Digital Accessibility

Addressing Digital Accessibility

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

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STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

1 — All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

2 — Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

3 — Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

4 — Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

5 — Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

6 — Every School and District is Rated "C" or Higher

Digital Accessibility Agenda

- What is Accessibility?

- It's the Law

- Checking for accessibility prior to sharing documents

- Why is Accessibility important?

- Who is responsible for accessibility?

- Questions

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Accessibility?

What Is Accessibility?

- Pre-Accessibility Assessment

- Demonstration

- [Video (https://mdek12.org/WAS)](https://mdek12.org/WAS)

It's the Law

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- American with Disability Act (ADA) (https://www.ada.gov/ada_intro.htm)

- Section 504 (https://www.dol.gov/oasam/regs/statutes/sec504.htm)

- Section 508 (Section508.gov)

- Summary from the MDE Compliance Update March 2019 Issue (mdek12.org/OC)

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Checking for Accessibility

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Checking for Accessibility

- Microsoft Office document checking

- The right way vs the wrong way to create a PDF

- Webpages and shared digital documents

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Website Scanning Tools

- http://wave.webaim.org

- https://www.webaccessibility.com/

- https://achecker.ca/checker/index.php

- https://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/tools/

Accessibility is Important

Why is Accessibility Important?

- It's the law

- The MDE should strive to be the model because of who we are

- It's the right thing to do and we want every person to have equal access to services we provide

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Accessibility Responsibility

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Who is Responsible for Accessibility?

- We all are

- But, why?

- The goal is to achieve and to maintain compliance

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Accessibility Resources

- The MDE Website Accessibility Statement (https://mdek12.org/WAS)

- Section508.gov

- American with Disability Act (ADA) (https://www.ada.gov/ada_intro.htm)

- Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI) https://www.w3.org/WAI/

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Questions

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