

Kentucky Office for the Blind and Morehead State University. Insight is the only program in Kentucky dedicated to promoting college and career readiness for students who are blind and visually impaired. The program is open to students who have completed grades 10-12 and are interested in attending a postsecondary institution. The Insight Program is during the summer on the Morehead State University campus.

► **Low Vision Clinic:** Evaluations are conducted on the KSB campus and other locations in Kentucky by an optometrist/ophthalmologist who specializes in low vision. This evaluation differs from a regular eye examination; it determines whether a student with low vision can benefit from optical and nonoptical devices or adaptive techniques to enhance visual functioning. Student referrals for this service must be submitted to KSB's certified low vision therapist. Details and forms can be obtained at <http://www.ksb.k12.ky.us/Content/42>.

► **Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center (KIMRC):** The KIMRC provides textbooks and other educational materials in Braille and large print for students who are blind and visually impaired at local schools, private agencies and home schools. In order to be eligible, students must be registered with the KIMRC by their school district, agency or home school and have a current eye report on file.

► **Gateways to Independence:** Vision specific professional development is offered during the summer for all Kentucky teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists. The objective is to provide support and enhance the ability of teachers to address the unique needs of students with visual impairments.

► **Family Support Center (FSC):** The purpose of the FSC is to establish a cooperative partnership between schools and families across the Commonwealth. FSC helps families identify school, community and state resources and conducts parent social and educational gatherings throughout the state.

KSB Vision Statement:

"Empowering Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Command their Future"

KSB Promise:

- ▶ We will be compassionate about what we do and those we serve.
- ▶ We will respect your privacy.
- ▶ We will address your needs with dignity.
- ▶ We will listen and value your input.



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The Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) in Louisville was established by the Kentucky legislature in 1842. KSB is the third oldest school for the blind in the United States. Today, KSB helps all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired to be college- and career-ready. KSB serves as the statewide educational resource center on blindness by offering a K-12 full-time academic program, residential services and outreach programs.



Educational Services Available on the KSB Campus:

KSB is a school of academic excellence. Students are taught the Kentucky Academic Standards, and an Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC). The ECC is designed for students who are blind or visually impaired to promote independence. KSB prepares students who are blind or visually impaired to be college and career ready by offering:

- ▶ **Braille Instruction**
- ▶ **Assistive/Adaptive Technology**
- ▶ **Orientation and Mobility**
- ▶ **Transitional and Independent Living Programs**
- ▶ **Community Work Transition Program**
- ▶ **Participation in Academic Programming in Jefferson County Public Schools**
- ▶ **Extended School Services**
- ▶ **Career Readiness**
 - ▷ **CTE Pathway:** Students are offered the opportunity to be career-ready through course work in technology-related classes. Students may obtain industry certifications and gain knowledge about multimedia publishing, and digital and financial literacy.
 - ▷ **World of Work Job Training (WOW):** Students work in local agencies and businesses while in high school and during the summer work program. Students learn the skills needed to advocate for the accommodations they need in order to be successful in the "real world" workplace.
- ▶ **Extracurricular and Enrichment Activities:** While attending KSB, students may participate in choral and instrumental groups, athletic competition, scouting programs, arts and crafts, playwriting, Regional Braille Challenge, Braille and Low Vision Carnival and many more engaging activities.



Residential Services:

Students who reside more than 60 miles from campus and are enrolled in KSB Full-time, Short Term or in Summer Programs may request to live on campus. KSB provides a homelike environment in a dormitory setting that encourages students to attain proficiency and independence in daily living.



Outreach Services:

KSB assists students and school districts across the Commonwealth to reduce barriers associated with a vision loss.

- ▶ **Outreach Consultants:**
 - ▷ Mentor new teachers of the visually impaired
 - ▷ Conduct on-site observation and consultations for appropriate curricular materials and instructional methods, modifications and adaptations
 - ▷ Assist local schools and special education cooperatives in planning and presenting vision-specific professional development for teachers and staff
 - ▷ Meet regularly with teachers of the visually impaired in their regions to develop and/or improve services
- ▶ **Short Term Program:** The Short Term Program at KSB allows students to maintain enrollment in their home school while receiving direct instruction for their vision needs on the KSB campus. Short Term teachers work closely with the student's home school so instruction is relevant and homework is maintained while the student is at KSB.
- ▶ **Insight Postsecondary Preparation Program:** Insight is a collaborative program of KSB Outreach, KSB Charitable Foundation,