



Washington State School for the Blind

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WSSB's Relationship and Interaction with K-12



Everything the WSSB does is based on the premise of providing students who are blind and visually impaired the services, supports, and opportunities they need to be independent, successful, and contributing members of their home community.

WSSB works closely with OSPI and local school districts to provide:

- Access to a full-continuum of service delivery options from qualified personnel.
- Access to instructional materials such as textbooks and workbooks in alternative formats (Braille, Large Print, Audio).
- Access to appropriate resources such as assessments, technology, aids and appliances (e.g. products available through the American Printing House for the Blind).
- Ongoing professional development and training for classroom teachers and other education professionals, as well as parents.

WSSB is part of the Washington Sensory Disability Services (WSDS), a Washington State Needs Project through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Other members of the WSDS include the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL), OSPI and the Washington Deaf-Blind Project.

Agency Overview: Statewide services and support



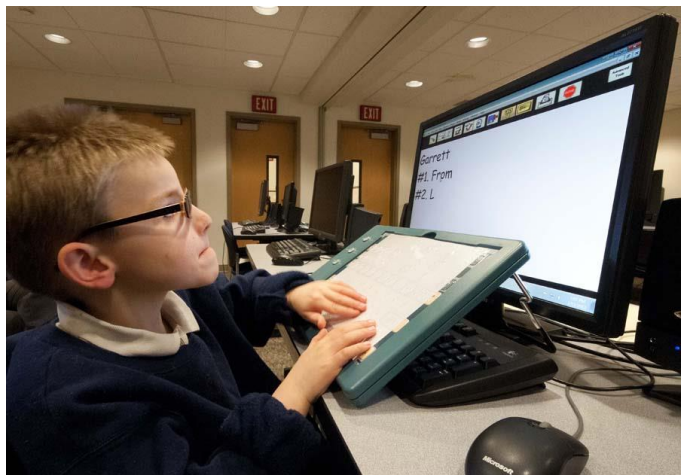
- Outreach program service coordination/state vision consultant
- Assistive technology evaluation/support for students who are blind/visually impaired
- Teacher of students who are blind/visual impairments (contract service)
- Certified orientation and mobility specialist (contract service)
- Braille transcriber/instructional assistant (contract service)
- Early intervention vision impairment service coordination
- Early intervention vision impairment specialist (contract service)
- Ogden Resource Center (ORC)

Agency Overview: On-campus programs and services



- Intensive residential and day programs (middle and high school)
- One-week residential short courses (middle and high school)
- On-line course options (algebra 1 & 2, general math, transition planning)
- Learning Independence for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT) residential transition program*
- Expanded Core Curriculum for the blind/visually impaired summer camps (ages 11-14)
- Youth Employment Solutions (YES) 1 summer program* (ages 14-16)
- Trainings for parents and professionals
- Low vision evaluation clinic

*collaboration with Department of Services for the Blind (DSB)



Partnerships/Collaboration

- Local Education Agency's (LEAs)
- Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
- Washington Sensory Disability Services (WSDS)
- Washington Deaf-Blind Project (WDBP)
- Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL)
- Department of Services for the Blind (DSB)
- Department of Early Learning (DEL)
- Education Service Districts (ESDs)
- Department of Corrections (DOC)
- Lions Clubs
- Northwest Association of Blind Athletes (NWABA)
- Consumer Groups (National Federation of the Blind / Washington Council of the Blind)
- Pacific Foundation for Blind Children (PFBC)
- Parents
- Council of Schools and Services for the Blind (COSB)



The relationship between the WSSB, school districts, OSPI, ESDs, and other state agencies is a synergistic one which benefits all Washingtonians.



QUESTIONS?

