice

An overview of what types of reports or notice trigger a district's responsibilities under Title IX including types of conduct, jurisdiction of Title IX and notice.

Learning Objectives:

- Define types of conduct that constitute sex discrimination under Title IX
- Identify jurisdictional requirements including defining "educational program or activity"
- Understand what constitutes "actual knowledge" within the K-12 system



Notes:

Response Requirements:

- ✓Offer supportive measures to complainant
- √ Contact complainant and process counsel
- √ Follow grievance process
- ✓ Determine if formal complaint filed
- ✓Investigate all formal complaints
- ✓ Dismiss complaints that fall outside Title IX

Deliberate Indifference

Determining when Title is triggered:

1.

2

Types of con	duct:
	Sexual Harassment: 1. Sexual harassment 2. "Quid pro quo" harassment 3. Sexualassault
Sexual Harass	ment:
	onduct that a reasonable person would determine is so
	sive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies
person's equa	l access to education."
Reasonable	person standard:
Pervasive:	

Effective denial		

"Quid Pro Quo" Harassment:

"An employee of the recipient conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the recipient on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct."

Notes:			

Sexual Assault:

"[M]eans an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the [FBI]"

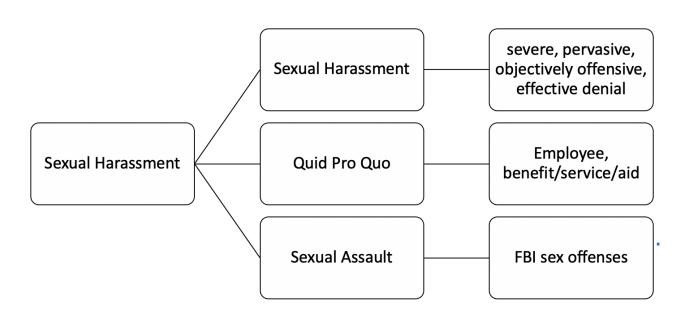
- 1.Rape
- 2. Sodomy
- 3. Sexual assault with an object
- 4. Fondling
- 5. Incest
- 6. Statutory rape

FBI definitions:			

Attempted Rape:

"FBI has stated that the offense of rape includes attempts to commit rape."

VAWA Offenses:



Free Speech:	
Jurisdiction: 1. educational program or activity 2. person in the United States	
Educational Program or Activity: 1. AND 2.	
Employees:	

program or activity of the school with which the formal complaint is
filed."
Notes:
Person in the United States:
Actual Knowledge:
Report to Title IX Coordinator

"At the time of filing a formal complaint, a complainant must be

participating in or attempting to participate in the education

SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

- 1. An employee of the recipient conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the recipient on an individual'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 person equal access to the recipient's education program or activity; or
- 3. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

SEXUAL ASSAULT:

"[M]eans an offense classified as a forcible or non-forcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting [UCR] system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI]." 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v)

**NOTE: FBI switch from SRS to NIBRS January, 2021

FBI SEX OFFENSES (NIBRS)

Rape: The carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sodomy: Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sexual Assault With An Object: To use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

FBI SEX OFFENSES (NIBRS) Continued

Incest: Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape: Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

VAWA OFFENSES:

Dating violence 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10)

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the complainant; where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: (1)The length of the relationship (2) The type of relationship (3) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

VAWA OFFENSES Continued

Domestic Violence 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8)

Felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the complainant, by a person with whom the complainant shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the complainant under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth complainant who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Stalking 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30)

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.



TITLE IX RESPONSE

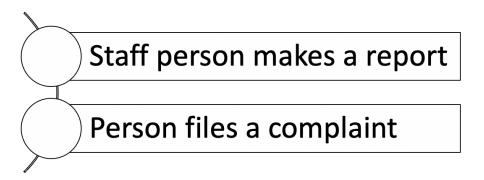
Look at response starting with notice to finding, what is required in a Title IX investigation and what are the different models and practices for accomplishing them.

Learning Objectives:

- understand what stages of Title IX investigation and adjudiction are from disclosure to finding and sanctions
- o identify rights of parties and requirements under Title IX
- look at role of investigator, Title IX Coordinator and other actors within an investigation and adjudication

DISTRICT RESPONSE:

- 1.TITLE IX COORDINATOR MUST REACH OUT TO A "COMPLAINANT" EVERY TIME THE DISTRICT IS ON NOTICE.
- 2. DISTRICT MUST INVESTIGATE ALL FORMALCOMPLAINTS.



Independent Investigations:						

"[A] recipient cannot discharge its legal obligation to provide education programs or activity because the purpose of law enforcement differs from the purpose of a recipient offering education programs or activities free from sex discrimination."

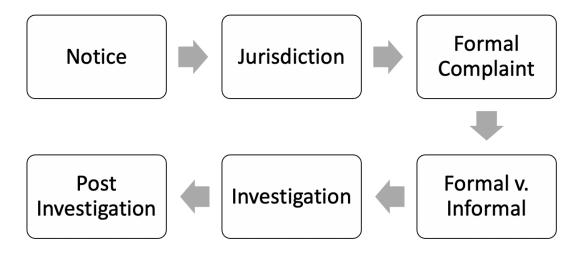
Investigaiton Models:		
Title IX Coordinator	Investigator	Decision Maker
Receive Complaints	Interviews	Party Questions
Triage Complaints	Report	Determination
Regional Centers & Co	onsortia:	
Optional Hearings:		

Required Training:

- Title IX Coordinator
- Decision-maker(s)
- Investigator(s)
- *Third-party contractors and regional centers

Equity & Rights:

How do we investigator instances of sexual harassment?



District on notice:
District notice = Title IX response responsibilities
Jurisdiction:
Title IX Coordinator must make contact with the complainant and process counsel them about their options and support measures available.
Process counseling & support measures:

Parents & Guardians:
Formal Complaint:
Formal versus informal process: • complainant wishes • serial perpetration • student/staff Title IX Coordinator determines that initiating an investigation over the wishes of the complainant is not clearly unreasonable in the light of know circumstances.
Informal Process:

Consent to participate:

- Can't compel students to engage in informal process before entering formal process
- Voluntary participation of both parties required (in writing)
- Can not make informal process part of employment contract or enrollment

Written notice:
"Either party has the right to withdraw from informal resolution and resume a § 106.45 grievance process at any time before agreeing to a resolution."
Confidentiality:
Appropriateness:

involve the parties confronting each other or even being present in the same room."
Outcomes:
"The Department expects informal resolution agreements to be treated as contracts; the parties remain free to negotiate the terms of the agreement and, once entered into, it may become binding according to its terms."
Expulsion:
Recordkeeping:

"Nothing in §106.45(b)(9) requires an informal resolution process to

Investigation:	
Must Dismiss:	

- If conduct definition or jurisdiction not met
- If complainant no longer accessing educational program or activity

May Dismiss:

- If complainant desires to withdraw complaint
- If respondent no longer enrolled or employed
- If school can't gather sufficient evidence to reach determination

Consolidation of Complaints:		

Appeals:

- Procedural irregularity
- Newly discovered evidence
- Conflict of interest or bias
- Other*

Notification of Right & Options to Report

Complainant want investigation?

Dismissal of complaint?

Interim Measures & Safety

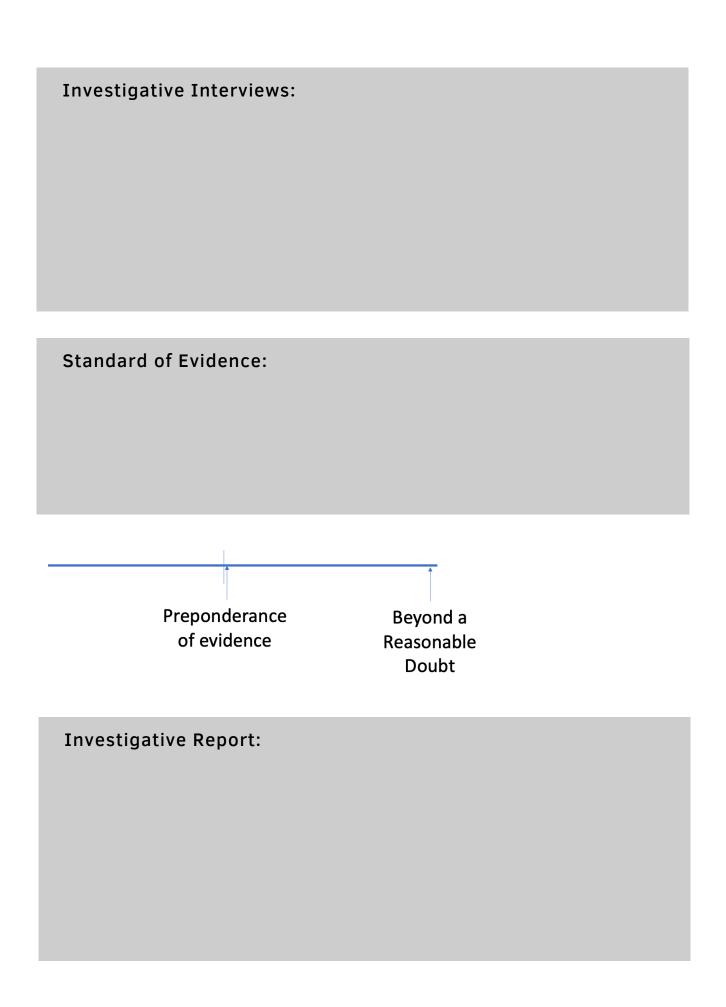
Interim Measures:	
No-Contact Orders:	

District can not implement sanctions or punitive actions until grievance procedure executed. ex: transcript hold or graduation.

Notice of investigation:

- Not restrict ability of either party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present relevant evidence
- Written notice of any interviews, meetings, or hearings
- Must inform parties of any provision in the recipient's code of conduct that prohibits knowingly making false statements or providing false information
- All parties have a right to be free of retaliation
- Complainant has a right to be free of retaliation initiated by the district for making a report

	Notice of investigation	1:		
	Advisor of Choice:			
"0	Respondent receives written notice of allegations	Advisor is assigned to Respondent and information is listed in notice	•	Respondent contacts advisor for support or opts out of assigned advisor
	Complainant receives written notice of investigation	Advisor is assigned to Complainant and information is listed in notice	•	Complainant contacts advisor for support or opts out of assigned advisor



Post Investigation:	
Party Questions:	
Relevance:	

Teachers & Staff:		
Appeals:		
Sanctions & Remedies:		



NON-SEXUAL HARASSMENT TOPICS OF TITLE IX

A look at other forms of sex-discrimination outside sexual harassment including athletics, pregnant and parenting students, gender identity and single sex education programs and activities.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand scope of reports that may constitute sex discrimination under Title IX
- Identify the tests and facial reviews applied to determining whether a report may constitute sex discrimination
- Overview of appropriate actions and preventative measures a district can take

Areas of Title IX: *Not an exhaustive List
Sexual harassment
• Retaliation
• Athletics
 Single sex education program or activity
 Gender identity and gender expression
 Pregnant and parenting students
Appplication of new regulations:
"While the proposed regulations mainly address sex discrimination in the form of sexual harassment, the Department will also continue to enforce Title IX in non-sexual harassment contexts including athletics and equal access to areas of study such as STEM Fields."
2020 USDOE K-12 Initiative Announcement:

 Discrimination based on sex: Different treatment Disparate impact Sexual Harassment
Different Treatment:
Harassment:
Different Treatment:

Circumstantial Evidence:

- Did the school representative treat a student differently from a similarly situated student of the opposite sex?
- Did the different treatment occur in the course of the school representative's authorized or assigned duties or responsibilities?
- Can the school articulate a legitimate, non-discriminatory reason for the different treatment?
- If they can articulate such a reason, is it pretext for discrimination?

Different Treatment Cont'd:		

"[T]reated differently than similarly-situated students on the basis of sex in a way that limited the Student's opportunity to participate in or benefit from a school program or activity."

Disparate Impact:			

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"Non-Sexual" Sexual Harassment:

- Facially neutral policy that has disproportionate impact on class of sex
- Whether substantially legitimate justification "necessary to meeting a goal that was legitimate, important, and integral to the [recipient's] institutional mission."
- Whether there are any "equally effective alternative practices" that would result in less adverse impact

Gender Identity and Gender Expression:	

"Sex harassment, including gender-based harassment predicated on sex-stereotyping of a student, can result in the denial or limitation, on the basis of sex, of the student's ability to participate in or receive education benefits, services, or opportunities. Thus, it can be discrimination on the basis of sex to harass a student on the basis of the victim's failure to conform to stereotyped notions of masculinity or femininity." - Santa Paula Unified School District (CA) (09-18-1246), 2018

Transgender Athletes:
Pregnant and Parenting Students:
 Separate instruction:⊠ Must be voluntary Cannot pressure student Must be same type of opportunity as regular program
Pregnant and Parenting Students Cont'd:

Athletics:
Common Complaint Areas:
 Effective accommodation of student interests and abilities

• Equivalence in other athletic benefits and opportunities

Athletics Cont'd:			

Assessment of Sports:

- Participation in proportion to enrollment
- History and continuing program expansion for underrepresented sex
- Full and effective accommodation of interests and abilities by current program

equipment and suppliespublicity	
Athletics Cont'd:	
 Related areas: facilities use agreements booster club fundraising transgender athletes pregnant and parenting athletes 	
Single-sex education program or activity:	

Areas to focus on:

• scheduling of games

• facilities

General standard: a recipient (of federal funds) shall not provide or otherwise carry out any of its education programs or activities separately on the basis of sex or require or refuse participation therein by any of its students on the basis of sex.

Single-sex education programs or activities:					

School's "important objective"

- To improve educational achievement of its students, through the school's overall established policy to provide diverse educational opportunities, provided that the single sex nature of the class or activity is substantially related to achieving that objective, or
- To meet the particular, identified educational needs of its students, provided that the single sex nature of the class or activity is substantially related to achieving that objective.

Remaining factors:

- The district implements its objective in an "evenhanded manner"
- Student enrollment in a single sex classroom or extracurricular activity is "completely voluntary"
- The district provides to all other students, including students of the excluded sex, a substantially equal coeducational class or extracurricular activity in the same subject or activity

Single-sex education programs or activities Cont'd:				

"Substantially Equal"

- Policies and criteria for admission
- Educational benefits provided, including quality, range and content of curriculum and other services and quality and availability of books, materials and technology
- Qualifications of faculty and staff
- Geographic accessibility
- Facility quality, accessibility and availability
- Intangible features like reputation of faculty