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- ♦ Values: Student centered, equity, accessibility, relationships and continuous improvement.
- ♦ Vision: Every blind and low vision student in Washington has the supports and services they need to succeed.
- Purpose: To empower blind and low vision individuals to reach their full potential.

Statewide LEAs/ESDs:

- ♦ Approximately 2,738 qualified blind/visually impaired (BVI) students, birth to twenty-one (2024-2025)
- Approximately 132 FTE trained teachers of the blind serving LEAs and ESDs (2024-2025)
- ♦ Birth through 3-year old population: approximately 330 BVI children identified (2025)
- ♦ National incidence of visual impairment/blindness of .1%

Washington State School for the Blind: (diversified statewide service delivery system)

- ♦ 648 students served monthly during the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 41 on campus residential students.
 - 434 students served monthly through off-campus itinerant services and monthly materials (WSSB currently provides direct/consultant services to over 1/5 of all districts in the state).
- 6 students enrolled in the LIFTT (Learning Independence for Today and Tomorrow) program. (2024-2025)
- ♦ 15 students attended a two-week Youth Employment Solutions program. (July 2025)
- ♦ 12 students attended a Summer School program. (June 2025)
- ♦ 130 students from Wash. and Oregon attended a track meet at WSSB. (May 2024)
- ♦ 40 students attended a Career Fair. (2025)
- ◆ 14 students attended the Islandwood Outdoor Science Camp. (2025)
- ♦ 31 students attended short courses (2024-2025)
- ♦ 101 low vision evaluations provided. (2024-2025)
- ♦ Outreach Access Services (2024-2025):
 - Mentor services: 257
 - Student assessments (for districts with no vision professional support): 80
 - Support for complex students: 83
 - Technology support for students: 191
 - Technology support for educators: 613
 - Professional development: 179
- Braille Access Center. Braille production of over 2 million pages of Braille since 1998 (self-supporting fee for service program). (Partnership with Department of Corrections).
- ♦ Statewide Instructional Resource Center provides Accessible Instructional Media, information and referral for 165 district and agencies, serving approximately 2,738 students that are blind, low vision, deaf/blind and/or with multiple disabilities.

Overall On-Campus Student Profile:

- ♦ 57% Blind/Low Vision only; 43% Multiple Disabilities
- ♦ Ethnicity Background: 55% White; 12% Hispanic; 12% Asian; 6% Black; 4% Native American; 11% Multi-Racial
- ♦ 16% of students newly enrolled at WSSB (August 2024)
- ♦ Average length of enrollment of graduates was 4 years (data from class of 2025)

Deafblind Project:

- ♦ 336 children/youth (B-22) in 2024
- ♦ Professional Development: 331 participants statewide

Statewide/Regional/National Staff Training:

- ♦ Video Clips on Blindness Tips: Average amount of times accessed each month: 2,032 (2024-2025).
- 50 participants attended WSSB's Summer Institute--Statewide training workshops for regular classroom teachers and teacher aides (July 2024).