NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Children with special needs come into our lives…

Leaving handprints on our hearts…

And we are never the same.

Since 1868, the New York State School for the Blind (NYSSB) has provided excellence in education and residential programming at no cost to families.

NYSSB PROVIDES

- ☑ **an educationally and psychologically healthy environment**
- ☑ **efficient, effective, individualized, high quality programs and services**
- ☑ **specialized assistance for students experiencing oral-motor dysfunction and/or feeding disorders**
- ☑ **opportunity to develop an effective style of communication**
- ☑ **a nurturing and stimulating environment that enriches students' lives and offers a sense of belonging**
- ☑ **opportunities for students to gain and develop physical skills and independence**

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

☑ **NYS Learning Standards and Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS)**

☑ **Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC)**

The body of knowledge and skills that are needed by students with visual impairments.

The nine areas of the ECC are:

- compensatory or functional academic skills, including communication modes
- orientation and mobility
- social interaction skills
- independent living skills
- recreation and leisure skills
- career education
- use of assistive technology
- sensory efficiency skills
- self-determination

DIPLOMAS AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS

☑ **Regents**

☑ **Local**

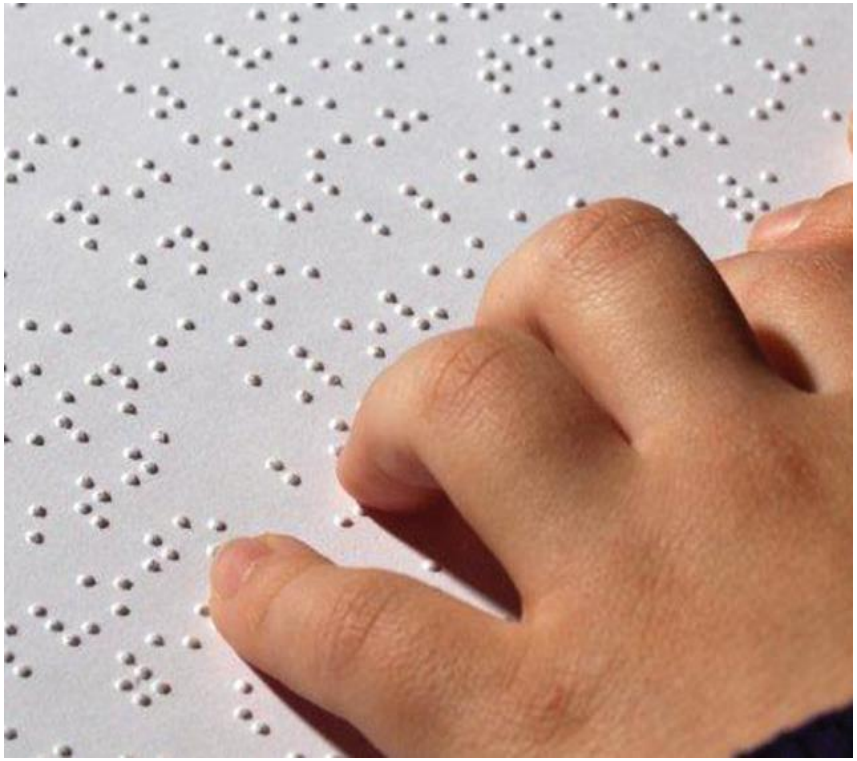
☑ **Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)**

☑ **Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)**

UNIQUE ASPECTS OF NYSSB

☑ **Experience/expertise with rare disorders and low incidence disabilities such as:**

- Optic Nerve Hypoplasia
- Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum
- Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Septo-Optic Dysplasia (SOD)
- Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (BBS)
- Sturge-Weber Syndrome
- CHARGE Syndrome
- Lenz Microphthalmia Syndrome
- Autism Spectrum Disorder & Visual Impairment (ASDVI)
- Deaf/Blind



☑ **Optional 5-Day Residence; an extention of our Educational Program**

☑ **On-site services in the following areas:**

- Adapted Physical Education
- Art Therapy
- Assistive Technology
- Audiology
- Autism
- Behavior Therapy
- Braille
- Dietetic
- Feeding Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Orientation and Mobility (O&M)
- Physical Therapy
- Recreation Therapy / Therapeutic Swimming
- Skilled Nursing
- Speech/Language
- Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

☑ **Proof of legal blindness**

☑ **Students may have additional disabilities which could include:**

- Autism
- Deaf-blindness
- Deafness
- Emotional Disturbance
- Hearing Impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury

☑ **School-age 5-21 years**

(preschoolers can apply prior to age 5)

Application Process may be initiated by a parent, guardian or by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) of the student's school district of residence.

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