



# Kansas State School for the Blind

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## \*\*\*\* JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT \*\*\*\*

**POSITION TITLE:** Teacher of Students with a Visual Impairment (TSVI) and/or Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist (COMS)

**SALARY:** Placement made within agency guidelines on salary schedule depending upon qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits.

**LOCATION:** Central, South Central KS

**EMPLOYMENT DATE:** January 8, 2024; position open until filled

**CONTRACT DAYS:** 181 Days (prorated to start date)

**SCHEDULE:** Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:45 pm; this position may require attendance at meetings and/or special events outside of regular working hours .

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Provide KSSB Field Services direct service in the area of Teaching Students with a Visual Impairment and/or Orientation and Mobility. Provide instruction, observations, assessments, and professional development related to TSVI and/or O&M for LEAs, cooperatives, Tiny-K agencies, and parents who have a student(s) with a visual impairment. A moderate amount of independent judgment is required in organization of schedule and management of calendar/time. Must be a self-starter, and have a moderate degree of judgment to work without direct supervision. Must have excellent time management skills.

Maintain professional records, data, billing, and Google calendar up to date. Keep Field Services department informed of all current and potential developments regarding critical needs in the area of Orientation and Mobility. Knowledge of IEP process, multi-disciplinary approach, primary coach model. Able to provide instruction on basic guide techniques to parents, IAs, district staff. ACVREP Certification as COMS preferred (or willingness to obtain) Other duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

This position requires licensure as Certified Teacher of Students with Visual Impairment for a period of no less than one (1) year, and a valid driver's license. Or a newly ACVREP Certified COMS open to mentorship for a period of 1 - 2 years. Applicant can also be a new TSVI who is accepted to an accredited university training program and currently enrolled towards TSVI certification.

Working independently under the direction of the Field Services Director, the incumbent will provide direct Orientation and Mobility Services in identified areas in Central and South Central Kansas. In addition, this position will assist with low vision clinics, and other duties as assigned in regional area including supporting family engagement and agency sponsored events. Direct, Consultative, Assessment TSVI and/or COMS services to rural areas in Central and South Central Kansas as determined by the Director of Field Services. Ability to conduct Vision Specific Assessments and produce written reports. Ability to interpret functional vision, eye reports, medical documents and other reports unique to students who have a visual impairment. Ability to produce written reports reflective of KSSB as a professional agency. Ability to use current methods to obtain data, including inventories to determine service times. Attend Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and Individual Educational Plan (IEP) meetings and required staff meetings, via in-person, or through video consultations or conferences as requested by regional districts or KSSB. Excellent communication skills. Must have a valid driver's license and be eligible to use rental vehicles.

### Essential Duties, Responsibilities, and Skills:

- Direct and consultative and assessment services in the area of Teaching Students with a Visual Impairment as determined by regional need. Region is Central Kansas.
- Participate in team meetings for assigned caseloads of children/students who have a visual impairment, including

those with additional disabilities.

- Provide information to LEAs, school personnel and parents, about local, regional, state, and national vision program resources for the home, school and community.
- Provide information concerning recreational and summer programs to parents and students and assist with application forms and procedures. Such activities might include the Kansas School for the Blind's ESY programs, Trailblazers weekends, Expanded Core on the Road, etc.
- Acquire and utilize information about current research and trends, development, and technology by attending conferences, workshops, and area meetings and by reading journals in the field of visual impairment.
- Provide KSSB's service request procedures to appropriate personnel.
- Consult with early interventionists/educators to provide information to incorporate the Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC) into the entire home/school and community settings, more specifically related to Orientation and Mobility.
- Participate in regional Community of Practice.
- Attend and assist with Agency Sponsored Signature Events.
- Attend and assist with Regional Low Vision Clinics.
- Assist with development and presentation of regional workshops
- Experience working with school-age children with a visual impairment including those with additional unique learning needs, and / or deaf-blindness
- Experience working with infants and toddlers
- Experience working with a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills,
- Effective time management skills
- Ability to work effectively with diverse groups,
- Ability to work independently with little supervision
- Ability to travel to regional area districts, and to other statewide agency supported events.
- Ability to use technology for distance meetings, webinars, calendar, documents, etc.

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Bachelor's degree in education or other relevant field of study
- Licensure (including Provisional) as Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TSVI)
- ACVREP Certification (or willingness to obtain) in Orientation and Mobility (COMS)
- Must pass federal and state criminal background checks
- Must possess a valid Kansas driver's license, or ability to obtain it from out of state.
- Must be able to drive rental vehicles and overnight stays are sometimes required.

#### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

All offers of employment from Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB) are contingent upon background check results and any applicable workplace references. Background checks are completed via the KS Bureau of Investigation, Backgrounds Plus consents, Kansas Department of Children and Family Services, and Dru Sjodin National Sexual Offender Registry. KSSB may contact previous employers for workplace references. Within 30 days of employment, a tuberculosis test (and any applicable treatment), as well as a health certificate must be completed by a medical provider at the cost of the employee.

**APPLICATION:** Open Until Filled. For consideration, request an official KSSB application or go to our website at <https://kssb.net/employment/> and apply for KSSB's review; copies of all college transcripts and licenses will be required.

#### **CONTACT:**

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