



# Transition Program

KANSAS STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND



“I can’t even begin to list all of the accomplishments and opportunities the transition program has opened up for him.”

~ Lindsay Beal, mother of a former transition student

- An intensive, 9-month program for students who are blind/visually impaired aged 18-21 (Sunday-Thursday; August-May)
- \$1000.00 per student, per year (9 mos.) If applying from out of state please contact KSSB for cost
- Three pathways: Community College, Technical School, and/or Vocational Program
- Independent living skills are part of each student’s program
- Dorm, apartment, and/or cottage residential options
- Individualized instruction in the Expanded Core Curriculum
- Many students have paid work experiences
- KSSB coordinates services with student’s home school and IEP team
- Students in the Transition Program remain on an IEP

## QUESTIONS?

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## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Recommendation from a TSVI
- 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

## SKILLS/INTERESTS

### 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 (KCKCC) 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)*

- Budgeting, banking and money management
- Personal hygiene and grooming
- Meal preparation
- Cleaning
- Organization of personal living space
- Time management
- Clothing care

### 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 magnifiers
- Electronic note takers
- 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

**READY TO APPLY?**

go to: <http://bit.ly/kssbtransition> to complete a service request.