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## **Website Accessibility Rules to Change**

Recent proposed updates to Colorado's technology accessibility rules will significantly impact K-12 institutions. The draft rules are not final and a rulemaking hearing will be held on May 1, 2025 (register here). The draft intends to create clarifying updates to the most recent version of the rules adopted in February 2024. Key updates include clearer definitions, specific technical standards for different types of technology, and new compliance requirements.

School districts have concerns regarding some aspects of the draft rules. Schools have also requested more guidance on cloud-based tools like Google Workspace, accessibility testing requirements, and implementation timelines. Additionally, third-party vendor compliance remains a concern, with schools seeking clearer requirements for widely used platforms like Google and Adobe. Another major issue is the broad definition of covered content, which some interpret as requiring accessibility standards for student-created work. Ultimately, districts have emphasized the need for more state-provided resources, accessible training, and dedicated funding to help school districts comply with accessibility requirements without overburdening staff. If your board or district has feedback, submit it to OIT. Please contact us with additional questions!

2025 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

NEW! CASB's 2025 Election
Resources and 2025
Nonrenewal Resources are
now LIVE on our website!
Member login is required for
most resources.



## Menstrual Grant

HB24-1164 requires school districts to provide menstrual products in schools and follows a phased-in approach. The first deadline is June 30, 2025, and requires menstrual products in at least 25% of certain student bathrooms. The Colorado Schools Menstrual Grant is accepting applications to help districts with this requirement. Applications are due by 8 a.m. on April 7, 2025. The grant will provide some districts with FREE menstrual products and dispensers for students for the 2025-2026 school year. Apply today at JusticeNecessary.org/Schools. More information on the attached flyer!

