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Our Commitment to Accessibility

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eBook is operable without a mouse (keyboard navigable) and can be accessed using alternative output devices.	Can the user navigate through the eBook and any link embedded using keyboard navigation and/or assistive technology?	SmartBook 2.0 provides a student experience that includes color contrast, descriptions for images, keyboard navigation, and screen reader support. Work is ongoing to improve the user experience for all users. A VPAT for the WCAG 2.0 AA standards is available upon request as well as an updated Accessibility Conformance Report reflecting recent updates. SmartBook 2.0 will have a forthcoming independent audit to the WCAG 2.1 AA standards & a new VPAT in early 2022. The ReadAnywhere App has undergone multiple audits covering the major features resulting in both ReadAnywhere iOS and Android apps having a WCAG 2.0 AA VPAT certificate. Completed in 2017 and verified in 2018, the VPAT certifies both the reading experience and the SmartBook assignment as WCAG AA compliant. Audits are planned for 2022 to ensure continual improvement and compliance with WCAG standards. The McGraw Hill eBook was built with accessibility in mind. An independent audit resulted in zero "does not supports" for WCAG criteria for the desktop version as well as the app versions (iOS & Android). All versions now support multimedia content interactions such as closed captioning for embedded videos and appropriate descriptions for audio, video & captions. Recent upgrades ensure that users can maintain logical & consistent focus order in menu interactions; that the highlight tool is color-compliant; and that users will not encounter any keyboard traps. Additional remediation will continue in 2022.



eBook images have alternative descriptions/alternative text	Are the alt descriptions embedded in the eBook? Can a screen reader access the images?	Alt descriptions are embedded within the eBook. Students using some forms of assistive technology may find it difficult to navigate to some of the content, due to the constraints of the technologies available. A file containing the alt descriptions can be supplied upon request. To request, please contact us at accessibility@mheducation.com
Videos are closed captioned and/or transcripts are available	Are videos and the transcripts able to be delivered outside of Connect and provided to DSS offices?	Videos contain closed captioning, but transcripts are not currently available. Efforts will be made to offer both in future editions.
Assessments can be accessed using alternative output devices (screen reader)	Are assessments keyboard navigable? Do images have alt descriptions? Can they be accessed within the platform using assistive technology?	Connect Assessment is the question bank assignment experience inside of the Connect platform used for a wide range of summative assessments including practice, homework, quizzes, and exams. Connect Assessment is WCAG 2.1 AA Compliant with 48 Supports and 2 Partially Supports ratings for the following 18 questions types: Multiple Choice, True/False, Yes/No, Check All that Apply, Fill-in-Blank, Numeric Response, Essay, and most Short Answer Ranking/Ordering Matching
Application Based Activities ABA's)	Are assessments keyboard navigable? Do images have alt descriptions? Can they be accessed within the platform using assistive technology?	Application-Based Activities are highly interactive, automatically graded, online exercises that provide students a safe space to apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills to real world scenarios. These activities are integrated into Connect. An independent audit to the WCAG 2.1 AA standards has been completed resulting in zero "does not supports" with some "partially supports". The corresponding VPAT and Accessibility Conformance Report are available upon request. This title includes Smart Video.
PowerPoints can be accessed using alternative output devices (screen reader) Additional Resources	Images contain alt descriptions and there is a logical reading order.	PPT's have been prepared to be compliant with WCAG Level AA guidelines. Power of Process has improved color contrast and is accessible using keyboard navigation and the JAWS screen reader. Quest: Journey through the Lifespan is an innovative learning game that provides students with opportunities to apply content from their human development curriculum to real-life scenarios. During development, we took an inclusive design approach by putting accessibility at the forefront of our learning game. We partnered with a third-party at the onset of our project to ensure we're building and testing to the needed WCAG 2.0 AA standards at each stage of development. A VPAT is available upon request.



Writing Assignment	Writing assignment is an assignment type within Connect to support writing across all disciplines with flexible options for student guidance and efficient scoring. A VPAT is available with more details. Please contact your learning technology
	representative for the most recent information.

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