



## The Adaleia Cross and Christian Educators Case

**Case Name:** *Tennessee v. Cardona*

**Case Status:** Several states (TN, KY, OH, WV, IN, VA) filed suit on April 30, 2024 in the Eastern District of Kentucky challenging the Biden administration’s unlawful redefinition of sex in Title IX. On May 3, 2024, ADF filed a motion to intervene on behalf of female athlete Adaleia Cross and Christian Educators Association International, an association of Christian teachers with members across the country.

### Background:

Adaleia Cross is a 9th-grade student at Bridgeport High School in West Virginia, where she competes in discus and shot put on the girls’ track and field team. From a young age, Adaleia has played sports, including soccer, gymnastics, swimming, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Competition took a turn once Adaleia made the girls’ track & field team and had to begin competing against a male athlete who identified as female. This male athlete would eventually displace female athletes over 600 times and would displace Adaleia from competing at the Mid Mountain 10 MS Championships. This male athlete also made inappropriate and vulgar sexual comments to Adaleia in the girls’ locker room and on the girls’ track and field team.

Christian Educators, with around 8,000 dues-paying members in all 50 states, is a professional association that works to support Christians who teach and serve in the education system. Because of the new Title IX rules, members of Christian Educators can be punished and may lose their jobs because they will not use inaccurate pronouns contrary to someone’s sex, and because they want to express their beliefs: that sex is immutable and that boys cannot become girls or vice versa. Some of these members also face losing their right to access sex-designated spaces like bathrooms while preserving their right to privacy and safety.

On behalf of Adaleia Cross and Christian Educators, ADF is challenging the Title IX regulations to secure fairness in women’s sports, privacy and safety to access sex-specific spaces, and the right to speak freely.

### Key Facts

- Title IX was designed to provide women with equal opportunities. This radical redefinition denies women opportunities, upends basic fairness, and even threatens privacy and safety.
- Ignoring biological reality creates real victims—impacting the dignity and safety of women and girls.
- The government should protect the privacy and safety of all students, not undermine it.
- Teachers shouldn’t lose their jobs 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’ privacy, safety, and fairness.