



## Title IX



## Anchorage School District

*The Anchorage School District is developing new standards for successful sports programs. In order to make this happen, the district has set up a Gender Equity Task Force (GETF). The goal of the GETF is to ensure compliance with Title IX.*

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## Gender Equity in Athletics

### *What is Title IX?*

Title IX is the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination against students and employees. Title IX requires schools to maintain policies, practices and programs that do not discriminate against anyone based on sex. The law is wide reaching, affecting many school-based elements, including curriculum, extracurricular activities, and access to all school programs and services. If a school is found to be not Title IX compliant, the district can lose federal funds.

### *How does Title IX affect school sports?*

In sports, Title IX addresses the availability, quality and opportunities that athletes receive. Schools can comply by showing they have a proportionate number of athletic opportunities for males and females or by continuing to expand opportunities for the under-represented sex. Schools do not necessarily need to offer identical sports but they do need to provide an equal opportunity for females to play in sports of interest.

### *What should ASD do to achieve gender equity in athletics?*

The Gender Equity Task Force will hold a series of public hearings for the purpose of discussing Title IX law requirements, identifying potential Title IX issues in our schools and to gather input and suggestions from the Anchorage community.

**You are invited to attend one of the following public meetings to give your input.**

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| <b>Thursday, October 27th</b>  | <b>Eagle River High School</b>     |
| <b>Thursday, November 3rd</b>  | <b>East High School</b>            |
| <b>Thursday, November 17th</b> | <b>South Anchorage High School</b> |

**All meetings are 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The Gender Equity Task Force will compile information gathered from the public meetings and a survey of middle and high school girls and present a proposal to the School Board by December 1, 2005.