

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired Short-Term Programs School Year 2020 - 2021

Distance Learning classes can be seen at [STP School Calendar](#).

All courses in the fall semester will be online.

Fall Semester 2020

Ongoing Individualized Instruction & Self-Paced (Asynchronous) Distance Learning Graphing Calculator, Google Classroom, iOS/Voiceover, JAWS, Abacus, TSBVI Book Club

Coordinator- John R.

September 10-12 Thursday- Saturday **Elementary Independence Weekend: Pioneer Times**
grades 3-5

Coordinator- Kat H./Admin- Phoebe W.

September 14-18 Monday- Friday **Junior Access to Academic Skills #1** grades 5-8

- Instruction in Math or Technology
- Focus on Low Vision Series

Coordinator- Nina W. /Admin- Nichelle W.

September 28-30 Monday- Wednesday **Elementary Technology & Math Series Part A** grades 2-5

- Tech Tools
- Math Masters

Coordinator- John R. /Admin- Phoebe W.

October 5-8 Monday- Thursday **Kitchen Chemistry** grades 6-8

Coordinator- Kat H. /Admin- Nichelle W.

October 19-21 Monday- Wednesday **Elementary Technology, Math Series Part B** *Prerequisite: Part A*

Coordinator- John R. /Admin- Phoebe W.

October 26-30 Monday- Friday **High School Access to Academic Skills #1** grades 9-12

- Instruction in Math or Technology
- Focus on Low Vision Series
- Special Focus: Preparing for College

Coordinator- Nina W. /Admin- Nichelle W.

November 5-7 Thursday- Saturday **Super Science!** grades 3-5

Coordinator- Kat H. /Admin- Phoebe W.

November 16-18 Monday- Wednesday **Elementary Technology & Math Series Part C**

Prerequisite: Part B

Coordinator- John R. /Admin- Phoebe W.

December 3-5 Thursday- Saturday **High School Independence Weekend #1: Iron Chef** grades 9-12

Coordinator- Angela W. /Admin- Nichelle W.

December 12 Saturday **Winter Social (all ages welcome)**

Coordinators- Cheryl A./John R. /Admin- Phoebe W.

Spring Semester 2021

Ongoing Individualized Instruction & Self-Paced (Asynchronous) Distance Learning Graphing Calculator, Google Classroom, iOS/Voiceover, JAWS, Abacus, TSBVI Book Club

Coordinator- John R.

January 10-15 Sunday- Friday Elementary Access to Academic Skills grades 3-5

Coordinator- Nina W./Admin- Nichelle W.

January 21-24 Thursday- Sunday Game of Life grades 7-9

Coordinators- Nina W. /Cheryl A. /Admin- Phoebe W.

January 24-29 Sunday- Friday High School Access to Academic Skills #2 grades 9-12

- Instruction in Math or Technology
- Focus on Low Vision Series
- Economics/Money Management

Coordinator- John R./Admin Nichelle W.

February 5-7 Friday- Sunday Wellness Weekend grades 9-12

Coordinator- Cheryl A./Admin Phoebe W.

February 15-19 Monday- Friday Junior Access to Academic Skills #2 grades 6-8

Coordinator- John R. /Admin- Nichelle W.

March 5-7 Friday- Sunday In the Driver's Seat: Intro to Safe Driving with Low Vision grades 9-12

Coordinator- Cheryl A. /Admin- Phoebe W.

March 25-28 Thursday- Sunday High School Independence Weekend #2: Outdoor Challenge grades 9-12

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

Coordinators- Nina W./Kat H. /Admin- Nichelle W.

April 5-9 Monday- Friday Sexuality Education grades 5-7

Coordinators- Nina W. /John R. /Admin- Phoebe W.

April 9-13 Friday- Tuesday Capitol Experience grades 9-12

Coordinator- Cheryl A. /Admin- Nichelle W.

April 16-18 Friday- Sunday Pre-SWEAT (for students attending summer SWEAT) ages 17-22

Coordinator- Carlotta B. /Admin- Phoebe W.

April 22-25 Thursday- Sunday City Travel for COMS and Their Students grades 7-12

Coordinator- Kat H. /Admin- Nichelle W.

April 29- May 2 Thursday- Sunday High School Independence Weekend #3: Prom grades 10-12

Coordinator- Cheryl A. /Admin- Phoebe W.

May 13-16 Thursday-Sunday Junior Independence Weekend: Outdoor Exploration grades 6-8 *This class includes activities that may require a [retinal precaution waiver](#)

Coordinator- Kat H./John R. /Admin- Nichelle W.

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

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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