



## The *Amelia Ford* Case

**Case Name:** *Arkansas v. U.S. Department of Education*

**Case Status:** Alongside six states (Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska), Alliance Defending Freedom filed a lawsuit in the Eastern District of Missouri on May 7, 2024 on behalf of female athlete Amelia Ford. The lawsuit challenges the Biden administration's new Title IX rules redefining "sex" to include gender identity.

### **Background:**

Amelia Ford is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at Brookland High School in Jonesboro, Arkansas, where she competes on the girls' basketball and volleyball teams. Amelia has sacrificed countless hours to train and compete on her basketball teams so that she can be the best she can be. But because of the new Title IX rules, Amelia's school will be required to allow males who identify as female to compete against Amelia on her teams as well as access the girls' locker room, bathroom, and shower areas, risking Amelia's safety, privacy, and right to fair competition. The new Title IX rules also threaten Amelia's free speech. Amelia believes that God created two separate sexes and that boys cannot become girls regardless of what they feel or think. So Amelia will not use inaccurate pronouns contradicting someone's sex and wants to express her belief that sex is immutable and something to be cherished, not rejected. But the new Title IX rules threaten Amelia with punishment for using these pronouns and for speaking consistent with her views on gender identity.

Amelia, therefore, is standing up to challenge the Biden administration's unlawful rewrite of Title IX to protect fairness in women's sports, free speech, and privacy and safety in women's locker rooms, bathrooms, and other facilities.

### **Key Points**

- Title IX was designed to provide women with equal opportunities. The administration's radical redefinition of sex denies women opportunities, upends basic fairness, and even threatens safety.
- Girls and boys deserve private spaces to shower and undress. A girl shouldn't be forced to share a locker room, hotel room, or restroom with a boy. The Biden administration's reckless redefinition tells girls that their privacy and safety don't matter.
- No one should be punished for speaking the truth. Forcing people to disregard the truth of biological reality is not the answer.

**The Bottom Line:** The Biden administration's radical redefinition of sex in Title IX turns back the clock on women's opportunities, erodes student privacy, and threatens women's sports. The administration has rejected reality and chosen radical ideology over students' best interests.