

## **Harassment: Including Sexual Harassment - Title IX**

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 program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” 20 U.S.C. § 1681(a)

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination based on sex in any educational program or activity that receives financial support from the Federal government. Under Title IX, discrimination based on sex includes sexual harassment, sexual violence, and sexual assault. Title IX also prohibits retaliation against individuals who complain about or participate in an investigation regarding an alleged Title IX violation.

In compliance with Title IX, the universities and special schools under the governance of the South Dakota Board of Regents do not discriminate on the basis of sex in employment or in its educational programs and activities. It is the System’s goal to maintain an environment that is free from all forms of illegal harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, sexual coercion, and rape.

All inquiries concerning the application of policies for the prevention of sexual harassment and sexual violence under Title IX and contact information for the Title IX Coordinator may be found on the SDBOR and university websites:

### **Universities**

- [Black Hills State University and Black Hills State University – Rapid City](#)
- [Dakota State University](#)
- [Northern State University](#)
- [South Dakota School of Mines & Technology](#)
- [South Dakota State University](#)
- [University of South Dakota and The Community College for Sioux Falls](#)

### **Special Schools**

- [South Dakota School for the Blind](#)
- [South Dakota School for the Deaf](#)