



Instructions for filling out this form: If you believe that you have been the victim of sexual harassment, please fill out this form, sign where indicated below, and submit it by hand delivery, electronic mail, or U.S. mail using the contact information below:

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This formal complaint form is intended for use by the alleged victim of Title IX sexual harassment (referred to in Title IX Regulations as the “complainant”). Under Title IX and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a parent or legal guardian may sign a complaint form and otherwise act on behalf of a minor in the formal complaint process.

If you are not filling this form out as a parent or guardian and you intend to report sexual harassment against another person in the school’s education program or activities, please report your concerns to the school’s Title IX Coordinator so that he/she can take further action. **Under federal law, only an alleged victim of sexual harassment who is currently participating or attempting to participate in the school’s education program or activity (such as an enrolled student, an employee, or an applicant for employment or admission) has the right to use the formal complaint process to initiate an investigation.** HCA will process all formal complaints in accordance with the school’s policies.

HCA’s code of conduct and Title IX Policy prohibit knowingly making false statements or knowingly submitting false information during the grievance process. Neither HCA nor any other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege under Title IX or because the individual made a report, a complaint, testified, assisted, participated in, or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation or proceeding under this policy.

HCA shall keep confidential the identity of any individual who made a report or complaint of sexual discrimination or sexual harassment, any complainant, any individual reported as a perpetrator, any respondent and any witness except as permitted under FERPA or as required to carry out the purposes of this policy and its procedures. Parties understand that exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation. Furthermore, charging someone with making a materially false statement in bad faith, does not amount to retaliation.

Please print or type when completing this form:

Name of complainant: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____

Is the complainant participating in or attempting Yes to participate in a District education program or activity? No

If you are a parent or guardian filling this form out on behalf of a minor complainant, please provide your contact information below.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____

You have the right to be represented by an advisor during the complaint process. The advisor may be, but does not have to be, an attorney. If you will be represented by an attorney or other advisor in presenting your complaint, please identify the person and provide the contact information below. If unknown at this time, you may provide this information at a later time.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____

Please list any additional individuals that you intend to bring with you to any meetings or interviews associated with this complaint and provide their contact information below. You may add additional pages or provide this information at a later time.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone number: _____
Email address: _____

Please describe the facts and circumstances of the alleged sexual harassment causing this complaint. *(Give specific, factual details. Attach additional sheets if necessary and indicate below how many additional pages will be attached to ensure complete receipt of your complaint.)*

In a Title IX formal complaint process, the person who is alleged to have committed the sexual harassment is called the “respondent.” Please provide the name(s) of the person or people you allege to be the respondent(s) responsible for the alleged sexual harassment. If applicable, please include the person’s title or position:

When and where did the alleged sexual harassment occur? Please provide specific dates, times, and locations, if possible.

Please explain how the alleged sexual harassment has impacted you. This could include physical injuries as well as impacts on your ability to access or benefit from the District’s education program or activities.

Please provide the names and contact information of anyone who may have witnessed the alleged conduct.

If you have reported these allegations to another person, please state to whom you reported the alleged sexual harassment and provide their contact information (if known).

Title IX does not require complainants to attempt to resolve complaints of sexual harassment informally before filing a formal complaint. Nonetheless, if you have reported these allegations to an HCA employee, please state when, to whom, and what response you received.

Please list below any evidence that you believe is relevant to your allegations. This could include audio or visual media, physical objects, online materials, text messages, voicemail messages, screen captures, emails, or any other item you are attaching or intend to make available for the purpose of this complaint. If known, please also identify any information in the school’s possession that you believe to be relevant to your allegations and would like the Title IX Coordinator to review (such as emails or security camera footage).

Please provide any other information that would be helpful for the Title IX Coordinator in reviewing your allegations.

Please describe the outcome or remedy you seek for this complaint.

Please provide below your physical or digital signature.

Complainant name: _____

Signature of complainant: _____

If complainant is under 18,
parent's name: _____

Signature of parent: _____

Date of filing: _____

If this formal complaint is being signed by the school's Title IX Coordinator instead of a complainant:

Title IX Coordinator Name: _____

Title IX Coordinator Signature: _____

Date of filing: _____

Notice to Complainant: This document is a legal record of the allegations of sexual harassment that you have reported to HCA in order to request a formal investigation.

Please keep a copy of this completed form and any supporting documentation for your records. Please also review your rights and responsibilities at HCA, which is attached to this form and also available online at: www.hcacs.net/resources . Any questions or concerns that you may have during this process may be directed to the HCA Title IX Coordinator.

If, after reviewing your complaint form, the Title IX Coordinator finds that the allegations are not appropriate for a Title IX sexual harassment formal complaint process but should be investigated by the school under a different policy or procedure, your formal complaint form will be forwarded to the appropriate school personnel in accordance with HCA policies. You have the right to appeal the dismissal of your formal complaint, as explained in the HCA Title IX Policy and formal complaint process.