A Title IX Investigation can proceed based upon a formal complaint by the complainant or initiated independently by a Title IX Coordinator.

To commence a formal complaint, the report must be made to a Title IX Coordinator or school authority that can take corrective measures for the school or to any employee of an elementary and secondary school.

Schools must provide a free advisor to parties upon request.

A complainant must be participating (or attempting to participate) in the education program or activity of the school with which the formal complaint is filed.

Schools can only investigate if the respondent is under the school’s "substantial control" and the sexual harassment happened in a location owned and controlled by the school or recognized student organization.

Schools must offer support measures to both parties.

A school must respond "promptly" (without a definite time period) to Title IX sexual harassment that is not "deliberately indifferent." A recipient is deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

At the required post secondary live hearing, the decision-maker(s) must permit each party’s advisor to question the other party and witnesses.

Informal resolution (including mediation) is allowed, except for allegations that an employee sexually harassed a student.