
4.30.5 Finish and Contrast. The characters and background of signs shall be eggshell, matte, or other non-glare finish. Characters and symbols shall contrast with their background -- either light characters on a dark background or dark characters on a light background.

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Contrast = [(BL - B2)/BL] \times 100

where BL = light reflectance value (LVR) of the lighter area and B2 = light reflectance value (LVR) of the darker area.

Note that in any application both white and black are never absolute; thus, B1 never equals 100 and B2 is always greater than 0.

The greatest readability is usually achieved through the use of light-colored characters or symbols on a dark background.
1. All interior signs are to be installed in accordance with current ADA regulations.

2. New ADA placement requirement:
   As of March 2011, the new height requirement is a minimum of 48” to the bottom of the lower most tactile character and a maximum of 60” to the bottom of the upper most tactile character on the sign. Sign will be positioned 60” from the finished floor to the top of the sign. Side sweep is 2” from the frame on the latch side of the door. [additional detail on pg 01.C]

3. When you have space for the sign but less than 3” on each side, center the sign in the space. Sometimes it can be a problem to get a slider in if space is limited. In that case, the adhesive tab of one corner is left off so that corner can be lifted slightly to install the slider.

4. Location of informational signs such as “NO FOOD OR DRINK”: These signs most often go under or to the side of room signs with a space of 1” between the two signs. These are usually wider signs and are installed after the fact. Line up the edge closest to the door if the sign is to go under. Line up the tops of the sign if the sign is to go to the side.

5. Max Occupancy Signs: These are required inside classrooms, auditoriums, cafeterias and other large rooms and are installed over the center of the door with a spacing of 1” from the door frame.

6. All 6” x 6” and 6” x 8” office signs will have name sliders for a uniform look. Some offices may have more than one occupant and require multiple name sliders. Office signs 6” x 8” are commonly used on for administrative positions such as Directors, Associate Directors, Department Chairs, Vice Presidents, Deans and other significant administrative offices. In this case it is acceptable, often preferred, that the administrator's personal preference be requested.

7. “NO SMOKING” signs are installed at the entrance to building. They are located on the lower portion of the door on the hinge side 28” to 32” from the finished floor.

8. Exterior ADA building signs will be fiberglass or comparable UV resistant material. [sign type is identified by the interior sign type moniker with the suffix ‘Ex’ to designate ‘fabricate for exterior application’.]

9. Stairwell floor numbers go inside the stairwell and usually mount on the strike side of the door, 2 inches off the door frame and 60” to top of sign. The stairwell number signs go on the outside in the hallway and install like other ADA signs.

10. Signs that are mounted on glass windows beside the door always need a backplate for glass mounting to cover up the back side of the sign. These are made without borders and are the same background color as the sign they cover. [see pgs 01.10-01.11]

11. Offices and office areas that have a door not normally used for public entry should have signs that say “PLEASE USE OTHER DOOR OR ENTER THROUGH ROOM ________”.

12. All room identification signs must include the room number to meet Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) standards.

13. *Always visit the building before ordering signs to check area of placement, color, layout, and sizes of signs.
Character Height
Minimum character height for ceiling or projecting wall mounted directional or informational signage is 2", provided that the sign is mounted no more than 10’ high from the floor or ground surface.

5/8” minimum character height for all signs mounted between 40” and 70” from the floor or ground surface. This applies to all identification, informational, and directional signs. The 5/8” minimum does not apply to such regulatory signs as EMTALA, patients rights & responsibilities, marketing notices, etc. For specific instances, always contact the ADA hotline for clarification prior to manufacturing.

No sign shall be mounted lower than 40” from the floor or ground surface.

Tactile Sign Mounting
Tactile signs are to be mounted on the latch side of the door, 2” from the door frame, 48” minimum, 60” maximum measured to the baseline of the raised characters.*

* NOTE: SHSU Standard Mounting for ADA signage is 60º grade to top of sign (unless doing so would cause Braille to not fall within 48º-60º grade to baseline of Braille, thus contradicting ADA requirements)

18” of clear free space (CFS) must be maintained at the sign location.

Legend
- Copy* and Raised Elements**: Color 1
- Background and Braille**: Color 1 or Color 3
- Inserts: Color 1 or Color 3

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INTERIOR SIGN STANDARDS

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A.1a ~ 3" X 6" ADA ROOM ID, NUMERICAL
A.1aEX ~ Single Layer Exterior Grade Fiberglass

6 characters in ALL Caps,
Centennial copy and Braille
1 line of copy

A.2a ~ 3" X 6" ADA ROOM ID, COPY
A.2aEX ~ Single Layer Exterior Grade Fiberglass

Legend:

Copy* and Raised Elements**: Color 1
Background and Braille***: Color 2
Inverted: Color 1 or Color 3

*Copy on inserts are NOT raised elements
**Braille to match background color
***Grande I Dome Braille text only fabricated to ensure Grade I
Dome Braille transcriptions and ADA compliance

A.1b ~ 3" X 6" NUMERICAL
A.1bEX ~ Single Layer Exterior Grade Fiberglass

6 characters in ALL Caps,
Centennial copy
1 line of copy

A.2b ~ 3" X 6" COPY
A.2bEX ~ Single Layer Exterior Grade Fiberglass

6 characters in ALL Caps,
Centennial copy
1 line of copy
E ~ 6" X 10" ADA ROOM ID
E.EX ~ Single Layer Exterior Grade Fiberglass

COSTUME SHOP DESIGN ROOM

Legend:
- Copy* and Raised Elements**: Color 1
- Background and Braille***: Color 2
- Inserts: Color 1 or Color 3

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**For ADA, Braille to match background color
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DO NOT USE ELEVATOR
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NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED

NO STREET SHOES
NO FOOD OR DRINK / BOTTLED WATER ONLY
NO CELL PHONES
**BPG** = Backplate For Glass/Window Mounting, applied to opposite side of clear surface from sign mounting to conceal mounting method.
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**BPG C.1 can be found on pg 10**