

General Institution

AP 3411 ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

References:

- 36 CFR, Sections 1194.1 and 1194.2;
- Government Code, Sections 7405, 11135, and 11546.7;
- Title 5, Sections 59300, et seq.;
- CCCCO Information and Communication Technology and Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

Information and communication technologies (ICT) are the primary means by which Cerritos College provides information to students, faculty, staff, and other constituents. The need to ensure accessibility to all members of the campus community is critical as more administrative services and learning environments are based on ICT. It is also a part of the District’s ongoing commitment to establishing a barrier-free learning community, or universal access, to all individuals.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office is committed to ensuring equal access to instructional materials and ICT for all, and particularly for individuals with disabilities in a timely manner. In accordance with California Government Code §7405, §Government Code §11135, Government code §11546.7, and best practices, the CCCCCO and CCC will comply with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Individuals with disabilities are guaranteed access to educational institutions and systems of communication under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Amendments to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Telecommunications Act Accessibility Guidelines under Section 255 of the Communications Act of 1934 clarify accessibility requirements for ICT developed, procured, maintained, or used by federal agencies.

The revised technical requirements include criteria to ensure that computer hardware, software, websites, telecommunications products, electronic documents, and support documentation and services are accessible to people with disabilities. When an accessible product is not readily available, an equally effective accommodation plan shall be devised.

Please refer to AP 3720 titled Computer and Network Use and AP 6365 titled Contracts – Accessibility of Information and Communication Technology for District procedures for obtaining and using information and communication technology.

35 Furthermore, California Government Code Section 7405 states the following:
36 (1) In order to improve accessibility of existing technology, and therefore increase the
37 successful employment of individuals with disabilities, particularly blind and
38 visually impaired and deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, state governmental
39 entities, in developing, procuring, maintaining, or using electronic or information
40 technology, either indirectly or through the use of state funds by other entities, shall
41 comply with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act
42 of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794d), and regulations implementing that
43 act as set forth in Part 1194 of Title 36 of the Federal Code of Regulations.

44 (2) Any entity that contracts with a state or local entity subject to this section for the
45 provision of electronic or information technology or for the provision of related
46 services shall agree to respond to, and resolve any complaint regarding
47 accessibility of its products or services that is brought to the attention of the entity.

48 Complaints regarding accessibility of ICT should be submitted online at
49 www.cerritos.edu/dsps-complaint.

50 Office of Primary Responsibility: President/Superintendent

51 Also refer to BP/AP 3720 titled Computer and Network Use and AP 6365 titled Contracts
52 – Accessibility of Information Technology.

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