

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY Summer Series 2020

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The recent and rapid pivot to increased distance education offerings from Virginia's PK-12 public schools has put a focus on the need to make educational activities accessible to students with disabilities through virtual learning platforms. While these platforms themselves (Google Classroom, Canvas, Blackboard, etc.) may be accessible to students who use assistive technology, the materials that are uploaded to them by educators must be built accessibly as well. This summer webinar series will address how to develop some of the most common documents included in educational materials in an accessible manner.

July 7

Word and Google Document Accessibility

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenters: Matthew Newton and Geoff Weber

Word and Google Documents are two of the most common materials shared with students. They are also two of the most common materials with accessibility issues for students that use assistive technology. Learning to create these documents in an accessible manner is not difficult, but may require changing some old habits! This webinar is intended for beginners in the area of document accessibility and will focus on how to structure pages with headings, lists, tables, and alternative text for graphics, as well as checking your work when you're finished!

July 21

Let's Make Our PowerPoint/Google Slides Accessible to All!

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenters: Clare Talbert and Matthew Newton

In our webinar, we will make a PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation accessible with the help of the Microsoft Accessibility Checker and the [VDOE PowerPoint Presentation Accessibility Checklist](#). We will cover the steps involved in text formatting, slide design, color and object formatting. Having an understanding of these principals can help you build more accessible presentations, whether you use PowerPoint or Google Slides. **We can do this!**



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July 28

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PDF Accessibility

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenters: Gina Martin and Matthew Newton

PDF accessibility can be complex and overwhelming. In this webinar, we'll provide tools to help build your confidence in overcoming the challenges of making PDFs accessible! We will explore how to build accessible PDFs by looking at some beginning steps like basic tagging, alt-text for graphics, and reading order. We will be demonstrating how to make these .pdf accessibility modifications using tools included in Adobe Acrobat software and exploring a few tools for reading these documents.

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August 06

Video Accessibility

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Presenter: Matthew Newton

Using video in virtual instruction is a popular and effective way to present information to students. Students with disabilities, particularly those with hearing or visual impairments, may need supports such as captioning, transcripts, or visual descriptions to fully access your instructional video content. During this webinar, we will demonstrate how teachers can efficiently add these supports to their instructional videos using well known tools like YouTube and other digital video platforms.

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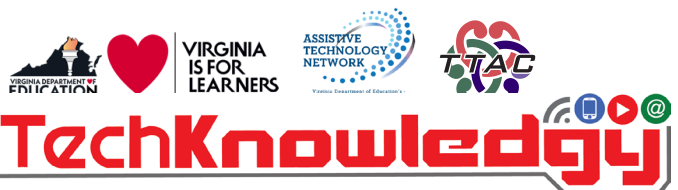


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