

AAUW of Virginia Supports Title IX Updates

Students across races, places, and genders prove every day that they can do great things, especially when there are strong Title IX protections in place, which is why the Biden Administration's updates to the Title IX rules are essential to ensure every student can thrive at school. AAUW of Virginia supports these updates and opposes the efforts of Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares' to stop new Title IX rules from going into effect. He has added Virginia to a suit by Attorneys General from Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia which was filed in Tennessee. The suit mischaracterizes the changes and, in the same way lawmakers have done for centuries, falsely claims the plaintiffs want to "protect" women.

Title IX's promise, when it was enacted over 50 years ago, was to broadly guarantee all students equal educational opportunities free from sex discrimination. But in the years since its passage, opponents have stopped at nothing to weaken these crucial civil rights protections -- including undoing critical protections against sexual harassment and against the rights of LGBTQI+ students, particularly transgender, nonbinary, and intersex students. The Biden Administration's Title IX rule helps hold the line against these attacks.

These updates and revisions to the Title IX regulations clarify that student survivors of sexual harassment, pregnant and parenting students, and LGBTQI+ students (especially transgender, nonbinary, and intersex students) have strong and comprehensive protections against discrimination in school.

These Title IX updates do not address sports, which will be the subject of later rulemaking.