



ENSURING FAIR TREATMENT FOR GIRLS IN OREGON

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TITLE IX

- We've all heard of it
- What do you do?
- Confusing process, little enforcement, no clarity for novices/parents/youth



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REALLY A
PROBLEM IN
OREGON?







Softball

Lake Oswego softball players file lawsuit against district, claim Title IX discrimination



Lake Oswego's softball team plays its home games on a junior high school field. (Jen Beyrle/Staff)

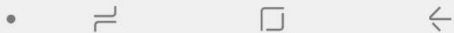
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Ten members of the Lake Oswego High School softball team sued the Lake Oswego School District



*Ernie Brown, Superintendent
Tigard-Tualatin School District Board*

RE: TURF SOFT BALL FIELD and Title IX

Dear Superintendent Brown and the Facilities Committee:

Thank you for considering needed upgrades in school facilities for girls spring softball.

We want to highlight this serious need that must be included in any facility plan and implemented as soon as possible. We are pleased that it is included in the potential fall ballot measure, but need to emphasize that this project must be implemented asap.

As you may know, all outdoor varsity sports at Tigard H.S. play either indoors or on turf (or a hard surface in the case of tennis). Boys football, all lacrosse, all track, all soccer play and boys baseball play on such surfaces during the spring and fall seasons. The exception is girls softball, which is currently forced to play at a location not only without proper drainage and turf, but also at the bottom of the campus where water naturally drains.

Other school districts in the region have rectified this situation for their female athletes participating in spring softball. West Linn, Wilsonville and Sunset are just a few of the districts that have recognized that it is not equitable for female athletes to play at substandard facilities.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX), and its implementing regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 prohibit discrimination based on sex in any education program that receives federal funding, including sports. TTSD clearly is covered by this law. Recipients of federal assistance, including state and local educational agencies, must comply with the Title IX requirement for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints and response from the

Long Wait, Complicated Process, Many Roadblocks





Tigard HS Softball Field

Lake Oswego High's turf softball field is finally in place

👤 Pamplin Media Group

📅 Thursday, August 30, 2018

Some details still to be completed, but LOSD officials say the facility required by a Title IX settlement 'can be used now'



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