

TEACHERS & STAFF

CAN PROTECT STUDENTS FROM SEXUAL HARASSMENT

What can you do?



Know that students have a **right** to an **education free from sexual harassment** under Title IX, a federal civil rights law. Learn more about students' rights and schools' responsibilities at [Stop Sexual Assault in Schools](#).



Understand harassment can include a **wide range of behaviors** from gestures, sounds, comments about clothing and gender to cyber sexual harassment to sexual assault. I can let my students know about these forms of harassment by referring them to the [Sexual Harassment Defined](#) page on the SSAIS.org website.



When you witness sexual harassment, you can: **support the victim**, tell the harasser that it's unacceptable, and that you will be **reporting it**. Sexual harassment is **not a simple discipline matter**.



Know your **district's policy on sexual harassment** and have the contact information for the **Title IX Coordinator**.



Help the student **report it** to the principal, counselor, or district Title IX Coordinator.



Refer students to resources like [SSAIS.org](#) with more information including how to get **confidential help** after being sexually harassed or assaulted.