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OCR Confirms that the 2024 Title IX Regulations Are Vacated

On January 9, 2025, a federal district court in Kentucky ruled that the 2024 Title IX Regulations “are invalid and must be set aside.” In response, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued guidance indicating, “Consistent with the court’s order, the 2024 Title IX Regulations are not effective in any jurisdiction.” Districts are advised to discontinue the use of policies and regulations that follow the 2024 Title IX Regulations and resume using policies and regulations that were in place under the 2020 Regulations.

The April 19, 2024, “Final Rule” that went into effect on August 1, 2024, redefined sexual harassment and broadened the scope of sex discrimination to include sex stereotyping, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

The Eastern District of Kentucky found that the 2024 Final Rule exceeded the DOE’s authority under Title IX, violated the First Amendment and the Spending Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and was unlawfully vague, overbroad, and arbitrary.

In the absence of additional guidance from OCR, districts should consult with their legal teams with questions and guidance on a range of concerns that are likely to arise, such as those related to investigations that were opened or concluded between August 1st and January 9th.

To assist member districts in transitioning back to 2020 Title IX Policies, Regulations and Notices, the following link will take you to CABE’s Model Policy in place prior to the now vacated 2024 version. ([4000.1/4200.1/5145.44](https://www.cabe-ct.org/4000.1/4200.1/5145.44))