

Clery Center's Policy Synergy: Title IX & the Clery Act Training

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Policy Synergy: Title IX & the Clery Act

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Learning Objectives:

- Understand the relationship between annual security report policy statements and institutional policy.
- Identify the distinctions between statute, regulation, and guidance.
- Analyze the dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking response and disciplinary procedures requirements under the Clery Act and Title IX.
- Apply the understanding of federal requirements to the development of institutional policy.

Title IX Overview

| © Clery Center Who: | 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance Officials with authority to institute corrective measures |
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| Where: | Education programs or activities in the United States |
| What and How: | Federal civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in federally funded education programs |
| | Requires recipients of federal funds for education programs or activities to adequately respond to and address the effects of such discrimination when it has actual knowledge of its occurrence |
| | Institutions must provide and hold grievance procedures when such actual knowledge is provided |
| Enforcement: | U.S. Department of Education (ED) Office of Civil Rights |

Title IX Timeline Highlights
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1972

Title IX is passed through the Education Amendments of 1972 **Updated Title** VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

2001

Revised Sexual Harassment **Guidance Published**

2011& 2014

Dear Colleague Letter & Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence Guidance published

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2017

Dear Colleague Letter and Q & A Document Rescinded

2018

Title IX Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Published

2020

Title IX Regulations Published and Enacted

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2022

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

2024

New Title IX Regulations Published

2025

2024 Regulations Vacated;2020 Regulations Reinstated

Clery Act Overview

Who: Campus security authorities (CSAs) and local law enforcement Where: Clery Act geography What and How: Annual Annual security report (statistics, policy statements) Statistics to Department of Education **Ongoing** Disclosures (timely warnings, emergency notification, daily crime log) Rights and options for victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking **Enforcement:** U.S. Department of Education (ED) Clery Compliance Group

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1988

College and University Security Act (PA)

1990

Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542)

Amended HEA

1992

Buckley amendments (FERPA) and Campus Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights amended HEA

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1998

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime **Statistics Act**

2008

HEA is amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act which amended the Clery Act

2013

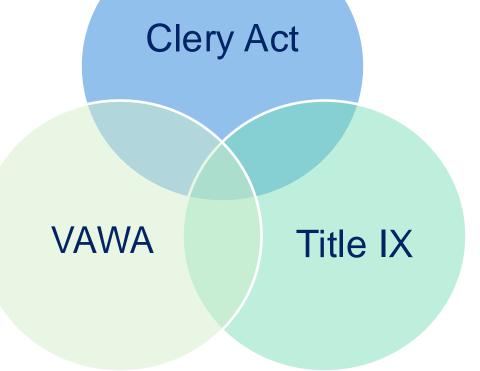
Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (Section 304) amended the Clery Act

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2024

Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA) enacted on December 23rd amending the Clery Act to include hazing

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

DATING VIOLENCE

DVSAS

SEXUAL ASSAULT

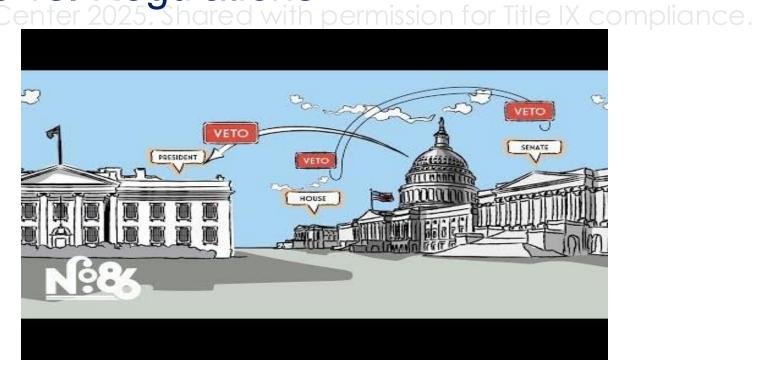
STALKING

Part I:

Statute vs. Regulation vs. Guidance
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Statute vs. Regulations

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Law: Principles and rules governing the affairs or behavior of society or a community. Often passed by the dominant socio-economic, ethnic group in an area.

*May have underlying bias or promote inequity

Statute: A written law passed by a legislative body

Regulations: Official rules made by an agency responsible for enforcing a law

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Guidance: Administrative guidance is non-binding advice given by an administrative agency to the public regarding how best to comply with a law.

Policy: Guiding principles that dictate the parameters for how your institution interprets and implements regulations, laws, or a course of action.

- May be informed by the institution's culture, goals, mission, size, location, or other factors.

Procedures: How policies are carried out by responsible divisions, departments, or offices. Where policy often serves as the "Why," procedures serve as the "How".

Title IX

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- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 federal statute codified at 20 U.S.C. D•1681 –
 1688
- Implementing regulations in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at 34 C.F. R. Part 106
- Guidance:

The Clery Act
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- Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act federal statute codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1092
- With implementing regulations in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at 34 C.F.R. 668.46
- Guidance: Clery Act Appendix for the Federal Student Aid Handbook

Intent of Guidance

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- Departmental interpretation to assist with implementation
- Used by Department program reviewers responsible for evaluating compliance
- Statute and regulations take precedence if there are any differences between them and guidance
- Institutions are never found out of compliance for not adhering to actions only found in guidance



Large Group Activity: Seek and Find © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

Using the regs find answers to the following questions:

- Does the Clery Act dating violence definition include emotional or psychological abuse?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - What explanation did you find to support your answer?

- Does the Clery Act define what is meant by business day?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - If yes, what does does it say?

Large Group Activity: Seek and Find

- Using the regs find answers to the following questions
 - Does Title IX define sexual harassment?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - What explanation did you find to support your answer?
 - Does Title IX require a certain standard of proof or evidence for grievance procedures?
 - ☐ Yes ☐ No
 - What explanation did you find to support your answer?

Part II:

Response & Disciplinary Procedures
Requirements

Annual Security Report

The institution's annual security report includes policy statements of an institution's campus safety and security policies (including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking policies)



Intersections between the Clery Act and Title IX © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

The Clery Act

- Reporting requirements
- All Clery crimes*
- Accommodations
- Disciplinary procedures

- Reporting requirements
- Sexual harassment
 - Including dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking (DVSAS) as *defined in the Clery Act
- Measures
- Grievance procedures

Clery Geography vs. Title IX Application

The Clery Act

- Geography, broken down into 4 categories:
 - On-campus
 - On-campus student housing
 - Noncampus
 - Public property
- Expands to "on and off campus" for response to DVSAS

- Educational programs and activities
 - Substantial control of respondent and context
 - May be on or off campus
 - Includes properties owned or controlled by recognized student organizations
 - Must be in the United States

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The Clery Act

- Broader scope of reporting responsibility
 - Brought to the attention of CSAs and local law enforcement
- May come from:
 - Victim, Witness, Offender, or Third Party

- Higher threshold for an incident to be considered reported: Actual Knowledge
- Individuals who establish Actual Knowledge include:
 - Title IX Coordinator
 - Officials with Authority
 to institute corrective
 measures on behalf of the
 recipient.

What is considered a report to the institution under Title IX?

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 Institutions must respond when the institution has actual knowledge, meaning a notice of or allegations of sexual harassment (as previously defined) to:
 - The institution's Title IX coordinator; or
 - Any official...who has the authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the recipient

What must an institution do when it receives a report?

The Clery Act

- A report of a Clery crime to a CSA leads to institutional actions required under Clery, including:
 - Determining whether there is a serious or ongoing threat that would require a timely warning

- The institution must respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent:
 - The Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss:
 - The availability of supportive measures
 - The individual's wishes with respect to supportive measures

What must an institution do when it receives a report? (cont'd) 025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

The Clery Act

- Providing the individual with a written explanation of their rights and options, regardless of whether the incident took place on or off campus
- Determining whether information must be added to the daily crime log or in next year's annual security report

- The availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint
- The process for filing a formal complaint

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Formal Complaint (document filed by complainant or signed by TIXC alleging harassment and requesting investigation)

- Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in education program or activity at time of complaint
- Filed with TIXC in person, by mail, e-mail, or other methods of contact
- Physical or digital signature or otherwise indicates complainant is person filing.

Procedures Victims Should Follow Under DVSAS as Defined Under the Clery Act

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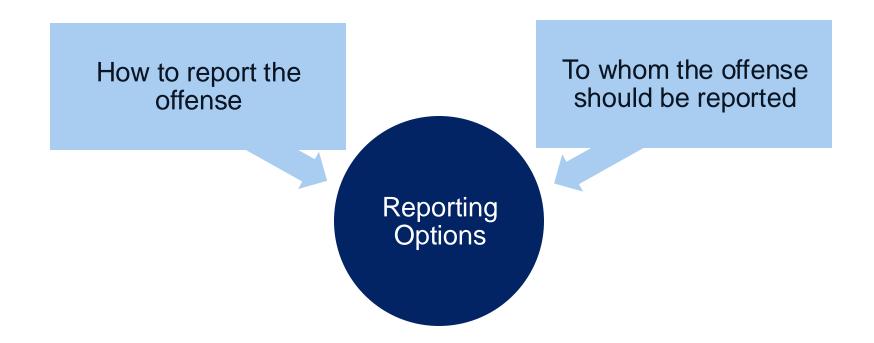


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Importance of Preserving Evidence

- Proof in a criminal or campus disciplinary proceeding
- May be helpful in obtaining a protection order
- Knowledgeable of what may be preserved and for how long
- Recent/fresh complaints
- Basic preservation instructions/tips

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Procedures to Follow (cont'd) © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

Involvement of law enforcement and campus authorities, including notification of the victim's option to:

- Notify proper law enforcement authorities, including oncampus and local police
- Be assisted in notifying law enforcement authorities if victim so chooses
- Decline to notify authorities
- Rights of victim and institution's responsibilities for orders of protection, no contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by criminal, civil, or tribal court or by the institution

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Information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties

- Publicly available record-keeping (ex: timely warnings, daily crime log)
- Without the inclusion of personally identifying information about the victim
- Any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim (to the extent it will not impair institution's ability to provide them)



Confidentiality when providing accommodations is required under the Clery Act and current Title IX regulations

Accommodations & Measures

The Clery Act

- Accommodations
- Must be provided in writing
- Options for, available assistance in, and how to request changes to:
 - Academic
 - Living
 - Transportation
 - Working
 - Protective Measures
- If requested by the victim
- If reasonably available
- Regardless of whether the victim chooses to report to campus police or local law enforcement

Title IX

- Supportive Measures
- Non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge
- To the complainant or the respondent
- Before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed

Written Information vs. Written Explanation of Rights & Options

To Students & Employees

- Notification of on- and off- campus services
- Counseling
- Health
- Mental Health
- Victim Advocacy
- Legal assistance
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Student financial aid
- Other services available for victims

To Victims After a Report

- Accommodations
- Rights & options



GUIDE TO CREATING A WRITTEN NOTIFICATION-

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Under the Clery Act, when a student or employee reports they have experienced dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the institution must provide them with a written explanation of their rights and options, whether the offense occurred on or off campus.

Effectively creating this resource may be difficult. That's not to say that it can't be done – in fact, we know it can be done well, and encourage you to look at this guidance as well as other samples from other colleges and universities as you create your own.

Creating this document also requires institutions to look carefully at their own processes and consider how the network of people, offices, and activities all come together to support survivors — not just within this document, but in the practical application of these services.

With that in mind, this guide is **not a template**. Every campus is different – your written notification should reflect this diversity and your own institution.

If you've created a document you're proud of and would be willing to share it with the broader campus community, please share it with us!

Written Notification

Guide to Creating a Written Notification

- Use this resource to carefully assess processes and consider how a network of people, offices, and activities all come together to support
- Look at this guidance, as well as other samples from other colleges and universities as you create your own

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Initial Questions to Consider:

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- Do these documents exist?
- ☐ Are they provided to the right audiences?
- ☐ Does the policy say what is provided and when?
- ☐ Is it clear what information is provided in the written explanation of rights and options?



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Disciplinary Process

The Clery Act

- Prompt, fair, and impartial
- Describe the standard of evidence
- Be conducted by officials who receive annual training
- Advisor of choice
- Simultaneous notification of results

Title IX

- Prompt and equitable
- Regulations inform standard of evidence
- Annual training requirements
- Advisor of choice with role in cross-examination
- Simultaneous notification of results

Procedures to Follow: Institutional Disciplinary Action

- Explanation of procedures, including:
 - Type of proceeding
 - Steps involved
 - How institution determines which type to use
- How to file a disciplinary complaint

The Clery Act

Describe:

- Each type of disciplinary proceeding used by the institution
- Steps, anticipated timelines, and decision-making process for each type of disciplinary proceeding

Title IX

For example, under current regulations

- Written notice of allegations
- Investigation
- Investigative report
- Live hearing
- Determination regarding responsibility
- Appeal

They also require *reasonably* prompt timeframes

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The Clery Act

- Communicate how to file a disciplinary complaint
- If processes or contacts vary based on type of proceedings, make sure to include all relevant procedures
- Ex: contact information, forms, links, etc.

Title IX

Under current regulations:

A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by electronic mail, by using the contact information required to be listed for the Title IX Coordinator and by any additional method designated by the institution

How Institution Determines Which Type of Proceeding to Use

 Under the Clery Act, your policy has clearly state how the institution determines which proceedings apply under what circumstances

Questions to Consider:

- What is the jurisdiction of your policy?
 - Does it extend to incidents that occur off-campus? To incidents that fall outside of Title IX?
 - If so, do you use the same proceedings or are there different proceedings?
 - Does the identity of the respondent influence which type of proceeding the institution uses?

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The Clery Act

 Must describe the standard of evidence that will be used

Title IX

- Must state whether institution uses preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing
- Must be same standard for formal complaints against students as for formal complaints against employees
- Must apply same standard of evidence to all formal complaints of sexual harassment

Sanctions & Remedies

The Clery Act

- Must list all possible sanctions
- Must describe range of protective measures

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- Must describe range of sanctions, but...
- Must describe range of remedies

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 Include a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result

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 Must adopt and publish grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints Training

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- Proceedings must be conducted by officials who receive annual training on:
 - Issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
 - How to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability

Title IX

- Individuals involved in process must receive training on specific topics listed in regulations
- Must make training materials publicly available on the institution's website (or if no website, available upon request for inspection)

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- Definitions in policy and scope of educational program or activity
- Relevant evidence and how it should be used during a proceeding
- Proper techniques for interviewing witnesses
- How to serve impartially
- Basic procedural rules for conducting a proceeding
- Training on technology to be used at a live hearing
- Avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest

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- Effects of trauma
- Cultural awareness training
- Any others to highlight here?

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- Both parties must have same opportunities to be accompanied by an advisor of choice
- May not limit choice of advisor
- Allows institutions to establish restrictions on how the advisor may participate as long as applied equally to both parties

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- Both parties notified that they may have an advisor of choice who may, but is not required to be, an attorney
- Responsible for conducting crossexamination (directly, orally, and in real time)
- Must be included in party's receipt of evidence and investigator's report
- May also serve as witness
- If no advisor, institution must provide one to conduct cross-examination (institution's choice, does not have to be an attorney, but...)

Notice of Outcome

The Clery Act

- Simultaneous notification in writing of:
 - Result of any institutional disciplinary proceeding
 - Procedures for accused and victim to appeal the result, if such procedures are available
 - Any change to the result
 - When such results become final
- Must include rationale for the results and the sanctions

Title IX

- Simultaneous written determination, including:
 - Allegations potentially constituting sexual harassment
 - Procedural steps taken
 - Findings of fact supporting determination
 - Conclusions regarding application of code of conduct to the facts
 - Statement of, and rationale for, the results as to each allegation

Part III:

Policy Analysis
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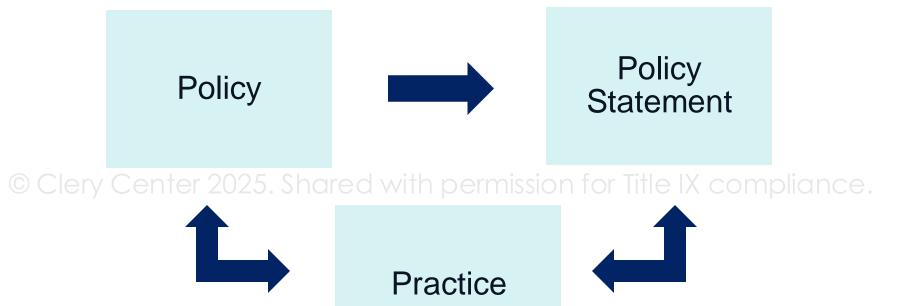
Required Policy Statements

Crime Statistics

Distribution to Current and Prospective Students/Employees

ASR Things to Remember © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

- Summary of current, existing policies and procedures as well as three previous calendar years of Clery crime statistics
- Creation of ASR ensures policies and processes are in place
- "Say what you do; do what you say."
- Ask: "Who is at the table?" "Is it a useful document?"



Clery Act DVSAS Policy Statement Requirements

- Requires a description of all procedures used to address cases of DVSAS
- All required policy statement elements must be in place for all proceedings used to address cases of DVSAS

Title IX Bifurcated Policies © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

- Potential return of multiple policies and procedures in place to address DVSAS
 - One that captures all Title IX requirements, including a live hearing with cross-examination
 - One or more that address DVSAS that fall outside of the jurisdiction of Title IX (outside of education programs or activities in the U.S.) in order to avoid subjecting individuals to a live hearing with cross-examination

As a Result...

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 Campuses must describe multiple disciplinary proceedings within their ASRs in order to represent all the different procedures that take place and meet Clery requirements

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Part IV:

Integrating Title IX & Clery Act

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- One policy for all DVSAS cases incorporating all Title IX requirements
- 2. One policy for Title IX cases that applies to both students and employees and then a separate policy (or separate procedures under singular policy) for non-Title IX DVSAS cases that applies to students and employees

Policy Structure Options

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- 3. Separate Title IX policies for students and employees; separate non-Title IX policies for students and employees
- 4. Additional, separate procedures for other circumstances due to state law requirements
 - Ex: CA requires live cross-examination for any case where the potential sanction could result in separation from the University

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- Clery-required response and prevention programming requirements could be incorporated
 OR -
- Separate policies could exist for just prevention, just response, or prevention and response

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- + One policy for everything makes processes and descriptions clear and easy to understand and apply
- One policy for everything causes all DVSAS cases to undergo a live hearing with cross-examination

Policy Structure Benefits & Drawbacks © Clery Center 2025. Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

- + One overall Title IX policy and one overall non-Title IX policy streamlines practices without requiring unnecessary involvement in steps that might cause or perpetuate trauma
- Administering two policies can be difficult to manage and also explain to the campus community

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- + Having separate student and employee Title IX and non-Title IX policies allows for the most intentional development and application of strategies that apply to each type of situation and role
- Administering four policies can be difficult to manage and also explain to the campus community

Policy Creation Best Practices Conter 2025 Shared with permission for Title IX compliance.

- Remember that each of the Clery requirements must be in place for each and every policy that guides procedures for disciplinary action for DVSAS cases
- Ensure that the policy and resulting policy statement in an ASR accounts for each of these elements
- Consider utilizing visuals like charts or infographics to show the relationship between policies or to demonstrate the qualities each policy has or shares
- Focus on creating the most equitable procedures and the clearest, streamlined descriptions of those procedures







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