

# Transgender Students

- A school may **receive requests** to correct a student's education records to make them consistent with the **student's gender identity**.
- OSSE has updated its data collection template per [recent guidance](#) from the U.S. Department of Education related to the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** and **Title IX**.

# Transgender Students: FERPA and Title IX

- Under FERPA, a **school must consider** the request of an eligible student or parent to amend information in the student's education records.
- If the school does not amend the record, it must inform the requestor of its decision and of the **right to a hearing**.
- If, after the hearing, the school does not amend the record, it must inform the requestor of the right to **insert a statement in the record** with the requestor's comments, a statement that the requestor disagrees with the hearing decision, or both.
- That **statement must be disclosed** whenever the record to which the statement relates is disclosed.
- Under Title IX, a **school must respond** to a request to amend information related to a student's transgender status.
- If a student or parent complains about the school's handling of such a request, the school must promptly and equitably resolve the complaint under the school's **Title IX grievance procedures**.

# Transgender Students: Next Steps

LEAs should follow this guidance when assigning students one of the following **gender values**:

- F = Female
- M = Male

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