

School Board

Administrative Procedure – Title IX Coordinator

This procedure centralizes all Title IX Coordinator responsibilities that appear throughout the 2:265 suite of PRM materials into one document. Use this procedure in conjunction with exhibit 2:265-E, Title IX Glossary of Terms, and administrative procedures 2:265-AP1, Title IX Response, and 2:265-AP2, Formal Title IX Grievance Procedure.

The Title IX Coordinator directs the District's compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106), and assists the Superintendent in implementing Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. If the District has more than one Title IX Coordinator, it must designate one of its Title IX Coordinators to retain ultimate oversight to ensure the District's consistent compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX and its implementing regulations. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(a)(1). The Title IX Coordinator with ultimate oversight should be listed in Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. The District may delegate, or permit the Title IX Coordinator to delegate, specific duties to one or more designees. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(a)(2).

Title IX Coordinator's General Responsibilities

Coordinates the District's efforts to comply with its responsibilities under Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106 to provide educational programs and activities free from sex discrimination. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(a)(1). Includes, as needed, coordinating compliance with Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*; 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*; 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*; 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*; 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*; and 7:190, *Student Behavior*.

Assists the Superintendent in developing and managing a program that notifies all students, parents/guardians, or other authorized legal representatives of students, employees, applicants for employment, and all unions and professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the District about the District's commitment to equal employment and educational opportunities and a discrimination-free environment, including by posting a Notice of Nondiscrimination on the District's website and in each handbook, catalog, announcement, bulletin, and application form that the District makes available to persons entitled to notice, or which are otherwise used in connection with the recruitment of employees. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(c). See the **Notice of Nondiscrimination** subhead of administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.

Assists the Superintendent in developing and managing a staff training program (see the **Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities for Training Staff** subhead, below). 34 C.F.R. §106.8(d).

When a Complainant or Respondent is a student with a disability, consults with one or more members, as appropriate, of the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) team (34 C.F.R. §300.321), if any, or one or more members of the group of persons responsible for the student's placement decision under 34 C.F.R. §104.35(c), if any, to determine how to comply with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) (29 U.S.C. §794) throughout the implementation of the District's Title IX Complaint Grievance Process (Grievance Process) under administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(e).

Maintains, for a period of at least seven (7) years (34 C.F.R. §106.8(f)):

- a. For each Complaint of Title IX Sex Discrimination, records documenting the informal resolution process or the Grievance Process, and the resulting outcome. Records should include: complaints (formal and informal), supportive measures, the informal resolution process, investigations, final determinations, appeals, remedies, and any other relevant information related to allegations of Title IX Sex Discrimination.
- b. For each notification the Title IX Coordinator receives about conduct that reasonably may constitute Title IX Sex Discrimination, records documenting the actions the District took to meet its obligations under 34 C.F.R. §106.44.
- c. All materials used to provide the training outlined in Nos. 1-4 under the **Training** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.

Records shall only be destroyed in accordance with Board policies and administrative procedures governing the destruction of records. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(f). See the **Recordkeeping** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.

Provides ongoing consultation, technical assistance, and information services regarding Title IX compliance requirements and programs.

Makes recommendations for action by appropriate decision makers.

Establishes a positive climate for nondiscrimination compliance efforts, including by encouraging individuals to come forward with suggestions and complaints.

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities for Training Staff

The Title IX Coordinator assists the Superintendent to ensure that upon hiring or a change of position that alters a below-identified person's duties under Title IX, and annually thereafter (34 C.F.R. §106.8(d)):

Tier 1: all District employees receive training on:

- a. The District's obligation to address Title IX Sex Discrimination in its education program or activity;
- b. The scope of conduct that constitutes Title IX Sex Discrimination, including the definition of sex-based harassment; and
- c. All applicable notification and information requirements under 34 C.F.R. §§106.40(b)(2) and 106.44.

Tier 2: in addition to Tier 1 training above, all designated Investigators, Decisionmakers, Appeal Decisionmakers, and other persons responsible for implementing the Grievance Process, or who have the authority to modify or terminate supportive measures under 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(g)(4) receive training on, to the extent related to their responsibilities:

- a. The District's obligations under 34 C.F.R. §106.44 (see administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*);
- b. The District's Grievance Process under 34 C.F.R. §106.45 (see administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*);
- c. How to serve impartially, including by avoiding prejudgment of the facts at issue, conflicts of interest, and bias; and
- d. The meaning and application of the term *relevant* in relation to questions and evidence, and the types of evidence that are impermissible regardless of relevance under 34 C.F.R. §106.45 (see exhibit 2:265-E, *Title IX Glossary of Terms*).

Tier 3: in addition to Tier 1 training, above, all facilitators of an informal resolution process under 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(k) receive training on:

The rules and practices associated with the District's informal resolution process; and
How to serve impartially, including by avoiding conflicts of interest and bias.

Tier 4: in addition to Tier 1-3 training, above, the Title IX Coordinator and any designees receive training on:

- a. Their specific responsibilities under Title IX (see 34 C.F.R. §§106.8(a), 106.40(b)(3), 106.44(f) and (g));
- b. The District's recordkeeping system and the recordkeeping requirements under 34 C.F.R. §106.8(f); and
- c. Any other training necessary to coordinate the District's compliance with Title IX and its implementing regulations.

See the **Training** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities for Responding to Reports of Sex Discrimination

Implements and administers administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.

Monitors the District's education program and activity for barriers to reporting information about conduct that may reasonably constitute Title IX Sex Discrimination, and takes steps reasonably calculated to address such barriers. 34 C.F.R. §106.44(b). Strategies to identify barriers may include, for example: conducting regular climate surveys, seeking targeted feedback from students and employees who have reported sex discrimination, participating in public awareness events to receive feedback from student and employee attendees, and regularly publicizing and monitoring an email address designated for receiving anonymous feedback about barriers to reporting sex discrimination. 87 Fed. Reg. 41436.

Receives reports of conduct that reasonably may constitute Title IX Sex Discrimination (34 C.F.R. §106.44(c)) and analyzes the allegation(s) to determine whether the conduct as alleged could constitute Title IX Sex Discrimination.

Where the Title IX Coordinator reasonably determines that conduct as alleged could constitute Title IX Sex Discrimination, takes the following actions to promptly and effectively end any Title IX Sex Discrimination in the District's education program or activity, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects (34 C.F.R. §106.44(f); see the **Response to Allegations** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*):

- a. Treats the Complainant and Respondent equitably.
- b. Offers and coordinates supportive measures, as appropriate, for the Complainant.
- c. If the District has initiated the Grievance Process, or offered an informal resolution process to the Respondent, offers and coordinates supportive measures, as appropriate, for the Respondent.
- d. Notifies the Complainant or, if the complainant is unknown, the individual who reported the conduct, of the Grievance Process, and the informal resolution process, if available and appropriate.
- e. If a Complaint is made, notifies the Respondent of the Grievance Process and the informal resolution process, if available and appropriate.
- f. In response to a Complaint, initiates the Grievance Process or the informal resolution process, if available and appropriate and requested by all parties.
- g. In the absence of a Complaint or the withdrawal of any or all the allegations in a Complaint, and in the absence or termination of an informal resolution process, determines whether to initiate a Complaint of Title IX Sex Discrimination under the Grievance Process, considering the factors outlined in the **Initiation of a Title IX Complaint** subhead of administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.
- h. If initiating a Complaint, notifies the Complainant prior to doing so and appropriately addresses reasonable concerns about the Complainant's safety or the safety of others, including by providing supportive measures.
- i. Regardless of whether a Complaint is initiated, takes other appropriate prompt and effective steps, in addition to steps necessary to effectuate the remedies provided to an individual Complainant, if any, to ensure that Title IX Sex Discrimination does not continue or recur within the District's education program or activity.

- Offers and coordinates supportive measures, as appropriate, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §106.44(g) and as described in the **Supportive Measures** subhead in 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.
- In the absence of a Complaint or the withdrawal or any or all of the allegations in a Complaint, and in the absence or termination of an informal resolution process, determines whether to initiate a Complaint of Title IX Sex Discrimination under the Grievance Process, considering, at a minimum, the factors set forth in 34 C.F.R. §106.44(f)(1)(v)(A) and described in the **Title IX Complaint Initiation** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.
- When a Complaint is filed by an eligible person or initiated by the Title IX Coordinator, follows the Grievance Process (34 C.F.R. §106.44(f)(1)(iv)) in 2:265-AP1, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*, in conjunction with any response required by administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response* and applicable District policies.
- If the Respondent is an identified student, considers whether the student-Respondent should be removed from the District's education program or activity on an emergency basis in accordance with 34 C.F.R. §106.44(h) and the **Consideration of Removal of the Respondent** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*.
- If the Respondent is an identified non-student employee, in conjunction with the District's human resources administrator, considers whether the employee-Respondent should be placed on administrative leave in accordance with 34 C.F.R. §106.44(i), relevant District policies and procedures, any applicable collective bargaining agreements, and the **Consideration of Removal of the Respondent** subhead in administrative procedure 2:265-AP1, *Title IX Response*. See Board policies 5:240, *Suspension*, and 5:290, *Employment Termination and Suspensions*.

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities for Processing Grievances

- Implements and administers the Title IX Complaint Grievance Process (Grievance Process) under administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.
- Receives Complaints and evaluates whether to investigate or dismiss the Complaint. See **Section B. Evaluation of Title IX Complaint** in administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.
- Upon initiating the Grievance Process, provides written notice to all known parties consistent with 34 C.F.R. §106.45(c). See **Section C. Notice of Allegations** in administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.
- Considers whether to offer the Complainant and Respondent an informal resolution process. 34 C.F.R. §106.45(k). See **Section F. Informal Resolution of Title IX Complaint** in administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.
- Investigates and makes determinations regarding complaints, or appoints a qualified Investigator/Decisionmaker to do so on the Title IX Coordinator's behalf, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §106.45(f) - (h). See **Section G. Investigation and Determination of Title IX Complaint** in administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.
- Receives a request from a party to appeal the final determination or dismissal, and appoints an Appeal Decisionmaker to review the appeal. 34 C.F.R. §106.45(i). See **Section H. Appeals** in administrative procedure 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*.

Title IX Coordinator's Responsibilities for Students who are Pregnant or have Pregnancy-Related Conditions

- Upon notice of a student's pregnancy or related conditions, the Title IX Coordinator (34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(3)):
 - a. Informs the student and, if applicable, the person who notified the Title IX Coordinator of the student's pregnancy or related conditions and who has a legal right to act on behalf of the student, of the student's right to be free from discrimination based on their status, the District's obligations under 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(1) - (5), and the District's Notice of Nondiscrimination. 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(3)(i).

- b. Offers reasonable modifications, based on the student’s individualized needs, to the District’s policies, practices, or procedures as necessary to prevent Title IX Sex Discrimination and ensure equal access to the District’s education program or activity. 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(3)(ii). Reasonable modifications may include, but are not limited to: breastfeeding accommodations (see administrative procedure 7:10-AP2, *Accommodating Breastfeeding Students*), breaks during class to attend to health needs associated with pregnancy or related conditions; intermittent absences to attend medical appointments; access to online or homebound education; changes in schedule or course sequence; extensions of time for coursework and rescheduling of tests or examinations; allowing a student to sit or stand, or carry or keep water nearby; counseling; changes in physical space or supplies; elevator access; alternative educational programming; voluntary leaves of absence; or other changes to policies, practices, or procedures. 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(3)(ii)(C).

Ensures the District does not require supporting documentation in order to offer reasonable modifications, unless the documentation is necessary and reasonable for the District to determine the reasonable modifications or whether to take additional specific actions. 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(3)(vi).

Ensures the District treats pregnancy or related conditions in the same manner and under the same policies as any other temporary medical conditions with respect to any medical or hospital benefit, service, plan, or policy the District administers, operates, offers, or participates in with respect to students admitted to the District’s education program or activity. 34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(4).

Ensures the District does not require a student who is pregnant or has pregnancy related conditions to provide certification from a healthcare provider or any other person that the student is physically able to participate in the recipient’s class, program, or extracurricular activity unless (34 C.F.R. §106.40(b)(5)):

- a. The certified level of physical ability or health is necessary for participation in the class, program, or extracurricular activity;
- b. The District requires such certification of all students participating in the class, program, or extracurricular activity; and
- c. The information obtained is not used as a basis for discrimination prohibited by Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

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