

# Transcript: Legal Justifications

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[View of college students working in a computer lab.]

Hello. Welcome to The Accessibility Series by Collin College's eLearning Center. This video will cover the legal justifications for the Accessibility Series.

It is important for faculty and staff to ensure that their digital documents, web content, and multimedia products are accessible to all users because of the legal ramifications outlined in Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA.

Section 508 stipulates that federal agencies make their electronic and information technology accessible to its employees and the public. Even though Collin College is not a federal agency, the Department of Education requires all States receiving funding under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998—which includes Texas—to comply with Section 508. For more information on Section 508, visit [section508.gov](http://section508.gov).

Additionally, the Department of Education stipulates that higher education institutions must comply with the ADA. The ADA is an “equal opportunity” law to guarantee that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else. For more information on the ADA, visit [ada.gov](http://ada.gov).

Thank you.

For assistance, contact the eLC at 972.881.5870 or [eLC@collin.edu](mailto:eLC@collin.edu)

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