

Fifty Years Later: Celebrating and Calling for the Fulfillment of Title IX

Title IX is the most commonly used name for the federal civil rights law in the United States of America that was passed as part (Title IX) of the Education Amendments of 1972. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

"No person in the United States shall, based on 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."

Though Title IX is widely understood to address gender discrimination in sport, the law applies to **any** education program.

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, and calls for the fulfillment of its promise for women and girls at every level of education. An [in-depth look at gender inequality](#) by *USA Today* illustrates the work that remains.

We must resist attempts to violate Title IX by excluding trans women and girls from school sports. We underscore the need for girls, women, femme-identifying people, and gender expansive folks – particularly those of color – to be seen, welcomed, and supported in education, be it sport or STEM. We call on educational institutions to protect the rights of women (whether trans or not), girls (whether trans or not), and gender expansive people.

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