

Dear AAUW students:

AAUW is pleased to introduce [Students Active for Ending Rape \(SAFER\)](#), an exciting and innovative national organization that empowers student-led campaigns to reform college sexual assault policies. An AAUW partner and former Community Action Grant recipient, SAFER—together with [V-Day](#)—recently launched the [Campus Accountability Project](#), a transformative policy reform initiative that seeks to make U.S. colleges and universities safer for all students. But they need your help!

How to Get Involved

The fight to end sexual assault may seem overwhelming, but participating in the Campus Accountability Project is an easy and important way to be part of the conversation and encourage change. Phase 1 of the project invites college students to become advocates by researching their schools' sexual assault policies to find out what their schools are or are not doing to prevent and respond to sexual violence. Your school's sexual assault policy should be online or located in a student handbook.

Once you have located your school's policy and are ready to submit your findings, you can [register and view the Campus Accountability Project database](#). If your school is not in the database already, click on "Submit Your School" to be guided through the process of analyzing your school's policy and contributing to the database. Trained SAFER staff will review individual submitted policies and will be available to answer any questions you have as you complete the questionnaire. If your school is already included in the database, you can peruse the current analysis and e-mail CAP@safercampus.org with any comments or updates.

As students from across the country submit their schools' policies, SAFER and V-Day can begin Phase 2 of the project, which is to collect and review all policies. Once this is accomplished, SAFER and V-Day will compile and release a comprehensive report on the state of sexual assault policies on American campuses.

SAFER and V-Day offer many tools and resources to help you if, during your review, you find policies or programs that you believe should be changed. Check out SAFER's [Activist Resource Center](#) for information on how to organize school-wide efforts. This site provides guidance on a number of projects, from raising awareness about sexual violence to total reform of your school's sexual assault policy. Trained SAFER staff members also are available for [on-campus teach-ins and to organize trainings](#) to help you make lasting change.

AAUW and SAFER are impressed by students' commitment to advancing education and equity for women and girls around the country, and we encourage you to [get involved with this important new project](#). For more resources and ideas to help you and your school administrators address campus sexual assault, be sure to visit the [section on campus sexual assault](#) in the AAUW Online Resource Library. Please contact AAUW Program Manager Holly Kearn at kearlh@auw.org or 202/785-7719 with any questions or thoughts.

Sincerely,

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