Clery Act Quiz

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1. “B” is the correct answer

   The Clery Act requires that schools participating in federal student aid funding notify the campus when a crime has been reported.

2. “A,” “C,” and “D,” are the correct answers

   The Clery Act requires a daily crime log with all the crimes that happen on campus, emergency alerts, and an annual report listing all the crimes (and more) for that year.

3. “False” is the correct answer

   Student journalists shouldn’t feel reporting their school for Clery Act noncompliance is a violation of journalistic ethics. It’s like disputing a denied request for records: if the public isn’t getting the information they’re entitled to and that journalists need to inform the student body, it becomes a necessity.

4. “C” is the correct answer

   The report has to detail every single Clery crime for the past three years — which makes it easy for journalists to compare how crime has changed from one year to the next.

5. “B” is the correct answer
Under the Clery Act, your school is required to keep a log of every crime and alleged crime that happens on campus, and they’re supposed to update it every 48 hours.

6. “D” is the correct answer

The crime log must include a few key elements:
- The date the crime was reported
- The date and time the crime occurred
- A description of the reported incident (ex: Simple Assault)
- The general location of the crime
- The current status of the complaint (ex: Criminal Arrest)

7. “A” is the correct answer

The Clery Act designates how schools must investigate domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This means there are separate requirements from those of a normal disciplinary investigation into, for example, cheating on a test. Here are some of those requirements from the Clery Act.

8. “C” is the correct answer

A full program review can take anywhere from two to seven years. But a recent change identifies violations up front, which means student journalists can get their hands on that information within a matter of months. Read more about the change here.

9. “True” is the correct answer

While many other federal laws don't apply to private schools, the Clery Act applies to all schools participating in federal aid programs — which is virtually every school.

10. “D” is the correct answer

The Department of Education enforces the Clery Act, so it evaluates the merit of Clery Act complaints and suspected violations. If DOE confirms a violation occurred, it launches a program review, which is a full investigation of Clery Act violations by the school.