

e-Learning Lingo Podcast Defines “Section 508”

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Mary Kay Lofurno: Hello, this is Mary Kay Lofurno, Marketing Director here at [SyberWorks](#). Welcome to the 109th episode of the [e-Learning Lingo Podcast Series](#). Last week Dave Powell talked about the [Learning Resource Interchange](#). This week Dave defines [Section 508](#).

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Mary Kay: OK, Dave, what is [Section 508](#)?

David Powell: Section 508 refers to the 1998 amendment to Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act. The amendment states that all electronic and information technology that is purchased or developed by the United States federal government must be accessible to people with disabilities.

Mary Kay: OK, Dave, does this act pertain only to federal agencies, or are there any state and local governments who are affected by this as well?

Dave: [Section 508](#) specifically applies to federal agencies and to educational institutions. But most state and local agencies must operate under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which also require that systems be [accessible](#) to people with disabilities.

Mary Kay: OK, Dave, thanks. Good information. Have a great afternoon.

Dave: You too, Mary Kay. Talk to you soon.

Mary Kay: This is Mary Kay Lofurno, Marketing Director at [SyberWorks](#). Thanks for listening to Episode 109 of the [e-Learning Lingo Podcast](#). This week Dave Powell talked about Section 508. The Episode 109 podcast audio and transcript will be posted on the [e-Learning Lingo Podcast blog](#).

Next time on the [e-Learning Lingo Podcast](#), we’ll look at a term used in knowledge management. Until that time, have an awesome week.

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