

Title IX: Athletic Opportunities for Girls

The National Women's Law Center

Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 et seq.) prohibits **sex** discrimination in education and in employment.

- *"No person in the United States shall, **on the basis of sex**, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."*

Title IX: Athletics

Three basic requirements:

1. Schools must offer male and female students **equal opportunities to play or participate.**
2. Schools must **allocate athletic scholarship dollars equitably.**
3. Schools must provide male and female athletes with **equal benefits/services.**



Participation: The “Three-Part Test”



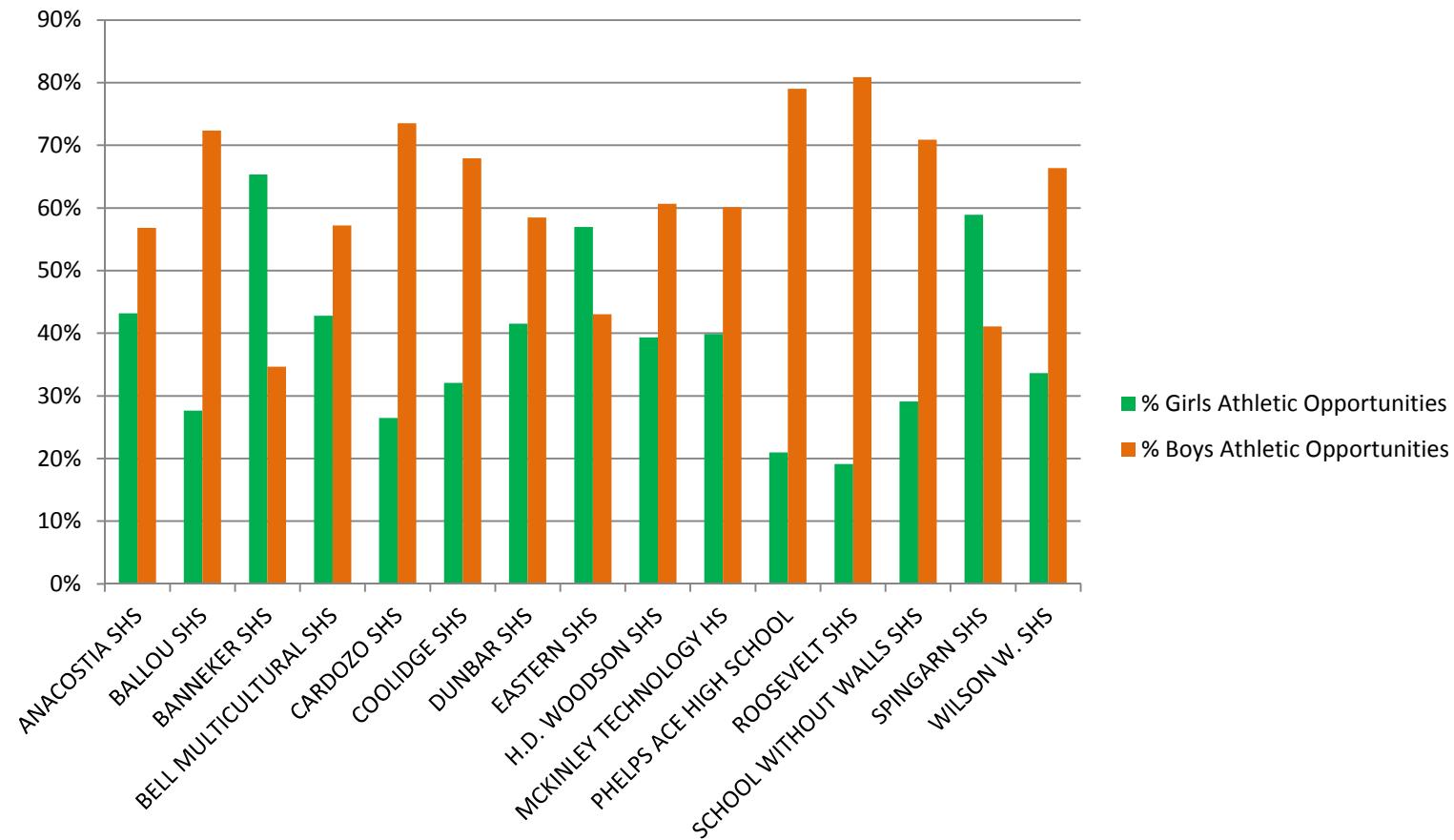
Schools are providing equal participation opportunities to their male & female students if:

- Prong 1: Athletic participation opportunities for males and females are substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments; OR
- Prong 2: The school has a history and continuing practice of expanding athletic participation opportunities for the underrepresented sex; OR
- Prong 3: The school has fully and effectively accommodated the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

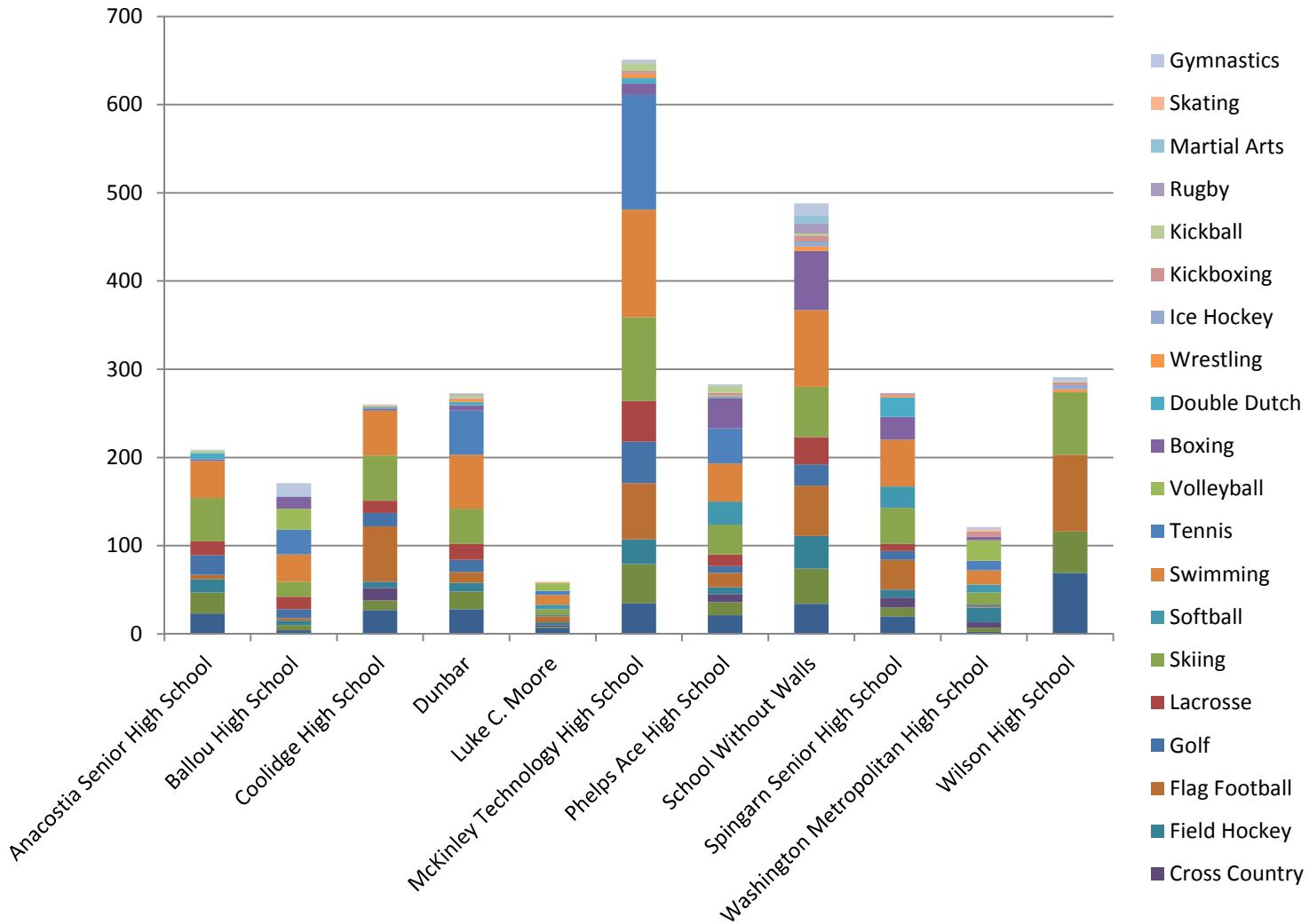
DCPS's Participation Gaps

School	Female Sports	Male Sports	% Female - School Population	% Girls Athletic Opportunities	DCPS Gap
ANACOSTIA SHS	7	8	49%	43%	6%
BALLOU SHS	4	6	53%	28%	26%
BANNEKER SHS	8	6	70%	65%	5%
BELL MULTICULTURAL SHS	8	8	49%	43%	7%
CARDOZO SHS	5	8	44%	26%	18%
COOLIDGE SHS	7	9	43%	32%	11%
DUNBAR SHS	6	8	48%	42%	6%
EASTERN SHS	6	3	58%	57%	2%
H.D. WOODSON SHS	8	9	49%	39%	10%
MCKINLEY TECHNOLOGY HS	7	9	51%	40%	11%
PHELPS ACE HIGH SCHOOL	2	4	41%	21%	20%
ROOSEVELT SHS	5	10	45%	19%	26%
SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS SHS	5	7	47%	29%	17%
SPINGARN SHS	8	7	65%	59%	6%
WILSON W. SHS	9	10	52%	34%	19%
TOTAL	95	112	51%	39%	12%

Opportunity Gaps for Girls in DCPS



DCPS Girl's Interest in Sports



Adequate Defenses to Unequal Treatment?

1. “There aren’t enough fields or facilities to allow girls and boys to play in the same season.”
2. “Even if the girls’ soccer team is treated worse than the boys’ soccer team, the girls’ basketball team is treated better than the boys’ basketball team.”
3. “The boys’ equipment costs more than the girls’ equipment.”
4. “More people come to the boys’ games so they deserve the better schedule.”