

TITLE IX OF THE EDUCATION  
AMENDMENTS OF 1972:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Public Law 92-318, passed by Congress and signed by the president on June 23, 1972

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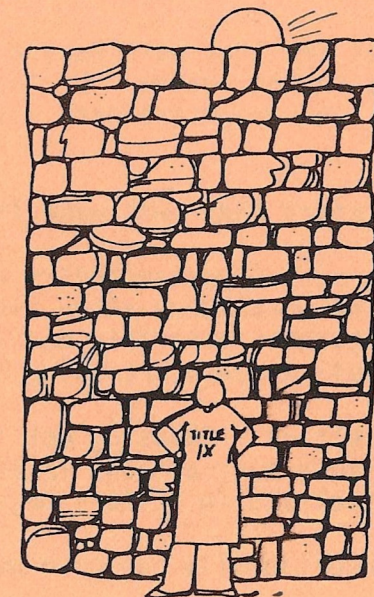
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TO: PARENTS

RE: TITLE IX

*WHAT DOES TITLE IX MEAN*

*FOR YOUR CHILD?*



## WORK FORCE FACTS

Did you know that:

- The typical young woman in high school today will spend 34 years in the paid work force?
- The typical young man in high school today will spend 41 years in the paid work force?
- Nine out of ten young women in high school today will work for pay at some point in their lives?
- The median income of women with four years of college education is less than the median income of men with an eighth grade education?
- Both partners hold paid jobs in 62% of all husband-wife families?

All indications are that more people will be in the work force in the future. It is crucial that your sons and daughters make wise choices.

Important decisions they must make include:

- Whether to pursue postsecondary education or enter the work force after high school. Too many students make this decision based on what their friends are doing.
- Course selection. Choosing not to take math can close down many options later in career opportunities and in college majors.

Thinking nontraditionally can open many options.

## TITLE IX FACTS

What does Title IX mean for your child?

- Your child cannot be prevented from enrolling in any class in the school because of her/his sex. This means:
  - auto mechanics is open to girls;
  - child development is open to boys;
  - computer classes are for boys and girls.
- Your child must be given counseling that does not differentiate on the basis of sex. This includes:
  - career planning and vocational counseling
  - college and postsecondary school information and advice
  - course selection
  - work opportunities
- The rules and policies cannot be different for female and male students. This means equal opportunities in:
  - extracurricular activities; a club for boys only or girls only cannot be sponsored by the school.
  - discipline code and policies.
- Male and female students must have equal opportunities to participate in athletic activities sponsored by the school in varsity, intramural, and club levels. This means:
  - teams can be single-sex or coed, as long as the interest and abilities of students are fairly met;
  - provision of equipment, uniforms, coaching, locker room time and training facilities, publicity and transportation should meet the interest and needs of all students.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Every school district must have a Title IX Coordinator. Find out who this person is in your school district, and what is happening to promote equal opportunity.
- Support equity in your child's school. Provide assistance in programs and activities that encourage wider educational and work options for your child.
- Talk with your child about the importance of exploring all opportunities, and not stereotyping her/himself.
- Be a good role model for your child.