

# ABC-CLIO, LLC Accessibility Conformance Report

## WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT<sup>®</sup> Version 2.4)

**Name of Product/Version:** Academic and School Databases

**Report Date:** Feb 2026

### **Product Description:**

ABC-CLIO Solutions provides digital curriculum with multimedia content, text-to-speech features, translation tools that covers various topics relating to history and the humanities, and the ability to search across multiple databases through one search.

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**Note:** Our Solutions online databases use the AccessiBe automated web accessibility solution, an AI-based application that runs in the background and optimizes our accessibility level constantly. To ensure that we adhere as strictly as possible to the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 at the AA level, the application remediates the sites' HTML, adapts its functionality and behavior or screen-readers, and for keyboard functions used by individuals with motor impairments.

Accessibility features are managed by accessing the admin section of the database. The default setting is disabled.

**Evaluation Methods Used:** Automated accessibility testing for WCAG 2.1 compliance by AccessiBe, manual keyboard-only testing in version 90 of Chrome Edge version 90 and version 88 of Firefox.

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# Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0</a>	Level A (Yes / No ) Level AA (Yes / No ) Level AAA (Yes / No )
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1</a>	Level A (Yes / No ) Level AA (Yes / No ) Level AAA (Yes / No )

## Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.0 Level AAA.

## WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

## Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.1.1 Non-text Content</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	A description of video-only content is not available for all videos without an audio component. We are working with internal staff to add a narrative description for those videos.
<a href="#">1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Partially Supports	A description of video-only content is not available for all videos without an audio component. We are working with internal staff to add a narrative description for those videos.
<a href="#">1.3.1 Info and Relationships</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.1 Use of Color</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">1.4.2 Audio Control</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.1.1 Keyboard</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</a> (Level A 2.1 only)	Not applicable	
<a href="#">2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	
<a href="#">2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.2 Page Titled</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.3 Focus Order</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</a> (Level A)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</a> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</a> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>2.5.3 Label in Name</b> (Level A 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>2.5.4 Motion Actuation</b> (Level A 2.1 only)	Not applicable	
<b>3.1.1 Language of Page</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>3.2.1 On Focus</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>3.2.2 On Input</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>3.3.1 Error Identification</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>4.1.1 Parsing</b> (Level A)	Supports	
<b>4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</b> (Level A)	Supports	

## Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<b>1.2.4 Captions (Live)</b> (Level AA)	Supports	
<b>1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)</b> (Level AA)	Partially Supports	Audio description is not available for all prerecorded video content. We are working with internal staff to add a description for those videos.
<b>1.3.4 Orientation</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)</b> (Level AA)	Supports	
<b>1.4.4 Resize text</b> (Level AA)	Supports	
<b>1.4.5 Images of Text</b> (Level AA)	Not applicable	
<b>1.4.10 Reflow</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>1.4.12 Text Spacing</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</b> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	
<b>2.4.5 Multiple Ways</b> (Level AA)	Supports	
<b>2.4.6 Headings and Labels</b> (Level AA)	Supports	



Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">3.1.2 Language of Parts</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.2.4 Consistent Identification</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.3 Error Suggestion</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</a> (Level AA)	Supports	
<a href="#">4.1.3 Status Messages</a> (Level AA 2.1 only)	Supports	

### Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.2.6 Sign Language (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
<a href="#">1.2.7 Extended Audio Description (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
<a href="#">1.2.8 Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
<a href="#">1.2.9 Audio-only (Live)</a> (Level AAA)	Does Not Support	
<a href="#">1.3.6 Identify Purpose</a> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">1.4.6 Contrast (Enhanced)</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">1.4.7 Low or No Background Audio</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">1.4.8 Visual Presentation</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">1.4.9 Images of Text (No Exception)</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.1.3 Keyboard (No Exception)</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.2.3 No Timing</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.2.4 Interruptions</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.2.5 Re-authenticating</a> (Level AAA)	Supports	
<a href="#">2.2.6 Timeouts</a> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.3.2 Three Flashes</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.3.3 Animation from Interactions</a> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.4.8 Location</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">2.4.9 Link Purpose (Link Only)</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.4.10 Section Headings</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.5.5 Target Size</a> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">2.5.6 Concurrent Input Mechanisms</a> (Level AAA 2.1 only)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.1.3 Unusual Words</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.1.4 Abbreviations</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.1.5 Reading Level</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.1.6 Pronunciation</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.2.5 Change on Request</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.3.5 Help</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	
<a href="#">3.3.6 Error Prevention (All)</a> (Level AAA)	Not Evaluated	

## Legal Disclaimer

We firmly believe that the Internet should be available and accessible to anyone and are committed to providing a website that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of circumstance and ability.

To fulfill this goal, we aim to adhere as strictly as possible to the World Wide Web Consortium's (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1 (WCAG 2.1) at the AA level.

Our websites utilizes various technologies that are meant to make it as accessible as possible at all times. We utilize an accessibility interface that allows persons with specific disabilities to adjust the website's UI (user interface) for their personal needs.

Additionally, the website utilizes an AI-based application that runs in the background and optimizes its accessibility level constantly. This application remediates the website's HTML, adapts its functionality and behavior for screen-readers used by blind and visually impaired users and for keyboard functions used by individuals with motor impairments.

We aim to support the widest array of browsers and assistive technologies possible, so our users can choose the best fitting tools for them, with as few limitations as possible. Therefore, we have worked very hard to be able to support the major systems that comprise over 95% of the user market share, including Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, Opera and Microsoft Edge, JAWS, and NVDA (screen readers), both for Windows and for MAC users.

Despite our very best efforts to allow anybody to adjust the website to their needs, there may still be pages or sections that are not fully accessible, are in the process of becoming accessible, or are lacking an adequate technological solution to make them accessible. We are continually improving our accessibility, adding, updating, and improving options and features, and developing and adopting new technologies. All of this is meant to reach the optimal level of accessibility, following technological advancements.