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## Office for Civil Rights Issues New Guidance

### Summary of New Guidance from the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education

Today, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has issued new guidance to Title IX Coordinators, College Presidents and School Superintendents. While these documents, outlined below, provide detailed resource information to educators, OCR is not issuing new requirements.

Click [here](#) to see today's e-communication from ATIXA on the newly released guidance.

### Dear Colleague Letter on Title IX Coordinators

This [Dear Colleague Letter](#) to School Superintendents and College Presidents focuses on the need for a designated Title IX Coordinator, focusing on the importance of providing authority and support to this role on our campuses and in our schools.

This letter includes additional information and guidance on:

- Visibility and Training
- Independence (free of conflicts)
- The minimization of risk with the full-time Coordinator role
- How the management of the enormity of this task is supported with a full-time Coordinator
- The need for larger districts and universities to have multiple Coordinators, with one lead Coordinator that has ultimate responsibility
- Adding the effects of discrimination on climate
- Protection for Title IX Coordinators from retaliation
- Formal training or experience necessary for all Coordinators to assure sufficient Title IX knowledge-base
- Name and contact information collection via Clery Act in 2015

## **A Letter to Title IX Coordinators**

This [Letter to Title IX Coordinators](#) offers a thank you from the Office for Civil Rights and a reminder of the support they have from this Office.

## **Resource Guide**

This [Resource Guide](#) provides an overview of Title IX Requirements and addresses how a Coordinator can help a campus to comply with Title IX. It offers broad-based information on athletics, pregnancy, gender identity, etc. This guide will be a document continually updated by OCR, with summary documents and links to other guidance.

## **Coming Soon: A Rapid Response Webinar from ATIXA Experts**

Keep an eye out for additional information from [ATIXA & The NCHERM Group](#) regarding an upcoming Rapid Response Webinar opportunity discussing today's newly released guidance. More information and an official announcement coming soon! To learn more about online training opportunities from ATIXA & The NCHERM Group, click [here](#).