

Title IX Prohibits Sexual Harassment¹ and Sexual Violence Where You Go to School

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”), 20 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, is a Federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities (hereinafter “schools”) receiving any Federal funds must comply with Title IX. Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex can include sexual harassment or sexual violence, such as rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion.

Examples of Sexual Harassment include: unwelcome sexual advances, suggestive or lewd remarks, unwanted hugs, touches, kisses; requests for sexual favors; retaliation for complaining about sexual harassment, derogatory or pornographic posters, cartoons or drawings.

Should you have questions or concerns or believe that you or others are being sexually harassed, contact: The Tyrrell Middle School Title IX Coordinator **Mrs. Elizabeth Buzzelli, Guidance ext. 613**

You may also contact: The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, 21 Grand St, Hartford, CT 06106 (Tel:860-541--3400 or 800-477-5737) Connecticut law requires that a formal complaint be filed with the commission within 180 days of the date under which the alleged harassment occurred.