# School District Accessibility: Navigating the Puzzle

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#### How much have you been introduced to accessibility?

#### What are your biggest pain points?

#### What question do you have that haven't been answered yet?

Other question...





#### Project Leadership & Champion Group

#### Scope of the Project



## Recent Update WCAG 2.1

- A mobile-first atmosphere who's experience matches that of a desktop experience with an emphasis on better touch screen function compatibility for assistive technology.
- Upgraded visual standards from 200% resizable to 400% without loosing functionality.
- Minimizing the use of interruptions on a website like pop up ads
- Easier ability for a user to correct their actions if a wrong link is clicked or action is taken on your site.

# Is your sitemap a rat's nest?

# Sitemaps



#### Structure and navigation – "Access to Your Schools"

TOOLS:

- Smartsheet
- Google Sheets
- Adobe Creative Suite for added visuals

# Audit



- Content
- Graphics
- Closed Captioning
- Color Contrast
- PDFs



FREE Tool: <a href="http://wave.webaim.org/">http://wave.webaim.org/</a>

## Content



- Who will update the current content? (implement)
- Who will write new content?
- Do you need to schedule for staff training?
- How many people have access to the website and how can you monitor what is being done right & wrong?
- Are you using directional language?



# Graphics

- Image Alt Text
- Is the image purely graphical or does it add to the story of the page?
- TIP: If there is text include it but keep them short/brief!

### Alt Text





Bad: img4653.jpg

Acceptable: 2 female students

Good: 2 female science students

Best: 2 female science students mixing solutions in beaker

**Overkill:** 2 female students one in white shirt and one in green shirt dropping solution in a beaker in a science classroom.



#### "Null"

# In some cases, images may be given an empty or null alt attribute (e.g., alt="").

https://webaim.org/techniques/alttext/



# **Closed Captioning**

- Try watching a video without the audio on do you know what is going on?
- Benefits outside of Assistive Technology too Scrolling & Constantly Connected Consumer Society
- YouTube free captioning free is free
- Rev.com
- Facebook Captions



# Color Contrast

- Needs to pass AA standards.
- Look at your brand
- Contrast Checkers (4.5:1 ratio)
  - <u>http://accessible-colors.com/</u>
  - <u>http://contrast-ratio.com/#white-on-%23abb400</u>

#### ACCESSIBLE COLORS



My text color is **#747474** at **18 px** and **regular** weight

My background color is **#EEEEEE** 

My design must be AA compliant

Fails AA Required contrast ratio: 4.5 Your contrast ratio: 4.03	Passes AA if you change background color to #FBFBFB New contrast ratio: 4.52	Passes AA if you change text color to #6C6C6C New contrast ratio: 4.53
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amet, consectetur	amet, consectetur	amet, consectetur
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#### How to use

↔ Swap colors

As you type, the contrast ratio indicated will update. Hover over the circle to get more detailed information. When semi-transparent colors are involved as backgrounds, the contrast ratio will have an error margin, to account for the different colors they may be over.

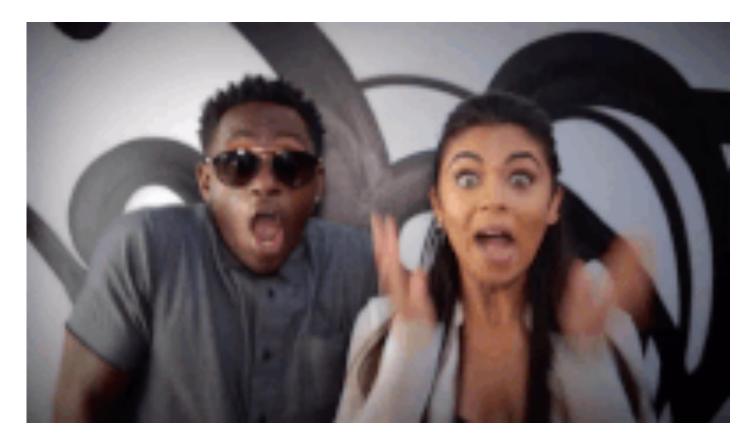
This sample text attempts to visually demonstrate how readable this color combination is, for normal or **bold** text of various sizes and font styles.

Hint: Press the up and down keyboard arrows while over a number inside a functional color notation. Watch it increment/decrement. Try with the

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#### **PDFs**



~ Giphy



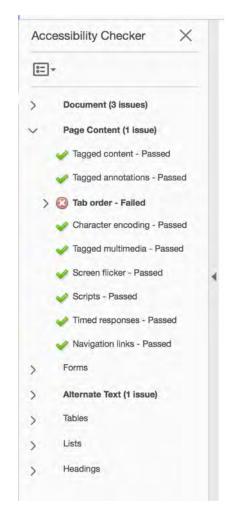
#### **PDFs Boos**

- By nature, they are not accessible.
- Have to be built twice.
- Not mobile responsive ever!
- People cannot interactive with them right away

# **PDF** Tips

- Start thinking **differently**. Make web pages and do other things instead of posting them online.
- Create a template for PDFs that translates to a landing pages on your website.
- Check PDFs for accessibility some is manual.
- Archival needs









#### **Documentation**





#### **Archival Content**

- Accessibility Statement
- Contact
- Plan and Access





#### Good Reads/Listens

#### <u>Are the PDFs on Your Website Accessible?</u> by CEL

#### <u>The All-in-One Digital Accessibility Ebook</u> by Siteimprove

<u>17 School Website Accessibility Questions Answered</u> by Finalsite



#### https://celpr.com/schools

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