

BP 5145 Accessibility Standards for Electronic and Information Technology

Reference:

*Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
California Government Code Section 11135*

Taft College is committed to accessibility and establishing a barrier-free learning community, or universal access, to all students.

Taft College is committed to all provisions of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to provide accessibility to electronic and information technologies for individuals with disabilities. Electronic and information technologies are a significant means which provides information to Taft College students, faculty, staff and other constituents.

Individuals with disabilities are guaranteed access to educational institutions and systems of communications under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and California Government Code Section 11135 which require:

1. The development, procurement, maintenance and use of electronic or information technology shall comply with accessibility standards of Section 508; and
2. Accessibility improvements of existing technology will increase the successful education and employment of individuals with disabilities, particularly blind and visually impaired and deaf and hard-of-hearing; and
3. The college will respond to and resolve any complaint regarding accessibility of its products or services that are brought to the attention of the college/District.

The intent of this policy is to ensure compliance with state and federal laws.

See Administrative Procedures AP 5145