



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF TITLE IX COMPLIANCE  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS POLICE  
NATCHITOCHES CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NATCHITOCHES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
NATCHITOCHES PARISH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3399.14, as amended by Act 439 and 472 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is a collaboration between the Natchitoches Police Department, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, Natchitoches Parish District Attorney, the City of Natchitoches, Northwestern State University Police Department, (the "Law Enforcement Group"), Northwestern State University Office of Title IX Compliance, and Northwestern State University (the "Institutions"). Each are represented by the authorized signatory below.

The law requires that all public institutions of higher education shall enter into and maintain a written memorandum of agreement with local law enforcement agencies, including the campus police department, if any, the local district attorney's office, and any law enforcement agency with criminal jurisdiction over the campus, to clearly delineate the responsibilities and share information, in accordance with applicable state and federal confidentiality laws, including, but not limited to trends regarding power-based violence committed by or against students of the University.

With signature of this MOU all parties' representatives are demonstrating a commitment to the requirements of La R.S. 17:3399.14. This agreement shall be reviewed annually by each institution's chancellor/president, Title IX Coordinator, and the executive officer of each Law Enforcement Agency, and revised as needed.



Nothing in this MOU entered into by the Parties shall be construed as prohibiting a victim or responsible employee from making a complaint to both the University and a Law Enforcement Agency.

The parties agree as follows:

**1. Northwestern State University Police Department, Natchitoches City Police Department, Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, and Natchitoches Parish District Attorney's Office, agree to:**

- a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Institutions, including each University's campus security and Title IX Coordinator, and to serve as the Law Enforcement Agency's contact person;
- b. Maintain communication and contact with the University, to the extent they are able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, including meeting with the University's Title IX Coordinator or others to assist the University in resolving power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of the University, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;
- c. Notify the University to the extent they are able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence committed on the University's campuses by or against students of an institution;
- d. Coordinate investigations with the University and Title IX Coordinator, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving power-based violence committed on the University's campuses by or against students of the University is fully investigated;
- e. Assist in the development and implementation of training for use by the University for sharing information and conducting investigations into power-based violence committed on the University's campuses by or against students of the University;
- f. Share general information with the University representative about power-based violence committed within the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety;



g. Include in its police reports information related to the status of the alleged victim as a student at the University; and h. Develop and support policies and procedures to establish and maintain meaningful communication between all Parties to this MOU.

**2. Northwestern State University agrees to:**

- a. Designate a liaison to serve and work with the Law Enforcement Agencies, and to serve as the University's contact person;
- b. Maintain communication and contact with the Law Enforcement Agencies, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, including meeting with their Title IX Coordinator or others to assist in resolving power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of an institution, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence;
- c. Notify the Law Enforcement Agencies, to the extent able with respect to any confidentiality requirements imposed by law, of any report of power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of the University;
- d. Coordinate investigations with the Law Enforcement Agencies, to the extent able to do so without jeopardizing their own investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving power-based violence committed on their respective campuses by or against students of the University is fully investigated;
- e. Assist Title IX in the development and implementation of training with the Law Enforcement Agencies for the sharing of information and conducting investigations into power-based violence committed on their campuses by or against students of the University.
- f. Share general information with the Law Enforcement Agencies, where applicable, communicate violence committed on their campuses by or against students of the University, with the goal of promoting and improving campus safety; and
- g. Develop and support the policies and procedures to establish and maintain the communication between all Parties to this MOU.

**3. Term:** This MOU should be reviewed annually and revised as needed.



# NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby accepted and adopted by the following authorized representatives:

*Nikeo Collins*  
 Nikeo Collins-Chief of Police-Natchitoches Police Department

11-12-25  
 Date

*Stuart Wright*  
 Stuart Wright-Natchitoches Parish Sheriff

11-12-25  
 Date

*Billy Joe Harrington*  
 Billy Joe Harrington-Natchitoches Parish District Attorney

11-12-25  
 Date

*Kirk Soileau*  
 Kirk Soileau-CEO-Natchitoches Regional Medical Center

11/12/2025  
 Date

*Ronnie Williams*  
 Ronnie Williams-City of Natchitoches

11-12-2025  
 Date

*Craig Vercher*  
 Craig Vercher-Chief-Northwestern State University

11/12/25  
 Date

*Julie Powell*  
 Julie Powell-Director TIX-Northwestern State University

11-12-25  
 Date

*James Genovese*  
 James Genovese-President-Northwestern State University

11/12/25  
 Date