



Data Tip: Single-Sex Interscholastic Athletics

Data involving single-sex interscholastic athletics are collected to ensure gender equity in athletic opportunities in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

Ed policy guidance on interscholastic athletics is available at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-20100420.pdf>.

Single-Sex Interscholastic Sports

- Count each sport (e.g. baseball, basketball, soccer, football, soccer) one time.
- Do not count intramural sports.
- Do not count sideline cheerleading as a sport.
- Count sports in which only male or only female students participate or where females compete only against females and males compete only against males.
- Count sports for students in grades 9-12 or ungraded high school age students.

Single-Sex Interscholastic Sport Teams

- For each sport, count each competitive level team, such as freshman, junior varsity, and varsity teams.
- Count only teams in which only males or only females compete.
- Count teams for students in grades 9-12 or ungraded high school age students.

Participants in Single-Sex Interscholastic Sports Teams

- Count a student one time for **each** single-sex sports team he or she participates in. For example, a male student who participates in a male basketball junior varsity team and a male soccer varsity team would be counted twice.
- Count only students in grades 9-12 or ungraded high school age students.

Data Tip: Generally only boys participate in football, however this year a girl is on the team. The team would no longer be considered a single-sex team.

Data Tip: A school has a boys' basketball team and a girls' basketball team. Because boys compete against boys and girls compete against girls, these are considered single-sex sports teams.

Data Tip: In past years the wrestling team has included both boys and girls. This year only boys participate. Report wrestling as a single-sex sports team this year.

Data Tip: Dance line, forensics, debate, choir and band are NOT considered interscholastic sports.

Data Tip: For an interscholastic athletics sport (e.g., swimming), if girls only compete against girls and boys only compete against boys, count the sport as a female only sport and a male only sport.