

From: OCR-PLG@ED OCR-PLG@ed.gov 
Subject: Re: Title IX statement and materials
Date: December 11, 2017 at 9:57 AM
To: randychapellegal@gmail.com



Dear Mr. Chapel:

Thank you for writing to the Department of Education (Department) regarding schools' obligations to address sexual misconduct against students. We appreciate you sharing your views with the Department.

The Department's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688, and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit sex discrimination in educational programs and activities operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance. Although OCR refrains from offering opinions about specific facts without first conducting an investigation, we are happy to provide general information about Title IX.

As you may know, Department leaders have been engaged in ongoing discussions with students, parents, survivors, accused students, school administrators, advocacy groups, attorneys, and policy experts to learn about their experiences and hear their views on how the Department can best assist schools in fulfilling their obligations to protect students under Title IX. After considering the views of many interested parties, the Department determined that it was appropriate to withdraw the 2011 Dear Colleague letter on sexual violence and 2014 Questions and Answers on Title IX and sexual violence, which were issued without affording notice and opportunity for public comment and engage in rulemaking on Title IX and sexual misconduct. To assist schools in meeting their Title IX obligations during this interim period, the Department issued an interim Q&A on campus sexual misconduct: www.ed.gov/ocr/docs/qa-title-ix-201709.pdf. Hearing from a variety of interested parties will be vital as we work to create a thoughtful rule that sets forth a fair process, which will benefit all students for years to come. In view of this, the Department will invite members of the public to formally submit comments once the proposed rule is published.

The Department remains committed to the full, fair and effective enforcement of Title IX and will continue to uphold the right of every student to access his or her educational opportunities free from sexual harassment and violence and the obligation of every school to apply processes that are fair and equitable for every student. Anyone who believes that a recipient institution has engaged in sex discrimination may file a complaint with OCR. Details about filing a complaint are available on OCR's website at www.ed.gov/ocr/complaintintro.html. Additional resources on Title IX, including the interim Q&A, are available on OCR's website at www.ed.gov/ocr/frontpage/pro-students/sex-pr.html.

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Sincerely,
Program Legal Group
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U.S. Department of Education

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To Betsy DeVos, OCR (Candice Jackson), FPCO (Regina Miles), OIG (Kathleen Tighe) and GC (Philip Rosenfelt).

The following is my statement regarding the treatment by Western Seminary in view of the Title IX, April 4, 2011 Dear Colleague letter review underway.

Because of the file size, google drive is automatically being used for this email transmission.

Randy