

Distance ED Question #8

8. Board Policy 3411 mandates that all EIT (Electronic Information Technology) (i.e. video, audio, websites, web services and software) comply with Section 508 standards (law).

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 3720 Computer and Network Use, your authorizing Dean or Manager must contact Information Technology (IT) to verify accessibility of EIT, prior to purchasing or installing of any new software or hardware for education programs.

All EIT material will comply with the Section 508 standards, WCAG 2.0 AA, BP & AP 3411 and BP & AP 3720. Some examples are, visual elements will have alternative text tags (alt tags) and alternative descriptions to provide access for students with visual impairments; video elements will have closed captioning; sound and audio elements will have text equivalents.

Course syllabi will include statements reflecting compliance with ADAAA, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. Also, requesting students with disabilities to apprise the Instructor of their educational limitations so that accommodations can be made in a timely manner.

When course materials are not compatible with a person's disability, the Instructor will develop an Equally Effective Alternate Access Plan (EEAAP).

Sample responses to DE question #8

Yes, IT (Information Technology) has verified that all my EIT used in the course are compliant.

Or

No, not all my EIT are not compliant. I realize that as the Instructor that I will have to develop and provide an Equally Effective Alternate Access Plan, and that will include: