

Kansas State School for the Blind Transition Program

* Year-long (August-May) Program
(renewable annually as needed to achieve identified goals pending IEP team decisions).

- * Expanded Core Focus
- * Individualized instruction
- * Self-Determined students
- * College, Technical School or On the Job Training Track
- * Independent Apartment Living Experience

“My students who went through this program grew so much. I would proudly recommend it.”

- Anne Gurss, TSVI



Program Requirements

- * Recommendation from a TVI
- * Contact with a “Case Manager” (either from VR or DD)
- * Completed application packet for KSSB Transition Program
- * Completed Person Centered Plan with goals identified
- * Meeting with Transition staff in the candidates’ home community/school
- * Approval from school district to support applicant and provide transportation



Program Costs

- * \$1,000 yearly fee to be paid to KSSB by the local district for provision of services; including but not limited to room & board, meals, Instruction in O&M, Social Skills, DLS, Assistive Technology, Self-Advocacy, and other skills as identified by the team.
- * Transportation costs paid by the local district.



Above Left: Student employed at Chick-Fil-A.



Above Right: Student working on cooking skills.

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Ready to Apply?
The students’ TSVI is asked to go to
www.kssb.net/intake to complete a service request.

Career Education

- * Gain knowledge of occupations
- * Explore interests and abilities
- * Develop skills to conduct an effective job search

College Prep

- * Enroll at Kansas City Kansas Community College while learning the skills necessary for college success:
- * Determining necessary accommodations and best format
- * Obtaining accommodations, technology and supplies
- * Utilizing the college student services office and vocational rehabilitation
- * Organizing and prioritizing coursework

Vocational Training

- * On-the-job training at one or a variety of area businesses to develop the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment while gaining valuable work experience
- * Attend classes at the KCKCC Technical Education Center (TEC) to gain training and certification in one of 21 different Technical Programs

Independent Living Skills

- * Students develop the skills necessary to live independently, by graduating from the dorm to an on-campus apartment, then a free standing cottage when appropriate; also on campus
- * Budgeting, banking and money management
- * Organization of personal living space
- * Personal hygiene and grooming
- * Time management
- * Meal preparation
- * Clothing care
- * Cleaning

Orientation and Mobility Skills

- * Opportunities for more advanced travel skills are available, including the use of public transportation to work or school, and the chance to plan one's own outings

Assistive Technology Skills

- * Students can improve their skills in technology adapted for visual impairments to access print and internet information through:
 - * Computers with screen readers and magnification
 - * Electronic note takers
 - * Electronic Magnifiers
 - * Braille translation software

Compensatory Skills

- * Improve skills in Braille or utilize low vision devices to read, write, and gather information in the most efficient way; organizational skills are emphasized
- * Expand academic knowledge or specialized skills

Self-Advocacy

- * Students gain an understanding of their visual impairment and their accommodation needs for various environments and tasks
- * Advocacy skills are taught and practiced through experiences at the college, on the job, in the apartment, and on community outings

Social Skills

- * Students are able to develop and refine social skills formally through classes and reflections with staff, and informally through participation with others on or off-campus