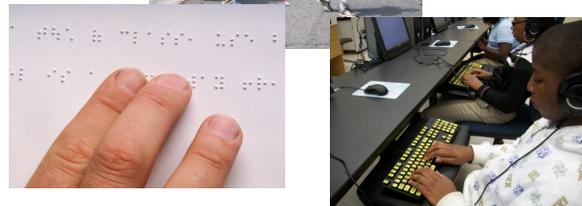
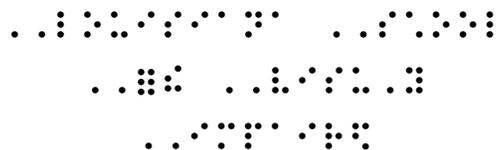


LSVI offers opportunities for students attending Louisiana parish schools and their families to participate in many of our events and programs. Among these are academic assistance and orientation and mobility training in novel settings through AMP and challenging and fun competitions through Braille Challenge and the art and talent show. Access to expanded core curriculum activities is provided through summer camp and summer enrichment programs. Our school also provides the opportunity for community involvement and self-advocacy through White Cane Safety Day as well as assistance to families with preschool children transitioning to school programs through Kinder Kamp. Our staff is available to serve as a resource for families and school districts in assuring that our visually impaired and blind students throughout Louisiana receive quality instruction and services in order to enter society as functional and independent members of their communities. We welcome inquiries and participation in our events by both families and educators.



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Philosophy

“The function of LSVI is to educate blind/visually impaired students. The total environment of the school, including both classroom activities and the extended day programs, facilitates accomplishment of the goals of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for each child. LSVI offers a broad spectrum of educational services, from daily living skills and socialization to college-bound programs.”

White Cane Safety Day

Each year our students commemorate the freedom, independence, and mobility symbolized through the use of the long white cane. A variety of activities are planned for the downtown Baton Rouge area. We are routinely joined by the mayor as well as representatives from other agencies, organizations, and the community. Participating in White Cane Safety Day gives our students an opportunity to enhance their self-advocacy, travel, and social interaction skills. Parish students across the state are invited to join in this exciting national event.



Academic and Mobility Program (AMP)

AMP is a week of intense Braille, technology, living skills, and/or orientation and mobility instruction. There are two AMP sessions available to blind and visually impaired students in the Louisiana parishes during which they will attend classes with their peers. They will also take part in after-school activities such as tandem biking, swimming, music, and living skills.

Braille Challenge

The Braille Challenge® is an academic competition sponsored by the Braille Institute. It is a two-stage contest designed to motivate students to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success. LSVI participates in the regional preliminary round each year and Louisiana has had finalists participate in the national finals in California. Students at all levels of Braille skills are encouraged and allowed to participate with prizes awarded at each level.

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EVENTS and PROGRAMS

Contact the school office or visit our web site for more information, registration forms, and dates.

Spring Festival

LSVI's Spring Festival gives students an opportunity to interact with other local student groups and organizations while enjoying the warm spring weather. Activities include a picnic, a variety of inflatables, a petting zoo, pony rides, interactive activities, and other experiences. Our students and staff look forward to this event which is also open to parish students and their families.



Art and Talent Show

The Art and Talent competition is held in conjunction with the Spring Festival. Any visually impaired or blind student attending a Louisiana elementary, junior high, or high school may participate. Students are invited to submit original works of art (drawing, painting, photography, collage, sculpture, etc.) and/or perform in the talent show.

Kinder Kamp

The LSVI Orientation and Mobility department hosts a weekend camp for visually impaired and blind children ages 3 to 5 and their families. The "Kamp" program provides a variety of activities that address educational, social, recreational, and quality of life issues. Lodging and some meals are provided at no cost to participating families.



Summer Camps

Each summer LSVI offers Summer Camp experiences for students entering grades 2 through 12. Campers enjoy a variety of activities while making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. Activities are designed to emphasize O&M, social, recreational, and living skills which are components of the Expanded Core Curriculum.

Summer Enrichment

LSVI offers an Academic Enrichment program during our regular summer school sessions. Students attending parish schools may participate in one, two, or all three weeks of enrichment. Many students attend the one week summer camp and also attend enrichment during the non-camp weeks. The program is geared toward specific areas of academic need and the Expanded Core Curriculum.