





## If you are subjected to gender-based violence or harassment, what should your school do?

### DOs:

- Y S MUST P a Sa E Y Y
  - right to an equal education
    - in class and the school building, during field trips and extracurricular activities, and on school buses.
    - before, during, and after an investigation of gender-based violence.
  - If you decide to file a complaint, your school must investigate right away, even if the police are doing their own investigation.
    - Your school must keep you safe from verbal or physical retaliation from other students, including the alleged attacker and his/her friends, and faculty, like coaches and teachers.
    - Your school should develop a safety plan for you as needed.
  - If you have a restraining order or order of protection, your school must enforce it.
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  - a readily-available policy against sex discrimination,
  - known procedures for students to file complaints of sex discrimination,
  - a person to whom you or your parents/guardians can report gender-based violence (called a Title IX coordinator), whose name and contact information must be accessible.
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  - your school will conduct a full investigation,
  - you and the alleged attacker will be notified of what happens with the complaint,
  - you can file an appeal, if applicable.
  - How:
    - the complaint was resolved, when the alleged attacker's punishment directly relates to you. This includes informing you if the school transferred him/her to another school or classes, suspended or expelled him/her, or ordered him/her to be kept away from you.
    - your information will be used, and whether it will be kept confidential.

# DON'Ts:

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  - Your school might suggest that you and your alleged attacker/harasser talk directly with each other to resolve your complaint. You have the right to say no.
  - Your school should never pressure you to "work it out" instead of going through a formal complaint process.
  - In cases involving sexual assault, you should never be forced to talk directly or mediate with the alleged attacker/harasser.

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- force you to change schools, buses, or classes.
- make you leave a team or change your extracurricular activities.
- change your educational environment in any way that would hurt your right to an equal education.

# Y, S MAYNOTR O \_\_ C

- Your school might pressure you to wait to take action on a gender-based violence complaint. This is against the law.
- Your school must act right away after a report of gender-based violence.