

Narrator: Welcome to Short-Term Programs! We serve Elementary through High school students from around the state.

Students come to our campus to both learn academic access skills and expanded core curriculum skills such as: cooking, orientation and mobility, independent living skills, and self-determination.

Both the school-day and after school programs incorporate these skills in a fun, safe, and meaningful way.

All of our programs start with students arriving at our dorm. Students arrive on campus in a variety of ways, depending on their distance from TSBVI and the family preferences and available options. Students work with staff and their peers to plan the week's activities and set expectations. Each evening provides its own unique opportunities including restaurant outings, field trips, recreation and leisure.

In our academic classes, students learn to use technology and math tools that will help them access the general curriculum. Students practice screen readers such as JAWS and VoiceOver, develop their Nemeth code and tactile graphics literacy, and solve equations using math tools such as the abacus and Desmos.

Social skills are one of the important components of our classes. Students form bonds and friendships and are given a unique opportunity to connect with peers. Many students form life-long friendships as a result of meeting each other during our programs.

Students may practice yoga when they attend our classes with a certified yoga teacher. Yoga incorporates both exercise and relaxation techniques to relieve stress, release excess energy and ultimately improve mental and physical health.

Students with low vision come to learn about optical devices and practice advocating for themselves by describing their visual condition and accommodations needed.

We team up with the Outreach Department to work with families or TSVIs and students concurrently. One such class, the Game of Life, which started over a decade ago, helps parents to take a step back while students step up in accountability and maturity. We offer several other joint classes.

The focus of our programs is always to help our students have fun while exposing them to opportunities outside of their own community.