

Ohio State School for the Blind Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Executive Summary

Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) leaders and staff understand that the school is poised to embark upon a new, innovative plan to help us better position our students for success once they leave our campus. We also recognize and celebrate that each child's unique potential will shape his or her success and that each child's success will look different as a result.

Why create a strategic plan now? Because we need to increase our capacity to support, nurture and foster an attitude of success in our students, whether they seek employment or continue their education after high school.

Our new mission states: The Ohio State School for the Blind is a collaboration of students who are blind and visually impaired, their families, staff and community members who provide an individualized road map that develops the whole student.

The plan aligns with Each Child, Our Future, Ohio's strategic plan for education for 2019-2024. Each Child, Our Future captured well the world our OSSB's students will enter upon graduation when it observed that "Jobs are rapidly changing and require different skill sets." Our graduates, who are blind or visually impaired must be prepared for whatever the future holds for them. In many cases, that may include job or career changes and jobs that rely fundamentally on technology. We must teach our students the increasingly sophisticated skills they will need to pursue technical training or additional education after high school to become optimally employed. OSSB's new strategic plan places essential emphasis on technology literacy.

OSSB's goals focus on the following:

1. Staff will assist in the development of the whole student
2. Provide and access professional development
3. Improve communication
4. Utilize 21st-century technology

Our strategies will make OSSB a partner in helping meet the state's "One Goal" that "Ohio will increase annually the percentage of its high school graduate who, one year after graduation, are:

- Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career-technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program;
- Serving in a military branch;
- Earning a living wage; or
- Engaged in a meaningful, self-sustaining vocation."

To learn more about the Ohio School for the Blind's 2020-2025 strategic plan, visit our website at www.ossb.oh.gov. You can learn more about Each Child, Our Future, Ohio's strategic plan for education, at education.ohio.gov/About/EachChildOurFuture.

Mission

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