



Kentucky Department of

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Education



Kentucky School for the Blind

The Statewide Educational Resource Center for Blindness

Misconceptions



- ▶ **Students with low vision do not attend schools for the blind, it is just blind students**
 - Any student who qualifies for special education services under the category of visual impairment if the ARC team determines KSB the best placement
- ▶ **Students attend a school for the blind for their entire academic career**
 - The timeline differs for every student. Some attend while young and then return to the home district. Others attend when older and graduate from KSB or his/her home district.
- ▶ **Every student identified with blindness or low vision goes to a school for the blind**
 - Students who are blind or visually impaired can receive services from TVIs in his/her home district.

Misconceptions continued...

- ▶ There are no programs for students that need short-term services
 - KSB has a short-term program where students attend KSB for small amounts of time, but remain enrolled in his/her home district
- ▶ Schools for the blind do not have libraries
 - KSB offers a wide range of resources: braille books, large print, tactile books, talking book players, iPads, etc.
- ▶ Every student uses a cane to travel
 - Cane use is determined through observations and evaluations by an Orientation & Mobility specialist
- ▶ Students that attend schools for the blind do not go to college
 - Students who graduate from KSB receive a high school diploma, just like peers from public/private schools. They are also entitled to the same opportunities.
- ▶ Students with complex needs cannot attend schools for the blind
 - Placement is determined by the Admissions & Release Committee. If your student is blind or visually impaired, KSB is an option.



World of Work (WOW) & KSB Summer Work Program

- ▶ Theo Tibke (student) & Dawn Tibke (mother)



Residential Life

- ▶ Hayden Cannon, Garrard County



Campus Offerings

- ▶ **Macy Spigelmire, Bullitt County**





Questions