

## OUR MISSION

“The mission of the Kentucky School for the Blind is to provide comprehensive educational services to all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired, birth to 21.”

*“Empowering Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Command their Future”*



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**Statewide Educational  
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# Outreach Services



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The Kentucky School for the Blind Outreach Department supports proficient student performance by assisting local school districts, and the Kentucky School for the Deaf, in reducing barriers to learning associated with a vision loss and providing students access to the general curriculum, the Kentucky Core Academic Standards, and Expanded Core Curriculum for Students with Visual Impairments.

### Short Term

This program offers students the opportunity to receive direct and intensive instruction for their vision needs. Students may attend up to 12 weeks in a school year but remain enrolled in their home district. Instruction is focused on the Expanded Core Curriculum for Students With Visual Impairments and supports the Core Content.

As part of Short Term Program, students will have the opportunity to participate in:

- Track and Field
- Wrestling
- Goalball
- Cheerleading
- Braille and Low Vision Carnival
- Braille Challenge Competition
- Short Term Retreat Weekend

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### Low Vision Clinic

The primary purpose of a clinical low vision evaluation is to determine whether an individual with low vision can benefit from optical and nonoptical devices, as well as adaptive techniques, to enhance visual functioning. This type of evaluation should be an adjunct to the care a student receives from their primary eye care provider.

### Family Support Services

This program promotes and engages parents, caregivers and other family members as full partners in the education process for their children. The Family Support Specialist takes an active role in collaboration with other agencies in planning and hosting regional and/or statewide activities that promote family awareness and involvement in their child's education

### Kentucky Instructional Resource Center (KIMRC)

The KIMRC provides textbooks in braille and large print and other educational materials needed by students who are blind and visually impaired for use in local school programs. The resource center also conducts an annual registration of students who are blind and visually impaired in Kentucky.

### Consultants

**Mentoring of New Teachers:** Consultants are available to assist new teachers and teachers in university training programs with assessments and consultations, instructional teaching strategies and caseload analysis.

**Workshops and Trainings:** Consultants are available to present at workshops and conferences on topics and issues relevant to the education of students with visual impairments.



**Assessments:** Consultants work with school personnel to develop plans and conduct evaluations for students in accessing the general curriculum using the core curriculum and the expanded core curriculum for students with visual impairments. These evaluations are conducted in the student's local school district. Written reports including recommendations are provided.

### Consultation and Technical

**Assistance:** On-site observation and consultation including recommendations for appropriate curricular materials and instructional methods, modifications, and adaptations at the request of the local school district. A written report is provided.

**In-Service Training:** In an effort to promote high quality teaching and services, consultants will assist local school districts and special education cooperatives in planning and presenting vision specific in-service training for special/regular education classroom teachers, para-professionals, and other personnel.

**VI Cadre Meetings:** Consultants work with local districts or special education cooperatives in developing and improving services for students with visual impairments through systematic change. The goal of these meetings is to foster program growth and development while meeting the changing needs of students.