Introducing Blackboard Ally

Making web content more accessible

Blackboard Ally helps you modify, monitor, and report on your website content to make it more accessible for your entire community.

Highlights of Blackboard Ally

- **Website integration**
  Integrations with the Web Community Manager allow users to check content accessibility when editing or uploading to the website.

- **Accessibility checklist**
  Automatically checks web page and web content against the WCAG 2.0 AA standard.

- **Embedded in workflow**
  Use Ally in the Web Community Manager interface using the same login and content creation process.

- **Available for all editors**
  Give all content creators the ability to use built-in accessibility tools, right from the Site Manager.

- **Comprehensive reporting**
  Understand your school or district’s accessibility performance using the content accessibility report.

- **Continuous evaluation**
  Get feedback on your content’s accessibility in real-time, instead of only at periodic check points.

- **Benefits your entire community**
  A unique inclusive approach to accessibility that focuses on improving the quality and usability of your website content for all users.
Why accessibility

Educators want to help every student achieve maximum success, but some students have additional challenges to overcome in taking advantage of the programs and materials you offer. Accessibility is about providing equal access to information and services to users of all levels of ability. It means making a conscious effort to provide equal access for everyone, including those who may have visual, physical, hearing, or cognitive disabilities. Technology is available to expand your ability to help create an inclusive community.

Our vision

We believe accessibility is an imperative, not an afterthought. By actively seeking to understand and empathize with the experience of users of all levels of ability, we can better deliver on the promise that technology can offer in level the playing field for everyone. Our commitment to accessibility extends from our corporate accessibility team to the details of our products.

Free accessibility resources

Blackboard, in partnership with accessibility leader Deque Systems, has worked to build a library of useful materials to help in your accessibility journey. You'll find videos, guides, checklists, and proactive tips all on our Blackboard Help site. Visit it at: tinyurl.com/BbAccessibilityHelp