

GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE
Administrative Procedure

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New Content on Web Pages

New web content on the Grays Harbor website will be created in compliance with and meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 at an AA success criteria or latest standards.

Existing Content on Web Pages

The updating and replacing of existing college web content will address and implement the same WCAG 2.0 AA level standards. The content will be updated based on a timeline established by the college and posted no later than March 31, 2017.

Acquiring Accessible Software and Hardware

The college will make all efforts possible to procure accessible software and hardware. In the event that accessible software or hardware is unavailable, the college will provide individuals with disabilities equivalent access.

Exceptions

Conformance to standards may not always be feasible due to the nature of the content, the purpose of the resource, the lack of accessible solutions, or an unreasonably high administrative or financial cost necessary to make the resource accessible.

The following circumstances may qualify as exceptions from this policy:

1. Where compliance is not technically possible or may require extraordinary measures due to the nature or intent of the information resource, application, or service.
2. Where compliance would result in a fundamental alteration of the information resource, application, or service, and not satisfy the original intent.
3. Where, in the case that information resources, applications and services that are procured through third party vendors or contractors; and that no alternative accessible products are available from other third party vendors or contractors, procurement can be made of a non-compliant product.
4. Where the product is not currently in compliance, but efforts are underway to fix the defects by a defined date.

Definitions

Accessible - means a person with a disability is afforded the opportunity to acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services as a person without a disability in an equally effective and equally integrated manner, with substantially equivalent ease of use. The person with a disability must be able to obtain the information as fully, equally and independently as a person without a disability.

Related Information

- [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) of 1990 Accessibility Requirements
- [Americans with Disabilities Act Section 504](#) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- [Americans with Disabilities Act Section 508](#), Rehabilitation Act of 1998
- [Washington State Office of the Chief Information Officer Policy 188](#) - Accessibility
- [Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges](#) - Accessible Technology 3.20.30b

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- [Web Accessibility Initiative \(WAI\)](#)
- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(CWAG\) 2.0](#)
- [World Wide Web Consortium \(W3C\)](#)