







Colorado 2024 Web Accessibility Checklist [download latest]

Congratulations on your commitment to ensuring that your district's website is accessible to your entire community, including those with disabilities. This checklist will help you ensure compliance with **HB21-1110** and **8 CCR 1501-11** by the July 1, 2024 deadline.

Before you begin

Review the latest <u>Technology Accessibility Rules</u> from Colorado's Office of Information Technology
Perform an initial scan to check for known issues using checkmydistrict.org or another tool
Have your website provider's contact information to report any issues

One-time actions - examples available at https://getstreamline.com/accessibility-policy

- 1. **Designate an accessibility officer** We have designated one staff member to be the accessibility officer who will be the go-to contact for accessibility issues.
- 2. **Approve an accessibility policy/transition plan¹** Our board has approved an accessibility policy that includes the level of accessibility you are adhering to (WCAG 2.1 AA)
- 3. **Create and post an accessibility page** We have created a dedicated accessibility website page to house all accessibility-related content.
- 4. **Create a process for community concerns** We have a process in place where a community member can submit a concern via form, phone number, and/or email address
- 5. **Enable closed captions on your videos** Our videos all have closed captions, and we have a process for including closed captions in future videos. YouTube includes this for free, when enabled. <u>Learn how</u>.

Ongoing actions - recommended once per month

- 6. Scan your website pages each month We have scanned every page of our website, every page has a score and list of issues to remediate. Free tools include <u>checkmydistrict.org</u>, Google Chrome Lighthouse (F12 will activate), and achecker.com. Demand your web developer address any issues that arise.
- 7. **Check your attachments** We have checked all of our attachments and written a disclaimer for any third-party attachments that we do not have the ability to remediate. Note: 8 CCR 1501-11 provides an "undue burden" clause that could apply for archived PDFs, although we recommend fixing popular PDFs
- 8. Perform remediations if issues are detected by a scan or reported by your community, take action to fix

Other actions to consider

- Third-party ADA audit larger districts should consider hiring an outside firm to conduct an audit. Manual
 testing by users with disabilities is the gold standard to ensure access.
- Choosing a platform or insurance that indemnifies or insures you against the risk of fines

Updated Jan 23, 2024, for the latest recommendations to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) / WCAG 2.1 AA / Section 508 / HB 21-1110 (CO) and 8 CCR 1501-11. Learn more about accessibility for special districts at https://www.nationalspecialdistricts.org/ada

www.getstreamline.com/accessibility

¹ Stay tuned for more information and a special district template for the required technology accessibility transition plan