

Lindsay James voted to let men play in girls' sports and to enter girls' locker rooms.

On February 21, 2022, James Voted Against A Bill Mandating That Students Must Participate In The Sport Based On Biological Sex Not Gender Identity. “An Act relating to student eligibility requirements in school district, accredited nonpublic school, regent institution, community college, and certain other institution of higher education athletics based on sex, and including effective date provisions. ... An interscholastic athletic team, sport, or athletic event that is sponsored or sanctioned by an educational institution or organization must be designated as one of the following, based on the sex at birth of the participating students: Females, women, or girls. Males, men, or boys. Coeducational or mixed. b. Only female students, based on their sex, may participate in any team, sport, or athletic event designated as being for females, women, or girls.” ([HF 2416](#), Iowa Legislature, Passed House 55-39; [James Voted Nay](#) 2/18/22)

On February 27, 2025, James Voted Against SF 418 Which Allowed Separate Locker Rooms Based On Biological Sex And Schools May Maintain Separate Male And Female Locker Rooms As Long As Comparable Facilities Are Provided. “Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, distinctions based on sex, including but not limited to in prisons or other detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, locker rooms, restrooms, and in other contexts where health, safety, or privacy are implicated resulting in separate accommodations, are substantially related to the important government objectives of protecting the health, safety, and privacy of the persons in these contexts. ... For the purpose of this section, “educational institution” includes any preschool, elementary or secondary school, community college, area education agency, or postsecondary college or university and their governing boards. This section does not prohibit an educational institution from maintaining separate toilet facilities, locker rooms, or living facilities for the different sexes so long as comparable facilities are provided. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any bona fide religious institution from imposing qualifications based on religion, or sexual orientation, or gender identity when such qualifications are related to a bona fide religious purpose or any institution from admitting students of only one sex.” ([SF 418](#), Iowa Legislature, Passed House 60-36; [James Voted Nay](#), 2/27/25)