



2024 Joint Guidance on Federal Title IX Regulations Analysis on Section 106.2: Definition – Party

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Note: This document focuses on a summary analysis of Section 106.2, specifically Definition – Party.¹ For a full overview of the changes from the 2020 Regulations and the 2024 Final Regulations, see *Title IX Text for Text 2020 and 2024 Regulation Final Comparison*, available at <https://system.suny.edu/sci/titleix/>.

§ 106.2: Definition – Party

Party means a complainant or respondent.²

This is a new definition for the 2024 rule and was not defined in the prior iteration of Title IX.

The Department of Education specified that “party” or “parties” is intended to include only a “complainant” or a “respondent” as defined in section 106.2.³ The Department furthermore specified that a Title IX Coordinator who initiates a complaint under section 106.44(f)(1)(v) is not considered a “party” nor is any other participant in the Title IX grievance procedure, such as a witness or adjudicator.⁴

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¹ The effective date of these Regulations will be August 1, 2024 and will apply prospectively. The Department has stated it will provide technical assistance during the transition period and after the effective date.

² 34 C.F.R. Section 106.2.

³ 2024 Title IX Final Rule, 89 Fed. Reg. 33528 (April 29, 2024).

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