



OUTREACH

*SPECIALIZED SERVICES
FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED*



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Background: The Oklahoma School for the Blind (OSB) has been a statewide resource for the past two decades. Beginning in 1985, OSB staff provided specialized services to children and youth who are visually impaired in their communities. These services continue today, and have grown to meet the ever-increasing needs of children and families for an appropriate education in the community setting.



Evaluations: Outreach Services staff coordinates with personnel at OSB to conduct evaluations specially designed for the needs of the student being evaluated. School districts, service providers, and families may schedule this two day evaluation that is conducted on the OSB campus. Components of the evaluation may include:

- ★ Vision Exam
- ★ Academic testing
- ★ Braille reading and writing
- ★ Orientation and Mobility
- ★ Speech and language
- ★ Independent Living Skills
- ★ Intellectual functioning
- ★ Occupational Therapy
- ★ Physical Therapy
- ★ Assistive Technology
- ★ Job Skills

Services Available through Coordinators

- ⇒ Assist with obtaining visual information from an optometrist or ophthalmologist, with parental consent.
- ⇒ Interpret visual information and provide the program, service providers, and families with specific details concerning the student's visual impairment.
- ⇒ Make recommendations on possible classroom adaptations and modifications for specific visual conditions.
- ⇒ Provide technical assistance to schools and programs.
- ⇒ Conduct in-service programs for teachers, students, related staff, families, and service providers.
- ⇒ Assist with functional vision assessments and learning media assessments to make recommendations on braille or large print educational materials.
- ⇒ Coordinate referral and linkage with resources for the provision of specialized services.

Outreach services are provided by certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired

Summer Program: OSB offers a four week summer program for students ages 5-18 who are not enrolled in the OSB school program. Programming includes a personalized curriculum for specific areas related to vision needs that have been identified by local schools and parents.



Eligibility: Individuals ages birth through 21 with

- 1 Vision of 20/70 in the better eye with correction **OR**
- 2 Visual field less than 20 degrees **OR**
- 3 Visual impairment that severely affects the educational performance of the child

How Much Does It Cost?

Services of the Oklahoma School for the Blind are free of charge to any individual who is blind or visually impaired between the ages of birth through 21 and residing in the state of Oklahoma.



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