

Web Accessibility Standards and Guidelines

In accordance with California Government Code - 11135, and in accordance with Chancellor's office [Legal Opinion M 03-09](#) and [Legal Opinion M 01-17](#), the California Community College system follows Section 508 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility Standards. It is important to note, however, that this is simply the minimum requirement for technical accessibility. Additional strategies and solutions are encouraged to provide for on-line content usable and accessible by all students.

Relevant US Section 508 Standards Links

- [Section 508 Standards and Law](#)
- [Solutions for Web-based content](#)
- [Section 508.gov](#)
- [Top 10 Questions about Section 508](#) (as interpreted by CSU System)

World Wide Web Consortium - Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)

The Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) provides guidance and direction regarding how to make web content more accessible. The WAI publishes guidelines on web syntax, authoring tools, and web browsers identifying how to make such technologies usable and operable by individuals, regardless of ability.

- [W3C Web Accessibility Initiative](#)
- [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 1.0](#)

Web Evaluation and Repair

There are a number of tools available to evaluate and repair web content. Currently, the HTCTU provides training and support for LIFT for Dreamweaver, InFocus, and A-Prompt. With all evaluation and repair tools, however, it is important to recognize that such tools will not assess the functional accessibility (i.e., usability) of web content. It is possible to pass an evaluation check and yet still not have web content usable by those using assistive computer technology. Evaluation and repair tools provide a useful, but not complete, method of insuring web accessibility.

Evaluation Tools

- [Bobby](#) (only web-based version free)
- [The WAVE](#) (web-based, free)

Evaluation and Repair Tools

- [A-Prompt](#) (free)
- [InFocus 4.2](#) (purchase)
- [LIFT for Dreamweaver and FrontPage](#) (purchase)
- [AccVerify and AccRepair](#) (purchase)

Universal Design Resources

- [Center for Universal Design - Principles](#)
- [Universal Design for Learning](#)
- [Designing a More Usable World - TRACE Center](#)

California Virtual Campus Project (CVC)

The CVC project supports California Community College faculty teaching within the on-line environment. Central to delivering on-line communication is providing such material in a format that is universally accessible by all students. Training and support is available on how to create accessible on-line learning environments using the latest Learning Management Systems.

CVC Resources

- [Professional Development Center](#)
- [Bay Area Center \(CVC 1\)](#)
- [Los Angeles Center \(CVC 2\)](#)
- [Southern California Regional Center \(CVC 3\)](#)
- [Statewide/Rural Regional Center \(CVC 4\)](#)