



Checklist for Accessible CANVAS and Web Pages

Please remember:

- You are creating content for students and your colleagues in the District, as well as anyone coming into contact with College of the Desert programs and services.
- These guidelines apply to any electronic information distributed online using District websites, the Portal, Canvas, or email.
- These guidelines are also highly recommended for content intended for use in face-to-face settings – it helps that the content is already accessible if an alternate format is requested.

How to Use These Checklists

1. The General Checklist applies to any type of document or content. Use it in Word, PowerPoint, even email messages in Outlook.
2. If you are creating tables in any type of document or content, also use the General Checklist for Tables.
3. Links to step-by-step resources are included if you have questions.
4. For additional assistance, contact [Nicolás Crisosto](#), extension 4823.



CANVAS and Web Page Editors Checklist

CANVAS and other web pages can be very accessible. Just remember, when creating or editing web pages, the [General Checklist for All Documents](#) applies. Also, if the web page contains a data table, you will want to review the [General Checklist for Tables in All Documents](#).

CANVAS users can visit [Accessibility within Canvas](#) for more resources or contact the [Distance Education and Instructional Design Coordinator](#).

For questions about web pages, contact the [Webmaster](#).

For All Online Content	Yes
Did you build the content in the rich text editor or remove all text formatting before copying and pasting from another program? Modify Text in the CANVAS Rich Content Editor Remove All Formatting Before Copying and Pasting	
Did you mark images and non-text elements as decorative if they do not communicate information?	
Do all videos have accurate and synchronized closed captions? Creating Accessible Videos	
Does all text have high contrast with the background, including text in banners and images?	
Is the first row in data tables marked as the header row? If needed, is the first column in data tables marked as the header column?	
Did you review documents embedded or linked on the page with these accessibility checklists?	
In CANVAS, did you run the Accessibility Checker? Accessibility Checker in the Rich Content Editor	



General Checklist for All Documents

For All Documents	Yes
<p>Did you use a legible font like Verdana 12 point for the text? Fonts for the Web and Electronic Documents</p>	
<p>Did you use the built-in styles (Heading 1, Heading 2, etc.) instead of changing font sizes and styles (bold, color, etc.) individually? Add Heading Styles in Microsoft Office</p>	
<p>Did you use the built-in bulleted and numbered list tools instead of making them individually? Make Lists in Microsoft Office Working with Lists in Microsoft Word</p>	
<p>Do all images that communicate information have meaningful alternative text descriptions? Add Alternative Text Descriptions in Microsoft Office Create Meaningful Descriptions of Graphs and Charts</p>	
<p>Did you avoid using color as the only way to communicate information? Tips to Not Rely on Color Alone</p>	
<p>Does all text have high contrast with the background? Download an App to Check the Colors You Use for Good Contrast</p>	
<p>Did you change the display text for all links to ordinary language, describing the destination or purpose of the links? Ten Tips for Writing Meaningful Link Text Create Accessible Links</p>	
<p>Did you use underlining only for links? Underlining of Links</p>	



General Checklist for Tables in All Documents

For All Tables	Yes
Did you consider using columns to display side-by-side information instead of tables? Creating Columns in Word	
Did you consider using headings and lists to organize information instead of tables? Add Heading Styles in Microsoft Office Make Lists in Microsoft Office	
Did you avoid merging or splitting cells? Create Accessible Tables in Word	
Did you avoid creating empty cells in data tables?	
Do all table cells contain only text and not images or lists?	
Do all tables have a title row, caption, or alternative text description?	
Is the first row in all tables with data marked as the header row? Mark a Table Row as the Header Row in Microsoft Office	
Is the header row repeated if the table spans multiple pages? Repeat Table Header Rows in Microsoft Office	