

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired

Short-Term Programs

School Year 2019 - 2020

Distance Learning classes can be seen at <http://www.tsbvi.edu/school/3365-calendar>.

Fall Semester 2019

| Days | Dates | Class | Coord/Adm |
|--------------|--------------|---|-----------------|
| TBD | Ongoing | Individualized Instruction & Distance Learning Graphing Calculator, Google Classroom, iOS/Voiceover, JAWS, Abacus | |
| Th-Su | Sept 5- 8 | Elementary Independence Weekend (grades 2-3) | JR/NW |
| Su-Fr | Sept 8-13 | Junior Access to Academic Skills #1 (grades 6-8) | NW/PW |
| Su-We | Sept 22-25 | Elementary Technology & Math Series Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech Tools (grades 2-5) • Math Masters (grades 2-5) | ALL/NW |
| Su-Th | Oct 6-10 | Graphaganza! Math Tools and Tactile Graphics (grades 5-7) | JR/PW |
| Su-We | Oct 20-23 | Elementary Technology, Math Series Part B (<i>Prerequisite: Part A</i>) | ALL/NW |
| Su-Fr | Oct 27-Nov 1 | High School Access to Academic Skills #1 (grades 9-12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instruction in Math or Technology, or Low Vision Tools • Special Focus: Preparing for College | NW/PW |
| Su-Tu | Nov 3-5 | Super Science! (grades 3-5) | KH/NW/NW |
| Su-We | Nov 17-20 | Elementary Technology & Math Series Part C (<i>Prerequisite: Part B</i>) | ALL/NW |
| Th-Su | Dec 5-8 | High School Independence Weekend #1: Iron Chef (grades 9-12) | SH/JR/PW |
| Th-Su | Dec 12-15 | Game of Life (grades 7-9) | NW/NW |

Spring Semester 2020

| Days | Dates | Class | Coord/Adm |
|--------------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| TBD | Ongoing | Individualized Instruction & Distance Learning Graphing Calculator, Google Classroom, iOS/Voiceover, JAWS, Abacus | |
| Su-Fr | Jan 12-17 | Elementary Access to Academic Skills (grades 3-5) | SH/NW |
| Su-Fr | Jan 26-31 | High School Access to Academic Skills #2 (grades 9-12) | JR/PW |
| Fr-Su | Feb 7-9 | Wellness Weekend (grades 9-12) | PW/NW |
| Mo-Fr | Feb 17-21 | Junior Access to Academic Skills #2 (grades 6-8) | KH/PW |
| Fr-Su | March 6-8 | In the Driver's Seat: Intro to Safe Driving with Low Vision (grades 9-12) | SM/NW |
| Th-Su | March 26-29 | High School Independence Weekend #2: Outdoor Challenge (grades 8-12)* | NW/SH/PW |
| Fr-Su | Apr 3-5 | Pre-SWEAT (for students attending summer SWEAT program) | CB/NW |
| Mo-Fr | Apr 13-17 | Health and Well-Being: An Introduction to Sexuality (grades 5-7) | JR/NW/PW |
| Fr-Su | Apr 23-26 | City Travel for COMS and Their Students (grades 7-12) | KH/NW |
| Th-Su | Apr 30-May 3 | High School Independence Weekend #3: Prom (grades 10-12) | SH/PW |
| Th-Su | May 14-17 | Junior Independence Weekend: Outdoor Exploration (grades 6-8)* | KH/JR/NW |

For details about classes, visit: www.tsbvi.edu/short-term-programs

*This class includes activities that may require a [retinal precaution waiver](#)



Short-Term Program Classes

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Late August to May

School year short-term program classes are designed to provide Expanded Core Curriculum support for academic level students who are functioning at or close to grade level. There is no cost to districts or families. Please go to our website for specific information about the classes and how to apply.

- ★ **Monday-to-Friday Classes.** Highly intensive classes focus on compensatory skills needed by learners with visual impairments to access the regular curriculum. Typical ratios are a teacher and TA with two or three students working on similar objectives. Students' local teachers select their student's objectives through discussion with TSBVI teachers. Popular topics are technology, maximizing use of low vision, and math or science tools and concepts. Students in all classes also receive training in social, self-determination, and independent living skills after school in the dorm.
- ★ **Elementary Technology, Math, Series: Tech Tools or Math Masters.** Students in grades 2-5, who are non-visual learners, attend a series of three 3-day fall classes at TSBVI to learn basic technology skills, compensatory math or compensatory literacy skills. Local TVIs and TSBVI work together between sessions to assure continuity of learning. Accepted students must commit to attend all three sections of the class. No exceptions!!
- ★ **Extended Weekend Classes.** Classes focus on skills needed by learners with visual impairments, which may be difficult to address in the regular academic day. Topics include: low vision tools and strategies, mobility, independent living, recreation/leisure, personal and interpersonal growth, pre-driving skills with low vision, self-advocacy, and others. The ability to learn alongside other visually impaired students and adults can be a life changing opportunity that enhances self-esteem and leads to greater motivation in approaching life's personal and academic challenges.
- ★ **Distance Learning Classes.** Distance Learning online courses are interactive learning experiences for students who are blind or have visual impairments. Students take the class, using a computer, in their local community. Courses may be self-paced, real-time with an instructor, or a combination of self-paced and real-time instruction. This instruction can be presented to groups or to individuals through video conferencing software.

Referrals to Short-Term Program classes must come from the local school district. Students may attend more than one class. Parents can learn more by contacting their child's local teacher of students with visual impairments, or by calling the director of the TSBVI Short-Term Programs (contact information below).

To read more or to make a referral, go to: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/short-term-programs>.

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