



APS JUSTIFICATION

Policy Title: Digital Accessibility

APS Number: 6011

APS Functional Area: **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

Date Submitted:	December 18, 2023
Proposed Action:	Revise
Brief Description:	CU is committed to communicating information to all individuals in a manner that enables them to achieve their academic and professional goals and aspirations.
Desired Effective Date:	July 1, 2024
Responsible University Officer:	Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Responsible Office:	University Information Services
Policy Contact:	University Information Services
Applies to:	All campuses. The system administration is considered a campus for the purposes of this policy and is required to adopt any campus requirements.

Reason for Policy: To define roles and responsibilities to ensure that CU maintains accessibility in the digital environment and the university has established a digital accessibility program. Governance authority rests ultimately with the President and Chancellors; this policy defines roles and responsibilities to assist the President and Chancellors.

I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION

A new Colorado law on digital accessibility will go into effect on July 1, 2024. To come into compliance with the new law, the university needed to update this policy to ensure the university has the governance structure and compliance mechanisms in place.

II. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE POLICY REVIEW

- Digital Accessibility Systemwide Working Group
- Disability Services Offices
- ADA Coordinators
- Digital Accessibility Offices
- Campus Faculty
- Chief Information Officers
- IT Governance Committee

III. LEGAL REVIEW

- A. Do you think legal review would be required for these proposed changes? **Yes**
 1. If yes, what is your plan to get the legal review? **Julie Steeler drafted the changes to this policy**
- B. Date legal review completed: 4/30/2024
- C. Person completing legal review: Julie Steeler

IV. FISCAL REVIEW

Are there any financial (human resources, technology, operations, training, etc.) or other resource impacts of implementing this policy (e.g., cost savings, start-up costs, additional time for faculty or staff, new systems, or software)? No If yes, please explain: