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JTHS Communication Enhancements & Accessibility

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ADA COMPLIANCE AT A GLANCE

Our website must be accessible to people with disabilities.

What

A federal ADA rule requires public school districts to make their websites accessible.

How

Content must work with screen readers, keyboards and other assistive tools, following a national standard (WCAG 2.1 AA).

When

The deadline is Monday, April 26, 2027. JTHS is in compliance.

> **More than ADA compliance: it is what best meets the needs of our students and community.**

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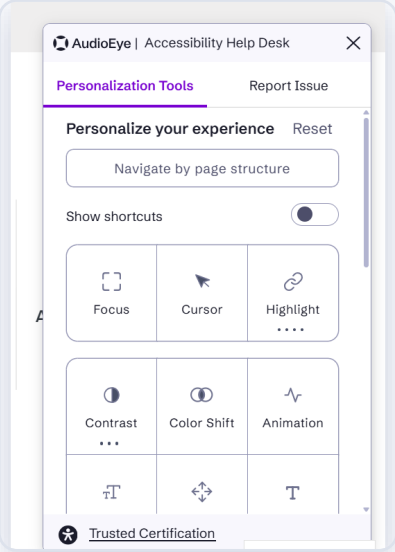
Two Layers of Website Compliance

[Live demo: jths.org/student-handbook]

LAYER 1

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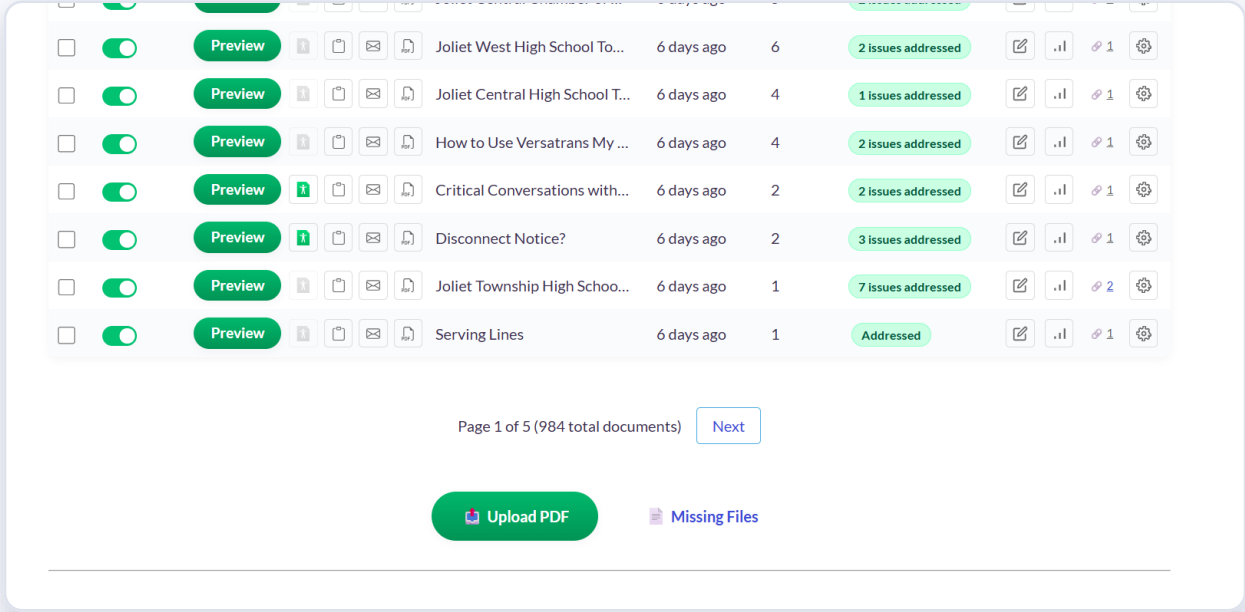
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LAYER 2

PDF Remediation

DocAccess POWERED BY CIVICPLUS



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Our Accessibility Statement

Equitable Access | **Website Monitoring** | **Visual Settings**

Accessible PDFs | **Translation** | **Live Assistance**

Joliet Township High School District 204 is committed to providing **equitable access** to information and services for all members of our community, including people with disabilities.

We use accessibility and quality-assurance tools to **monitor our website** for potential barriers and issues such as broken links. Our website also provides accessibility options that allow visitors to adjust features such as color contrast and other **visual settings**.

Accessible versions of PDF documents are available throughout our website. These versions include screen reader–friendly HTML transcripts, **translation** options, and **live assistance** for visitors who need additional help accessing document content.

If you experience difficulty accessing website content or documents, or need information in another format, please contact us at **info@jths.org** or call **(815) 727-6796**. Please include the webpage address and a description of the issue so we can assist you.

View Accessibility Statement on JTHS.org

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COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT

JT Chat: Quick answers for our community, any time

- Our new AI tool on jths.org answers frequently asked questions from parents, students, community and staff
- Responses point people to the JTHS source where they can learn more
- We can program our own questions and answers, so JT Chat keeps getting better



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DLT ACTIVITY | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Test Drive JT Chat

Our administrators helped fine-tune JT Chat using the questions they hear most.

1. **Ask.** Type a question families, students or staff often ask you.
2. **Check.** Read the response. Is it accurate and complete?
3. **Share the fix.** Enter the question and preferred response in a shared spreadsheet.

JT CHAT

We are still refining and training JT Chat

We can program our own questions and answers, so every piece of feedback makes JT Chat more accurate for our families.

Looking Ahead

- **DocAccess for staff** through a single sign-on option.
- **Professional development** to help staff create accessible content.
- **JT Chat** continues to improve as we program questions and answers from feedback.
- **JTHS is in compliance** ahead of the April 26, 2027, federal deadline.

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Thank You

Questions?

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