

Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act

What is the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act?

The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) is a federal law passed in 1994 that requires universities and colleges to make available gender equity information about their athletic programs. Schools that are coeducational, participate in a federally funded financial aid program, and have intercollegiate varsity level sports teams must provide certain gender equity information for their athletic programs. Making this information available gives students, prospective students, and the general public the opportunity to evaluate schools' athletic offerings.

By October 15 of each year, schools must make available the information for the previous year and report this information to the federal government.

What kind of information must schools make available?

Schools must provide information on:

- Sports teams and participation by gender
- Athletic scholarship dollars awarded to female and male athletes
- Average salaries of head and assistant coaches for women's and men's teams
- Number of head and assistant coaches for women's and men's teams
- Recruitment expenses for female and male athletes
- Revenues for women's and men's teams
- Operating expenses for women's and men's teams
- Overall expenses for women's and men's teams

How can this information be obtained?

The EADA requires that the information be easily accessible upon request. Copies of the report should be available in schools' intercollegiate athletics offices, admissions offices, and libraries. In addition, the information may also be found on the web at <http://ope.ed.gov/athletics> or by calling the U.S. Department of Education at (202) 708-7888.