THE HISTORY OF TITLE IX

“I played on my Illinois high school’s first varsity tennis team from 1968 to 1970. We were 56-0 over my three years. We were permitted to compete as long as we made no efforts to publicize our accomplishments and personally paid for our uniforms and equipment.”

-Marge Snyder

In 1974, fewer than 295,000 girls participated in high school varsity athletics, accounting for just 7 percent of all varsity athletes; in 2001, that number leaped to 2.8 million, or 41.5 percent of all varsity athletes as a result of Title IX.

Because of Title IX's impact on the sports world, many people think it only applies to sports, but athletics is only one of ten key areas addressed by the law. These areas include: access to higher education, career education, education for pregnant and parenting students, employment, learning environment, math and science, sexual harassment, standardized testing, and technology.

WHAT IS TITLE IX?

Title IX is an Education Amendment that was enacted in 1972. It states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

TITLE IX TODAY

Today, sexual misconduct has become a main focus of university Title IX work. The 2011 Title IX Guidance, known as the “Dear Colleague Letter”, discussed the obligations schools have to address campus sexual violence. It explains to schools how the Department will review and enforce Title IX complaints. Title IX requires schools to combat sex discrimination in education. To make sure that all students, regardless of their sex have equal access to education, schools are required to prevent and respond to reports of sexual violence.

MEDIA

"Sporting Chance: The Lasting Legacy of Title IX"
"License to Thrive: Title IX at 35"
"Nine for IX"

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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