



The Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) provides children and families statewide with comprehensive, specialized educational services in safe, nurturing environments. We empower learners to become self-determined, independent, contributing citizens within their communities.



The CSDB campus has 17 buildings located on 37 acres.



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2013-2014 SCHOOL INITIATIVES

- Initiate goals outlined for the five focus areas in our **Strategic Plan 2013-2016**: Academics, Independence Beyond the Classroom, Productive Citizens within the Community, Outreach, and Quality Staff
- Schoolwide Plan Goals: Numeracy and Literacy; School Climate and Culture; Family and Community Involvement; and Employability

STUDENTS

- Students enrolled at CSDB (3-21): 213 (representing 45 school districts as of 9/30/13):
 - LEA Support: 95%
 - Parent Option: 5%
 - Residential Students: 41%
 - Day Students: 59%
- Early Education programs serve approximately 400 families throughout Colorado:
 - Colorado Home Intervention Program (CHIP) serves approximately 375 children (birth-3) who are deaf/hard of hearing or deafblind in 27 counties.
 - Approximately 17 families, in four southern Colorado counties with children (birth-3) who are blind/visually impaired, receive early intervention services.
 - The Early Literacy Development Initiative (ELDI) provides in-home instruction, classes, and literacy backpacks to support approximately 80 families in reading to their children who are deaf/hard-of-hearing.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Direct services are provided to 60 students in local districts in 25 counties across Colorado.
- Outreach Program/Services include:
 - FM loan bank
 - Direct services and consultation contracts with school districts/Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES)
 - Adult role model teams for individuals who are deaf and/or blind
 - Specialized assessment services and program consultation
 - Professional development including educational interpreter skill development and training for educational staff
 - Parent education activities
 - American Sign Language (ASL) instruction for families and community members and ASL support to districts
 - Colorado Instructional Materials Center (CIMC) provides Braille books and educational materials to students statewide who are blind/low vision.
 - Distance learning opportunities to connect students, parents, educational staff through use of technology

EMPLOYABILITY CENTER

- The Employability Center provides:
 1. Vocational Classes – Auto Mechanics/Metal Shop, Product Development, and Middle School Introduction to Woodshop
 2. Elementary Career Exposure Activities
 3. Middle School Career/Life Exploration Classes
 4. Career Awareness classes
 5. On-the-Job Training program
 6. Bridges to Life Program (18-21 year olds)
- Graduate Follow-Up Data:
 1. 2011 Graduates – 24 students (of 18 students responding to survey, 94% are working or in school)
 2. 2012 Graduates – 25 students (of 21 students responding to survey, 90% are working or in school)
 3. 2013 Graduates – 12 students (of 10 students responding to survey, 80% are working or in school)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

- Athletics (football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, goalball)
- Special Olympics (bowling, snowshoeing, track)
- Close-Up Program
- Academic Bowl Team
- PEAK Residential Program for at-risk students
- Literacy Program (tutoring, computer lab, literacy assistance)
- Learning and enrichment opportunities offered during residential hours
- Pee Wee Program for elementary students (cross country running, basketball, soccer)
- Student Body Government
- Lifelong activities program (golf, biking, swimming, bowling, tennis)
- Intramural program

TECHNOLOGY

- Every classroom, common area, and media center in our education buildings have interactive technology.
- Laptops are available for classroom use and desktop multiple PCs are in nine classrooms. PCs are available in media centers. Portable devices are available for daily and long term loans to students.
 - CSDB is a Microsoft Academy school, providing certified courses for staff and students.
- CSDB has the ability to provide distance education to students across the state using video conference and other video technologies, from classrooms as well as offices and meetings rooms.
- Teaching staff have portable computers for classroom use and lesson preparation.

CONSTRUCTION

- CSDB is in the process of replacing the campuswide fire alarm with an addressable system.
- CSDB is using a BEST grant for the replacement of the roof over the main gym and for a project in the Adams building to improve lighting systems for our students with low vision.
- CSDB has received funding for the upgrade of our visual banner system.

