

Washington State School for the Blind

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- ◆ **Vision:** Independence for blind and visually impaired children.
- ◆ **Mission:** The mission of the Washington State School for the Blind is to provide specialized quality educational services to visually impaired/blind youth ages birth-21 within the state of Washington.
- ◆ **Purpose:** To serve as a statewide demonstration and resource center and provide direct/indirect services to students both on campus and in the children's local communities.

Statewide LEAs/ESDs:

- ◆ Approximately 1,744 qualified blind/visually impaired (BVI) students, birth to twenty-one (2016).
- ◆ Approximately 103 FTE trained teachers of the blind serving LEAs and ESDs (2016).
- ◆ Birth through 3-year old population: approximately 151 BVI children identified (2016).
- ◆ National incidence of visual impairment/blindness of .1%.

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

- ◆ 674 students served monthly during the 2015-2016 school year.
 - 61 on campus residential students.
 - 389 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).
- ◆ 4 students enrolled in the LIFTT (Learning Independence for Today and Tomorrow) program. (2015-2016)
- ◆ 25 students attended a two-week YES (Youth Employment Solutions) program. (July 2016)
- ◆ 25 students attended a Summer School program. (June-July 2016)
- ◆ 107 students from Washington and Oregon attended a track meet at WSSB. (May 2016)
- ◆ 49 students attended a Career Fair. (March 2016)
- ◆ 23 students attended the NW Environmental Science Camp. (April 2016)
- ◆ 104 low vision evaluations provided. (2015-2016)
- ◆ Statewide Technology Center for the Blind (2015-2016):
 - 327 comprehensive technology evaluations provided per year.
 - 100+ online technology services provided each month.
 - Average 6-8 training sessions each month for teachers in local public schools on specialized technology.
- ◆ Braille Access Center. Braille production of over 8-9 million pages of Braille since fall of 1993 (self-supporting fee for service program). (Partnership with Corrections).
- ◆ Statewide Instructional Resource Center provides Accessible Instructional Media (AIM), information and referral for 180 district and agencies, serving approximately 1,744 students that are blind, visually impaired, deaf/blind and/or with multiple disabilities.
- ◆ 50,000+ people used WSSB's facilities during the 2016-2017 school year.
- ◆ Quarterly newsletter sent to approximately 2,000 individuals.

Overall on Campus Student Profile:

- ◆ 50% Blind/Visually Impaired; 40% Multiple Disabilities; 10% Deaf Blind
- ◆ Ethnicity Background: 10% Hispanic; 84% Caucasian; 4% Pacific Islander; 2% Multiracial
- ◆ 20% yearly student turnover (transition to adult services or back into local school programs) (2015-2016)
- ◆ Average enrollment was 3.1 years (Range: 0 months to 7 years; data from 2015-2016)
- ◆ 78% of graduates (7 year study) employed, volunteering, or in voc./tech/academic college programs (2008-2014)

Statewide/Regional/National Staff Training:

- ◆ Video Clips on Blindness Tips: Average amount of times accessed on WSSB's website each month: 683. Average amount of times accessed on YouTube each month: 2,683 (2015-2016).
- ◆ 45 participants attended WSSB's Summer Institute--Statewide training workshops for regular classroom teachers and teacher aides (July 2016)
- ◆ 50 participants attended a Cortical Visual Impairment Training (August 2016)

"We will provide world-class educational services to the blind and visually impaired"