

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses with "SCHOOL BUS" written on the front. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, several desks and chairs, and colorful balloons. A white diagonal line separates the two images.

Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) Division of State Schools

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Division of State Schools

- OSEEL's Division of State Schools provides oversight, management, and support to the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and the Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD).
- KSB serves as the Statewide Educational Resource Center on Blindness and provides educational services to Kentucky students who are blind or low vision.
- KSD serves as the Statewide Educational Resource Center on Deafness and provides educational services to Kentucky students who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

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- KSB and KSD provide educational services to students who are placed at the schools as their least restrictive environment (LRE) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- KSB and KSD also provide services to students across the commonwealth whose LRE is their home school district.

Placement of Students– KSB and KSD

- Educational placement at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD) is an Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) decision.
- This discussion occurs during the consideration of the least restrictive environment (LRE) and where a student's identified needs can best be met.

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE)

LRE regulations: [34 CFR 300.114](#); [707 KAR 1:350](#)

- LRE means that, to the maximum extent appropriate, students with disabilities are educated with students who are non-disabled. Special classes, separate schools or removal from the general education environment occurs only if education in the general education environment, with the use of supplementary aids and services, cannot be satisfactorily achieved due to the nature and severity of the disability.

Continuum of Services

The ARC must consider the continuum of placement options to meet the needs of students with disabilities for special education and related services.

The continuum includes:

- Instruction in the General Education Setting
- Special Classes
- Special Schools
- Home/Hospital

The Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB)

Kentucky School for the Blind

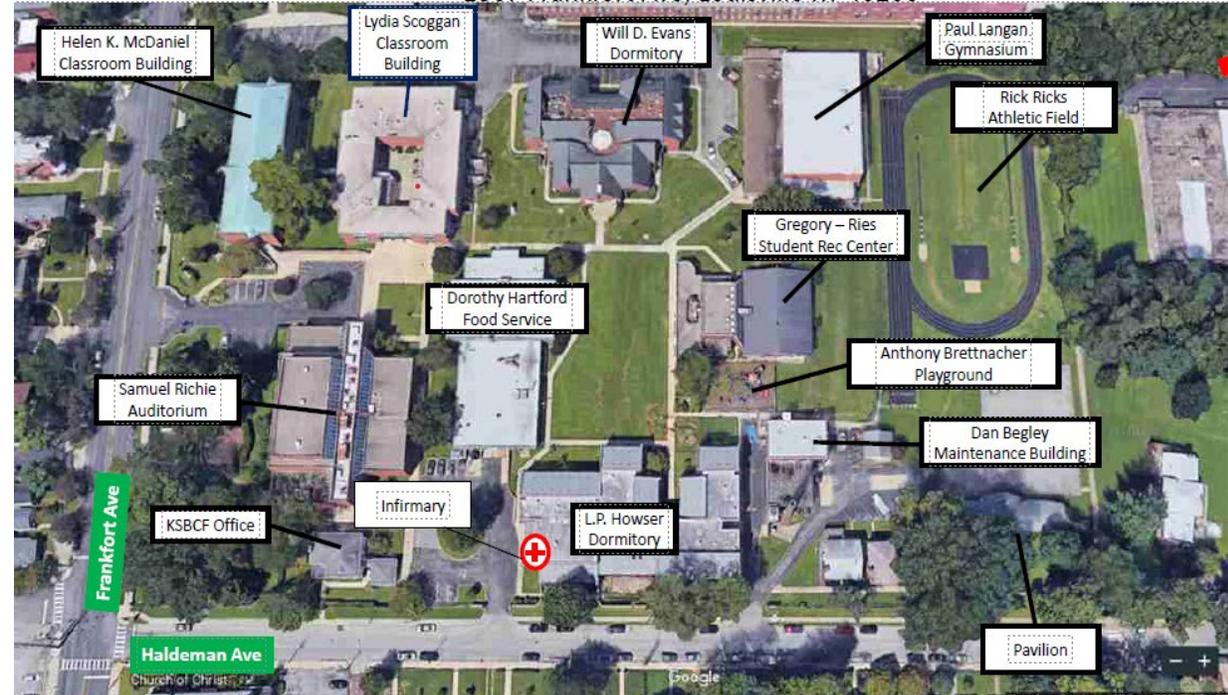
Mission

The mission of the Kentucky School for the Blind is to provide comprehensive educational services to all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired.



Kentucky School for the Blind (2)

- KSB is located in Louisville, Kentucky, at 1867 Frankfort Avenue
- Buildings include:
 - Scoggin/McDaniel: Academic & Administration
 - Richie Building: Arts & Auditorium
 - Evans & Howser Halls: Dormitories & Health Services
 - Reis Recreation Center
 - The White House: KSB Charitable Foundation
 - Langan Gymnasium
 - Hartford Food Center
 - Begley Maintenance Building



KSB Educational Services

As the Statewide Educational Resource on Blindness, KSB offers a vast menu of services to meet the needs of all Kentucky students with visual impairments. These include:

- Intensive One-to-One Instruction
- Full-time K-12 Instructional Program
- Short Course Program
- Insight College Preparation Program
- Orientation & Mobility
- Braille Skills
- Braille/Large Type Textbooks and Instructional Aids
- Low Vision Clinic
- Independent Living Program
- Community Work Transition (World of Work) Program
- Extended School Services
- Expanded Core Curriculum

KSB Enrichment Opportunities

KSB offers students an array of extracurricular activities such as:

- Music:
 - Choir
 - Band
 - Percussion
 - Ensemble
 - Keyboarding
- Braille Challenge Competition
- Art
- Abacus Bee
- Athletics
 - Wrestling
 - Goalball
 - Cheerleading
 - Track & Field
 - Swimming
 - Bowling
- Bill Roby Track and Field Games
- Short Course Weekend Retreat
- Forensics

The Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD)

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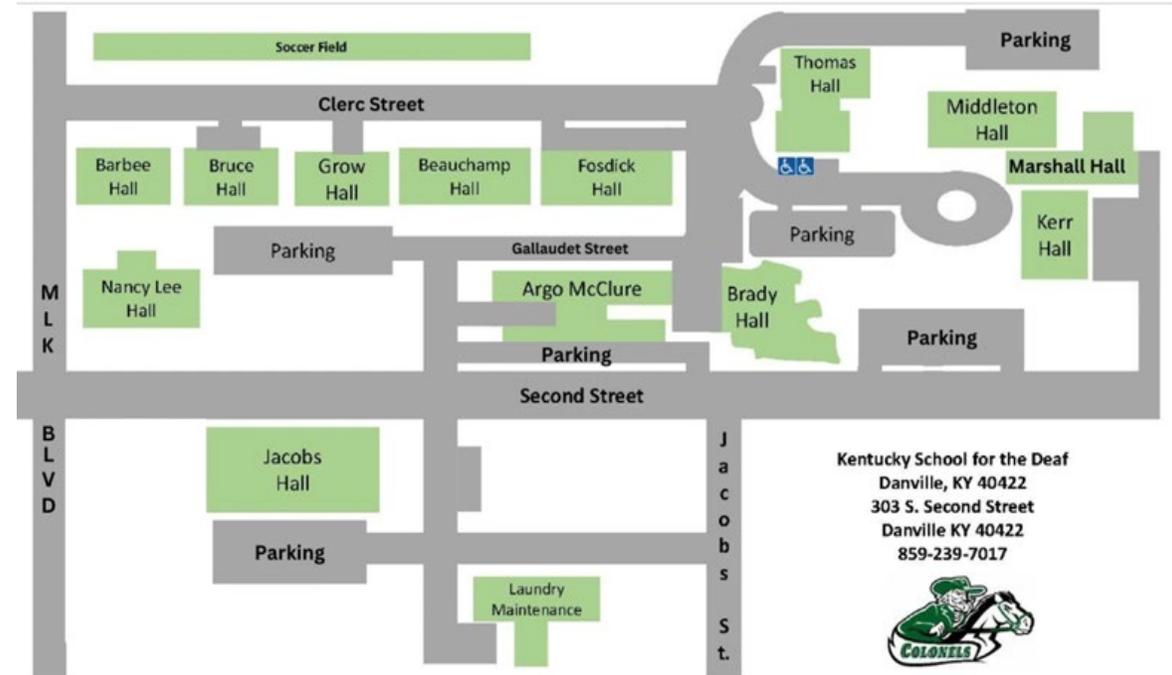
Mission

Kentucky School for the Deaf is committed to equipping Deaf and Hard of Hearing students with linguistic, academic, social and transition skills to reach their full potential.



Kentucky School for the Deaf (2)

- KSD is located in Danville, Kentucky, at 303 South Second Street.
- Buildings include:
 - Brady Hall: Administrative Offices & Dormitory
 - Kerr: Academic & Administration
 - Marshall: Elementary Academic, Cafeteria, Dormitory and Health Center
 - Middleton: Dormitory
 - Thomas: Gymnasium & Pool
 - Fosdick: Maintenance Building
 - Grow: Cafeteria
 - Argo McClure: CTE & Vocational Rehab. Building
 - Jacobs Hall: Museum



KSD Educational Services

As the Statewide Educational Resource on Deafness, KSD offers a vast menu of services to meet the needs of all Kentucky students with hearing loss. These include:

- Intensive One-to-One Instruction
- Full-time P-12 Instructional Program
- Audiological Evaluation
- American Sign Language Instructional Services
- Language Acquisition Focus
- Tactile Sign Supports
- Independent Living
- Work Transition
- Career & Technical Education
- Extended School Services
- Assistive Technology
- Mainstream Partnership

KSD Enrichment Opportunities

KSD offers students an array of extracurricular activities such as:

- Athletics:
 - Volleyball
 - Cross-Country
 - Basketball
 - Track and Field
 - Archery
 - Swimming
- E-Sports
- Art
- Future Farmers of America
- Robotics
 - Drones

KSB and KSD Outreach Programs

Statewide Educational Resource Centers

- Kentucky School for the Blind and Kentucky School for the Deaf are designated in statute to serve as Statewide Educational Resource Centers, respectively. *KRS 167.015(2)*
- For the Statewide Educational Resource Centers to fulfill their requirements, Outreach Programs were established to provide a streamlined offering of programs and services for all students with sensory loss in Kentucky.

KSB and KSD Outreach

- Costs associated with KSB and KSD Outreach programs and services are provided by KDE at no cost to districts or families.
- KSB and KSD Outreach Consultants are assigned based on regional service areas as a point of contact for outreach services and programs offered.

KSB and KSD Outreach Technical Assistance

As Statewide Educational Resource Centers, KSB/KSD Outreach provide technical assistance to school districts and families. General offerings include:

- Evaluations & Eligibility
- On-Site Observations and Consultations
- Educational Programming Recommendations
- Professional Development
- Family Support Services
- New Teacher Mentoring Program
- Classroom Adaptions
- Technology Supports

KSB and KSD Outreach Technical Assistance (2)

KSB Specific

- Short Course Programs
- Assistive Technology Lending Library
- Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Library (KIMRC)
- Orientation and Mobility
- Gateways
- INSIGHT Post-Secondary Transition Program
- Low Vision Clinics

KSD Specific

- American Sign Language Classes for School Personnel and Families
- Family Learning Vacation
- DeafBlind Outreach Program
- Language Deprivation Intervention Project
- The Center on KSD Campus
- The Lending Library

Outreach Impact: 23-24 School Year

KSD

- KSD Outreach is working with 143 school districts.
- Services to date have been provided to 481 students.
- Outreach focusing on Early Learning has been provided to 27 students across 22 districts.

KSB

- KSB Outreach is working with 118 school districts.
- Services to date have been provided to 130 students.
- Outreach focusing on Early Learning has been provided to 7 students across 7 districts.

*How does Kentucky compare?

- KSD is one of 66 schools for the Deaf across the country.
 - Five states do not have any schools for the Deaf.
 - Most offer day and residential services.
- KSB is one of 41 schools for the Blind across the country.
 - 13 states do not have any schools for the blind.
 - Most offer day and residential services.
- 11 states have schools for the deaf and the blind that share a campus.
- KSD is one of 19 schools for the Deaf accredited by the Conference for Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf.

**This is based on our findings, as we could not find any 50-state comparisons.*

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