

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEBSITES**Design Standards**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop design standards for district and school websites that include, but are not limited to, guidelines to ensure the clear organization of the material, readability of the font type and size, and simplicity of the navigation structure linking the content on the website. Such standards shall take into consideration the ease of use on a wide range of devices.

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the associated federal regulations, district and school websites shall contain features that ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Such features include, but are not limited to, captions for videos and multimedia presentations, text alternatives to images, provision of sufficient time to use the content, avoidance of flashing images, adequate contrast in visual presentations, and/or other features that meet applicable standards for website accessibility. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review district and school websites and modify them as needed to ensure legal compliance with accessibility standards.

Website Content

As applicable, district and school websites shall provide current information regarding the district's mission and goals, district/school programs and operations, district/school news, agendas and minutes of Governing Board meetings, School Accountability Report Cards, school calendars, and links to educational resources.

With approval of the principal, individual teachers may create web pages linked to the district or school website to provide information pertaining to class assignments, expectations, and activities.

Student work may be published on district or school websites provided that both the student and the student's parent/guardian provide written permission or the work is part of an existing publication such as a school newspaper.

Any copyrighted material to be posted on a district or school website shall first be submitted to the Superintendent or designee together with the permission of the copyright owner to reprint the material. Any copyrighted material submitted without the copyright owner's permission shall only be posted on a district or school website if the Superintendent or designee determines that the material is in the public domain or that the intended use meets the criteria for fair use or another exception pursuant to 17 USC 107-122. When any copyrighted material is posted, the website shall include a notice crediting the copyright owner and, as necessary, shall note that permission to reprint the material was granted.

Whenever a district or school website includes links to external websites, it shall include a disclaimer that the district is not responsible for the content of external websites.

Roles and Responsibilities

Any employee assigned as a district or school webmaster shall be responsible for the uploading of material to the website(s) upon approval of the Superintendent or designee. The employee shall review district and school websites to ensure consistency with district standards, regularly check links for accuracy and appropriateness, keep the web server free of outdated or unused files, and provide technical assistance as needed.

The Superintendent or designee may assign additional staff members to conduct editorial reviews of all materials submitted for publication on district or school websites and to make corrections as needed in spelling, grammar, or accuracy of content.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities related to district content guidelines, design standards, and accessibility laws and standards to district communications and technology staff, district and school webmasters, and/or other appropriate staff.