

1 **Lockwood School District #26**

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5 **Website Accessibility and Nondiscrimination**

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7 The District is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities have an opportunity equal to that of
8 their nondisabled peers to participate in the District’s programs, benefits, and services, including those
9 delivered through electronic and information technology, except where doing so would impose an undue
10 burden or create a fundamental alteration.

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12 **Benchmarks for Measuring Accessibility**

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14 In order to assure that people with disabilities have an opportunity equal to that of their nondisabled peers
15 to access information delivered through electronic and information technology, all pages on the District’s
16 website will conform to the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative’s (WAI) Web Content Accessibility
17 Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA and the Web Accessibility Initiative Accessible Rich Internet
18 Applications Suite (WAI-ARIA) 1.0 techniques for web content, or updated equivalents of these
19 guidelines, except where doing so would impose an undue burden or create a fundamental alteration.

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21 **Website Accessibility**

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23 With regard to the District’s website and any official District web presence which is developed by,
24 maintained by or offered through third party vendors and open sources, the District is committed to
25 compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 and Title II so
26 that students, parents and members of the public with disabilities are able to independently acquire the
27 same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same benefits and services within the
28 same timeframe as those without disabilities, which substantially equivalent ease of use; and that they are
29 not excluded from participation in, denied benefits or, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any
30 District programs, services, and activities delivered online.

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32 All existing web content produced by the District, and new, updated, and existing web content provided
33 by third party developers, will conform to the WCAG 1.0 Level AA and the WAI-ARIA 1 .0 techniques
34 for web content or updated equivalents. This policy applies to all new, updated, and existing web pages,
35 as well as all web content produced or updated by the District or provided by third-party developers.

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37 **Website Accessibility Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances**

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39 The following statement will appear on the District’s website homepage and all subsidiary pages:

40 *The District is committed to ensuring accessibility of its website for students, parents, and*
41 *members of the community with disabilities. All pages on the District's website will conform to*
42 *the W3C WAI's Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level AA conformance, or*
43 *updated equivalents.*

44 *Under District developed administrative procedures, students, parents, and members of the*
45 *public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act*
46 *(ADA), Section 504 related to the accessibility of any official District web presence which is*
47 *developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District or third party vendors and open*
48 *sources.*

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5 A student, parent, or member of the public who wishes to submit a complaint or grievance regarding a
6 violation of the ADA, Section 504 or Title II related to the accessibility of any official District web
7 presence that is developed by, maintained by, or offered through the District, third party vendors and/or
8 open sources may complain directly to a school administrator. The initial complaint or grievance should
9 be made using the District’s Uniform Grievance Form, upon request at the District office, however, a
10 verbal complaint or grievance may be made. When a school administrator receives the information, they
11 shall immediately inform the District’s **[IT Department or website compliance coordinator]**. The
12 Complainant need not wait for the investigation of any grievance or complaint in order to receive the
13 information requested.

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15 Whether or not a formal complaint or grievance is made, once the District has been notified of
16 inaccessible content, effective communication shall be provided as soon as possible to the reporting party
17 to provide access to the information.

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19 **Testing and Accountability**

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21 The District will ensure website accessibility training to all appropriate personnel, including employees
22 who are responsible for developing, loading, maintaining, or auditing web content functionality. The
23 **[designated responsible personnel or third party]** will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating new
24 material that is published by **[school staff or IT Department]** and uploaded to the website for
25 accessibility on a periodic basis. The **[designated responsible personnel or third party]** will be
26 responsible for reviewing all areas of the District’s website and evaluating its accessibility on a periodic
27 basis, and at least once per quarter. Any non-conforming webpages will be corrected in a timely manner.

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29 This policy shall be available to the public via a link entitled “Accessibility,” which shall be located on
30 the District’s homepage.

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33 Cross Reference: Policy 1700 Uniform Grievance Procedure

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36 Legal Reference: Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
37 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

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39 **Policy History:**

40 Adopted on: 9/12/17

41 Reviewed on:

42 Revised on: