

# Options for handling WCAG2 AAA success criteria

## Examples in First Public Working Draft (FPWD)

### FPWD - Structured Content aka Headings

- Includes 2.4.10 Section Headings with other WCAG2 success criteria.
- Has a critical error if necessary headings are missing
- Method in FPWD [Relevant headings](#) includes section headings

### FPWD - Visual Contrast

- Merges the WCAG2 1.4.3 AA and 1.4.6 AAA levels into one guideline
- No critical errors
- Method - [Font characteristic contrast](#)
- Rating 4 meets or exceeds the APCA Lookup table, and 1-3 are lower levels, not higher levels.

### FPWD - Captions

- Could potentially merge WCAG2 1.2.2 (prerecorded), 1.2.4(Live), 1.2.9 (AAA) Audio-only (Live)
- Two Methods
  - [Provides text equivalents of speech and key sound effect \(XR\)](#)
  - [Reflow of captions and other text in context \(XR\)](#)
- Critical error: Any video without captioning that is needed to complete a process.
- Rating is the test score without a critical error. The test score gives a higher point to closed captions instead of an open (burned -in) captions.

## Options

### All test results contribute to Bronze

Option 1: Include AAA in Bronze with A and AA Guidelines (Structured Content and Captions examples) with higher points and critical errors as appropriate

Option 2: Drop the AAA success criteria and treat all merged SCs minimum (Visual Contrast example).

Option 3: Include AAA in Bronze and give higher points to AAA success criteria and do not have critical errors for the AAA.

### Test results can contribute to Silver

Option 4: Move AAA success criteria to a Silver level. All guidance is on the same level. The test results that would mean that today's AAA would result in a score at the Silver level (as opposed to the Bronze level).

Option 5: Provide separate points for AAA than for A/AA and assign Bronze, Silver, Gold based on # points (similar to #4 but different points approach)