

# NINE FAST FACTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT AND **TITLE IX**

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**Title IX prohibits** sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal funding. (This means all public and charter K-12 schools, some private K-12 schools, and nearly all colleges and universities.)

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**Sexual harassment**, including sexual assault, is a type of sex discrimination that's banned by Title IX.

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**Sexual assault** = a physical sexual act done **against a person's will**. This includes situations in which a person is incapable of giving consent due to drug or alcohol use.

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**One in five women** are victims of completed or attempted sexual assault while in college. That's over **2 million women**.

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Sexual harassment creates a **hostile environment** when it is sufficiently serious that it interferes with or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program. (Rape is sufficiently severe to create a hostile environment.)

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If a school knows (or reasonably should know) about sexual harassment, including sexual assault, that creates a hostile environment, **Title IX requires the school to take immediate action to eliminate the harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects.**

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Schools are required to adopt and publish **grievance procedures** for students who complain of sex discrimination, including sexual assault.

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If you file a complaint with the school, **regardless of where the assault occurred**, your school must process the complaint under its grievance procedures.

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Because a Title IX investigation is different from a law enforcement investigation, even if you file a police report **your school is independently required to investigate the assault**. This investigation must be **prompt, thorough, and impartial**.