

Hood River School District ADA Facility Inaccessibility

Hood River Valley High School: 1220 Indian Creek Road, Hood River, Oregon 97031

- South ramp to baseball bleachers is not accessible from the parking lot as there is a 5 foot long 28" drop off from parking lot to beginning of ramp in loose rock that surrounds the rear of the bleachers.
- Ramp does not have a level landing at the bottom.
- Ramp violates ADA specifications that require a 1:12 ramp slope ratio which equals 4.8 degree slope or one foot of wheel chair ramp for each inch of rise. There is a 20 inch rise from the beginning of ramp to the top platform with a ramp length of only 16 feet. This should be a 20 foot ramp.
- Ramp drop off rail on the left is damaged and half of the length of the rail is not attached.
- This drop off rail is not continuous and therefore must extend at least 12 inches beyond the bottom segment and it does not.
- The surfaces of the drop off rail should be free of any sharp or abrasive elements and the end of the rail should be rounded. The end cap is not rounded and provides a very sharp edge.
- There is no drop off rail on the right side of ramp.
- Ramp must be free of obstruction. This ramp is littered with rocks.
- North Ramp to bleachers is inaccessible from the parking lot due to very loose gravel making it virtually impossible for a person with a mobility challenges to navigate.
- Ramp has a 23 inch rise from bottom of ramp to upper platform and only a 16 foot long ramp which violates the 1:12 rule. Ramp should be 23 feet long.
- Ramp does not have a level surface at the bottom.
- Right drop off rail is not continuous and does not extend at least 12 inches beyond the beginning of the ramp.
- The end cap of drop off rail is not rounded and provides a very sharp edge.
- There is no drop off rail on the left side of ramp.
- Ramp is not obstruction free and littered with rocks.
- The adjacent indoor training facility is not accessible. On the north side, there are steps leading down from the parking lot.
- On the south side, there is loose rock, an extremely uneven dirt and grass surface beyond the rock and hilly with debris strewn about.

- The football stadium west bleacher ramp has a 40 inch rise with a 34 foot length run which violates the 1:12 rule.
- ADA guidelines for ramps allow a maximum run of 30 feet before a rest or turn platform.
- There is no level surface at the base of ramp.
- First eight feet of ramp has no drop off rail on either side.
- Ramp is not free of obstruction and is littered with bark chips.
- The high school lower gymnasium is inaccessible. There are 16 entry doors, eight exterior and eight interior, which measure only 29 inches clear width. ADA standards state at least 32 clear width.
- The high school upper gymnasium, which is part of the main gymnasium, is not accessible by wheelchair users as it is only accessed by stairs.
- There are two staff restrooms near interior entrance to gym with entry measuring only 31 inches wide when doors are closed and would provide even less of a clear width when open.
- There are two interior student/public restrooms with four restroom doors near the gym entrance, two boys and two girls that are inaccessible in that the clear width measure of opening is only 28 inches.
- The boy's restroom does not have an ADA compliant ADA toilet or toilet compartment, just two narrow toilet compartments that are not accessible for a wheelchair user.
- Three mirrors are not accessible because the lower edges of mirrors are 48 inches high measured to the floor. ADA requires they be no more than 40 inches from floor.
- Two towel dispensers are not accessible because the lower edges of dispensers are 49 inches high measured to the floor. ADA requires that they be no more than 44 inches from floor.
- Three sinks are not accessible in that the pipes underneath the sinks are not insulated to protect wheelchair users from burns and other dangerous reactions.
- Although I did not enter to observe the girls' restroom, being as how it is right next to the boy's restrooms and have the exact same non-compliant accessible doors, I believe it is safe to say it is not accessible in the same reasons listed above in regards to the boy's restroom.

Wy'East Middle School: 3000 Wy'East Road, Hood River, Oregon 97031

- Football bleachers are not accessible to wheelchair users as it is accessed only by two sets of stairs, one on the south side and one on the north side. It is approximately 12 feet high to the main bleacher's first row. There are no areas below for seating.

- The restrooms adjacent to the stadium are not accessible to wheelchair users in that there is no clear path to access with many obstacles including curbs, uneven surfaces, sunken drains and debris.

Hood River Valley High School Girls' Softball Field: 3685 Belmont St., Hood River, Oregon 97031

- Girls' soft bleachers are inaccessible due to uneven, muddy terrain leading up to the concrete pad that the bleachers are assembled on.