



**The Efficacy of Title IX Supports  
and Rape Culture  
in Academic Environments**

## **RAPE CULTURE:**

an environment where **rape is prevalent** and **sexual violence is normalized and excused**. Often perpetuated through the use of misogynistic language, victim blaming, objectification, and the glamorization of sexual violence.

## **TITLE IX:**

a **federal civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in education** programs or activities that receives federal funding. Discrimination on the basis of sex includes sexual harassment and sexual assault.

The 2017-2018 K-12 school year had a  
**55% increase in sexual assaults**  
compared to the year prior

(National Education Association)



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**“what the school did to me was  
worse than what my rapist did to  
me”**

**Lack of Support**

**Lack of Education**

**Desensitization**

**Physically and  
emotionally unsafe  
environment**

**LANGUAGE**





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**“Never mind that your joke just made a survivor relive what was likely the worst thing to ever happen to them. And you scratch your head, and wonder why women are so scared to report”**

**-Blythe Baird**

# **VICTIM BLAMING**

**More than a third** of survivors were told by  
their schools to “take some time off”

(National Education Association)

**“...it was **their responsibility** to stay away  
from their attackers”**

(Flannery, National Education Association)

# **TITLE IX IN PAUSD**

**PAUSD has failed to support and provide safety for students on numerous occasions**



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**...nothing more than a message sent home to his  
parents”**

**In 2015, PAUSD was in violation of Title IX sexual harassment law**

**PAUSD failed “to respond promptly and equitably to reports that students were subjected to sexual harassment.’ It has been under scrutiny since 2017”**

(Stanford Daily)

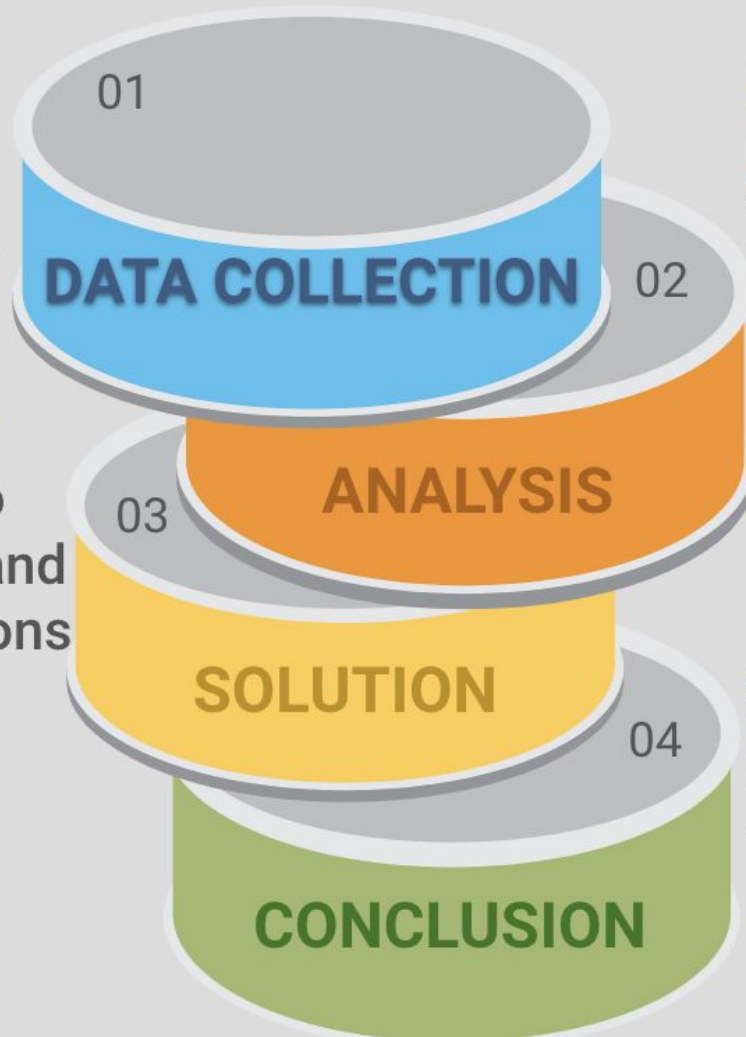


## Step 1: Data Collection

- Researched existing data on Title IX

## Step 3: Solution

- Used findings to further assess and conclude solutions to the issue
  - Compared to original hypothesis



## Step 2: Record and Analyse Findings

- Summarized findings in a document
- Assessed what has been effective and what needs improvement

## Step 4: Compile and Conclude

- Compiled findings and solutions into a research paper

## RECIDIVISM

### Restorative Justice

18% likelihood of a reoffense, 9% less than traditional criminal justice

### Traditional Criminal Justice

27% likelihood of a reoffense

## VICTIM SATISFACTION

### Restorative Justice

79% of victims feel satisfaction, 22% more than traditional criminal justice

### Traditional Criminal Justice

57% of victims feel satisfaction

## FEAR OF RE-VICTIMIZATION

### Restorative Justice

10% of victims fear they will be victimized again, 13% less than traditional criminal justice

### Traditional Criminal Justice

23% of victims fear they will be victimized again

## COMPLETED RESTITUTION

### Restorative Justice

81% of restitution agreements are completed, 23% more than traditional criminal justice

### Traditional Criminal Justice

58% of restitution agreements are completed

# 1 REQUIRED TRAINING

All faculty should be trained on how to respond appropriately to allegations of sexual violence

# 2 EDUCATION

Schools should be educating students on their Title IX rights, policies, processes, Title IX and sexual misconduct as a whole

# 3 CLEAR POLICIES

Faculty should make their responsibilities as a non-confidential resource clear to students as well as what that entails

# 4 CONTENT WARNINGS

Faculty should provide content warnings to students at least one day prior to a lesson that may include triggering material

# 5 ACCESSIBLE SUPPORT

Schools should be informing students of their resources both on and off campus such as counseling, support groups, how to make a report, ect.

# 6 CLEAR PROCESS

Schools should have a transparent and effective process for filing Title IX complaints in order to ensure some accountability when pursuing Title IX reports

**A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROCESS IN  
TITLE IX CASES WHEN APPROPRIATE**

# RESOURCES

**DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS WITH THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS:** U.S. Department of Education's website ([www2.ed.gov](http://www2.ed.gov))→Search "How to File a Discrimination Complaint with the Office for Civil Rights"

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE:** 1-800-656-4673

**RAPE, ABUSE, & INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK (RAINN.org):** has a variety of resources for further education, action, and support:



**KNOW YOUR IX (knowyourix.org):** has a variety of resources for further education, action, and support:

