

District-Wide Accessibility Taskforce Report to Academic Senate

4-15-2026

Goals of the Committee:

1. Raises awareness on matters pertaining to accessibility and accommodations-related regulations, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sections 504 and 508
2. Supports the Kern CCD colleges to:
 - Foster an institutional culture of continuously improving accessibility and the necessity for supporting our students, employees, and community
 - Develop and implement college accessibility plans
 - Administer accessibility and ADA climate surveys as needed
3. Procures technology-based applications
4. Ensures access to buildings and facilities for people with disabilities
5. Supports accessibility for advanced technological education and assistive technology
 - Support throughout the curriculum development process to facilitate accessibility discussions, and
6. Delivers campus-based professional development opportunities related to accessibility and accommodations-related topics.

Announcements:

- No announcements

Completed Items:

- Established spring meeting schedule.
- Approved a recommendation to support formation of campus accessibility committees.
- Discussed next steps regarding the need for a district-level ADA Coordinator.
- Reviewed ACMM feedback and identified areas for follow-up, including accessible forms.
- Identified accessibility tools, training, and resources to support district-wide efforts.
- Approved a recommendation to address facilities accessibility concerns, including elevator repairs.
- Discussed district-wide accessibility training, communication, and event support.

Upcoming Items:

- Plan and schedule the district-wide accessibility taskforce summer retreat.
- Establish meeting schedule and membership for the upcoming academic year.
- Continue communication with district leadership regarding the ADA Coordinator.
- Continue work toward transitioning to WCAG 2.2.

Respectfully submitted,

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