

Yosemite Community College District Policies and Administrative Procedures

No. 6365

Policy

6365 Contracts – Accessibility of Information Technology

Yosemite Community College District provides equal opportunity to access its educational and administrative services, programs, and activities. Consequently, the development or procurement of new hardware and software intended for use by District employees and students must meet the District's accessibility standards. New digital media, documents, and other electronic information created by or for employees, as well as materials and applications used for instruction or by members of the public, must also conform to these standards.

This policy applies to the procurement, development, and implementation of instructional, administrative, and communications technologies and content used at the District. This includes websites, learning management tools, student information systems, training materials, instructional materials, media, and assessment tools.

Cross References (see also):

YCCD Policy 6340 - Bids and Contracts

References:

<u>Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S. Code Section 794d)</u>; <u>36 Code of Federal Regulations</u> Sections 1194.1 et seq.; Government Code Section 11135; Title 5 Sections 59300 et seq.

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Whenever the District enters into a contract for the purchase, development, procurement, maintenance or use of any electronic or information technology, the vendor shall certify that it complies with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and its related state and federal regulations. This requirement shall apply to software applications, operating systems, web-based intranet and internet information and applications, telecommunications products, video or multimedia products, self-contained closed products such as copiers, and desktop and portable computers.

Each contract with such a vendor shall contain the following provision:

"The vendor hereby warrants that the products or services to be provided under this agreement comply with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and its implementing regulations. Vendor agrees to respond promptly to and resolve any complaints regarding accessibility of its products or services that are brought to its attention. Vendor further agrees to provide the Yosemite Community College District with all available Accessibility Conformance Reports related to the provided products or services. Vendor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Yosemite Community College District from and against any claim arising out of its failure to comply with these requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements shall constitute a breach and be grounds for termination of this agreement."

When granted, exemptions will allow provisional use of a covered technology while accessibility testing or remediation efforts are completed. All exemptions will automatically expire after a period of no more than one year.

Cross References (see also):

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