

Myths and Facts About the California School for the Blind

Myth: CSB is a Non-Public School.

Fact: CSB is a public State Special School run by the California Department of Education.

Myth: CSB is very expensive.

Fact: CSB is *no-cost* to parent or district for students within a one-hour commute. Students outside of a one-hour commute stay in dormitories during the week, and the district pays 10% of the cost of educating the student (\approx \$17,000 annually).

Myth: Students with Low Vision do not attend schools for the blind—It's just for totally blind students.

Fact: CSB serves students with a variety of visual conditions and acuities.

Myth: CSB is only for “low-functioning” students or students with multiple disabilities.

Fact: CSB has a dynamic academic program leading to a regular High School diploma.

Myth: CSB is only for very academic students or students with no additional disabilities.

Fact: CSB has programs to serve non-diploma students and students with multiple disabilities and prepare them for transition to adulthood.

Myth: Students must enroll at CSB to receive any services.

Fact: CSB offers a variety of **FREE** services including multidisciplinary assessments, Low Vision optometric evaluations, technical assistance, short-term (one week) programs, workshops, professional development, and more!

Myth: Students must attend CSB for their entire academic career.

Fact: Many students attend CSB for 1-3 years in order to receive intensive instruction in Braille, technology, or Orientation & Mobility, then return to their home district.

