Virtual Arkansas Accessibility Policy

Virtual Arkansas is committed to ensuring accessibility of its online presence for students, parents, and members of the community with disabilities. All pages of the Virtual Arkansas online sources will conform to the W3C WAI’s Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level AA conformance, or updated equivalents of these guidelines.

The accessibility committee is directed to establish procedures whereby students, parents, and members of the public may present a complaint regarding a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 and Title II related to the accessibility of any official Virtual Arkansas web presence which is developed, maintained by, or offered through Virtual Arkansas or third party vendors or open sources.

Website Accessibility

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

All existing web content produced by Virtual Arkansas, and new, updated and existing web content provided by third-party developers, will conform to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level AA conformance, or updated equivalents, and be continually updated as things change. This regulation applies to all new, updated, and existing web pages, as well as all web content produced or updated by Virtual Arkansas or provided by third-party developers.

Virtual Arkansas Accessibility Coordinator

The Virtual Arkansas Accessibility Coordinator is:

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The Website Accessibility Coordinator will be responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Accessibility Policy, and all other requirements to accessibility of Virtual Arkansas.

Accessibility Complaints

Students, prospective students, employees and Virtual Arkansas guests with disabilities may report violations of technical standard(s) by filing a formal complaint through Virtual Arkansas' Accessibility Grievance Procedure.

Accessibility Grievance Procedure - Please follow this procedure if you are wanting to file a formal accessibility grievance complaint.

Accessibility Audit

An accessibility audit will be completed initially after implementation of the Accessibility Policy and thereafter annually under the direction of the Accessibility Coordinator, during which information provided by Virtual Arkansas through its Online Content is measured against the technical standard(s) adopted in the Accessibility Policy. All problems identified through the Audit will be documented, evaluated, and, if necessary, remediated within a reasonable period of time.

Fundamental Alteration or Undue Financial and Administrative Burden

Virtual Arkansas, in providing equally effective alternate access, shall take actions that do not result in a fundamental alteration or undue financial and administrative burdens, but nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the same benefits and services as their nondisabled peers. In these circumstances where Virtual Arkansas' Accessibility Coordinator, in consultation with the Virtual Arkansas Director, believes that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the service, program, or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, Virtual Arkansas has the burden of proving that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the Director, or his or her designee, after considering all resources available for use in the funding and operation of
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the service, program or activity and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons reaching that conclusion.

If such an action would result in such an alteration or such burdens, Virtual Arkansas shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, individuals with disabilities receive the benefits and services provided by Virtual Arkansas.