

## Ohio State School for the Blind

### Role and Overview

The [Ohio State School for the Blind](#) (OSB) provides residential educational services in Columbus to school-age (grades K through 12) blind and visually-impaired youth and visually-impaired youth with multiple disabilities so that they may become self-sufficient members of society. OSB also provides consultative services to any of the 612 school districts in the State of Ohio. While attending OSB, students are expected to demonstrate academic proficiency, practical work-related skills, and an awareness of appropriate social behaviors.

Enrollment at OSB ranges from 120-130 full-time students on a yearly basis and approximately 70 percent of the students live on campus. Children ages five to 22 are placed in the school by their local school district in cooperation with the wishes of the students' guardians. The majority of new students placed in the school have experienced a lack of success in local "mainstreaming" educational programs due to the severity of their disabilities or the lack of resources available in the local district. An individualized educational program is tailored for each student's academic and behavioral skill level and updated each year. Students also may participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities, including track and field, swimming, debate team, and cheerleading. Many graduates go on to further success as witnessed with the most recent group of which 41.7% went on to higher education, 16.7% went to post-secondary vocational training programs, and 16.7% entered the workforce. Students with multiple disabilities return to their local communities and participate in closed workshop programs operated by County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities or find specialized competitive employment. Outreach services are also provided to an additional 75 to 80 students through the summer program, educational clinic, and local district consultations.

The State Board of Education and the Ohio Department of Education oversee operations at OSB. The school has approximately 133 employees and the fiscal year 2005 budget is approximately \$8.8 million, of which approximately \$7.2 million is funded from the General Revenue Fund.

### Executive Priorities for the Ohio State School for the Blind

- Promote the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional growth of students with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.
- Work cooperatively with students, families, and the community to provide an effective, enjoyable educational experience through specialized curriculum, equipment, materials, and individualized disability-specific instruction.
- Maintain a healthy, safe, and supportive residential environment for learning and life-skills development.
- Assist local school districts in meeting the educational needs of the blind and visually impaired that are being served in local school districts.

### Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	6,781	7,005	6,941	7,191	3.6	7,287	1.3	7,412	1.7
General Services Fund Group	29	59	30	61	107.6	22	(64.8)	22	.0
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	1,417	1,568	1,414	1,643	16.2	1,819	10.7	1,849	1.6
State Special Revenue Fund Group	17	91	42	43	1.2	217	406.5	217	.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>8,724</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>8,938</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>1.7</b>

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(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	6,947	7,366	7,354	7,613	3.5	7,952	4.4	8,113	2.0
Purchased Services	178	177	214	137	(36.1)	11	(91.7)	11	.0
Maintenance	875	969	729	945	29.6	1,061	12.3	1,049	(1.2)
Equipment	229	196	122	239	95.4	321	34.1	327	1.9
Transfer & Other	14	16	7	4	(42.9)	0	(100.0)	0	.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>8,724</b>	<b>8,427</b>	<b>8,938</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>1.7</b>

## PROGRAM SERIES 01: Educational Program Development and Implementation

This program series supports the educational needs of the specialized population of blind and visually impaired children, including those who are developmentally handicapped or multi-handicapped.

### Program 01.01: Standard Visually Impaired Education Program

This program provides for the implementation of classroom instruction and related services by certified personnel for children in grades K through 12 who are enrolled in the standard visually impaired education program. These are normally developing children with visual impairment who take part in the statewide testing programs and other school activities. In addition to receiving classroom instruction, the children are also provided daily living skills, career exploration, and work simulation experiences. Students enrolled in this program must complete the academic requirements that have been established by the State of Ohio.

#### What the Budget Buys:

- Serves the educational needs of approximately 85-90 blind or visually impaired students, ages five-22, in grades K through 12;
- Supports the wages and benefits for 23 education employees, including teachers, related service therapists, and classroom aides; and
- Upgrades instructional materials and technology needed as determined through the Individual Educational Planning process (IEP), including Braille books, Braillete note takers, Braille embosser, and various specialized computer programs.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	1,805,328	1,840,166
GRF	GRF	226-200	Maintenance	41,115	41,115
GRF	GRF	226-300	Equipment	8,706	8,706
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Professional Services Reimbursement	27,000	27,000
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	128,793	128,794
SSR	4M5	226-601	Student Activity & Work Study	124,326	124,326
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>2,135,268</b>	<b>2,170,107</b>

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## Program 01.02: Developmentally Handicapped Education Program

This program supports the implementation of classroom instruction and related services for children in grades K through 12 who are cognitively handicapped as well as blind and visually impaired. In addition to receiving classroom instruction, the children are also provided speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, orientation and mobility, adaptive physical education, daily living skills, and career exploration and work simulation experiences. Students enrolled in this program must complete the academic standards that have been established by the State of Ohio.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Serves the educational needs of approximately 15-20 students who are both blind or visually impaired and cognitively handicapped;
- Supports the wages and benefits for 11 education employees, including teachers, related service therapists, and classroom aides; and
- Provides for speech, occupational, and physical therapy for students for whom it is required as determined by their IEP.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	295,058	300,781
GRF	GRF	226-200	Maintenance	13,705	13,705
GRF	GRF	226-300	Equipment	5,795	5,795
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Services Reimburse	27,000	27,000
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	411,531	413,079
SSR	4M5	226-601	Student Activity & Work Study	45,639	45,639
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>798,728</b>	<b>805,999</b>

## Program 01.03: Multi-Handicapped Education Program

This program supports the implementation of classroom instruction and related services for children in grades K through 12 with multiple handicaps in addition to blindness and visual impairments. The main focus is to maximize the development of communication skills, orientation and mobility, and acquiring appropriate daily living and self-help skills that will assist in an independent or semi-independent environment. Students enrolled in this program must complete the program requirements identified and established through the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Serves the educational needs of the very challenging population of approximately 35-40 students with multiple handicaps in addition to blindness or visual impairment;
- Supports the wages and benefits for 22 education employees, including teachers, related service therapists, and classroom aides; and
- Provides for speech, occupational, and physical therapy for students for whom it is required as determined by their IEP.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	282,286	287,760
GRF	GRF	226-200	Maintenance	17,131	17,131
GRF	GRF	226-300	Equipment	6,811	6,811
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Services Reimburse	27,000	27,000
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	901,803	906,834
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>1,235,031</b>	<b>1,245,536</b>

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## PROGRAM SERIES 02: Residential Program and Services

This program series provides the residential and support services for the students enrolled in the school program. Services include dormitory living with a variety of recreation, food, and health services. Youth leaders and recreation staff supervise students' activities outside the classroom.

### Program 02.01: Residential Program and Services

This program supports the direct service and support staff for implementing the residential program for students that reside at the school. The program promotes the development of daily living skills for independent living. There are three types of living and learning environments: group living in the cottages; independent living providing daily living and self-help skills taught and reinforced by staff; and apartment living. Students are taught meal planning and cooking, food shopping, and are assigned housekeeping responsibilities.

#### What the Budget Buys:

- Serves approximately 70-80 students residing at the school campus five days a week during the school year;
- Supports 29.5 employees maintaining residential services and supervision 24 hours a day;
- Funds daily living necessities related to residential living, including housekeeping, cooking, and recreational supplies; and
- Provides for the general maintenance of the living cottages and student apartments.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	1,208,128	1,231,395
GRF	GRF	226-200	Maintenance	25,354	25,354
GRF	GRF	226-300	Equipment	21,314	21,314
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Services Reimburse	20,250	20,250
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	43,282	43,282
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>1,318,328</b>	<b>1,341,595</b>

### Program 02.02: Health Care Services

This program provides direct nursing services for the school and residential programs. Services include: distribution of medication; monitoring of health needs; eye examinations; general health screenings; filing health records and releases for service; and providing in-service training for employees, such as cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Nursing is provided on a 24-hour basis from Sunday afternoon until Friday when the students leave to go home for the weekend.

#### What the Budget Buys:

- Provides for five medical related employees, including one registered nurse shared with the Ohio School for the Deaf, to provide 24-hour availability from Sunday at 4 p.m. until Friday at 4 p.m. during the school year; and
- Finances low-vision eye examinations that are required yearly for all students enrolled at the school.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	406,651	414,489
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Services Reimburse	33,750	33,750
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>440,401</b>	<b>448,239</b>

### Program 02.03: Vocational Education Services

This program provides support for the sign-making program in the vocational technology program. Materials are purchased that are used to make name plates, door signage, and other items then sold to employees and the general public.

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## What the Budget Buys:

- Implements the vocational sign-making program helping students to learn marketable skills and gain work experience; and
- Funds the materials required to make nameplates and door signage that is sold to staff members and the general public.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
SSR	4M5	226-601	Student Activity & Work Study	44,513	44,513
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>44,513</b>	<b>44,513</b>

## PROGRAM SERIES 03: Outreach Programs and Services

This program series provides outreach services available to local school districts statewide to assist in meeting the educational needs of the blind and visually impaired that are being served in their home communities.

### Program 03.01: Educational Clinic

This program provides assistance to local school districts for the evaluation and assessment of visually impaired, blind, and deaf/blind students educated in local school districts. The lack of specialized services at the local level necessitates operation of the educational clinic.

## What the Budget Buys:

- Supports assistance to any school district in Ohio with assessments for blind or visually impaired students educated in the local district upon their request;
- Serves between 55 and 75 students per year; and
- Provides approximately 45-50 Multifactorial Evaluations (MFE) per year for blind or visually impaired children educated in local school districts to determine their educational needs.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	227,261	231,616
FED	3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Services Reimburse	45,000	75,000
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	48,201	48,201
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>320,462</b>	<b>354,817</b>

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## Program 03.02: Observation and School Visits

This program provides local school districts with assistance in developing the appropriate educational programming for blind or visually impaired students being educated in their district of residence. Such assistance includes observations and instructional programming recommendations, and orientation and mobility training.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Enables local school districts to request assistance from OSB to observe blind or visually impaired students in district classrooms for programming recommendations;
- Supports the wages for the time spent providing observations for the 12 teachers at OSB participating in this program, although it is only a portion of their duties; and
- Funds approximately 20-25 visits to local school districts.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	19,695	20,068
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	500	500
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>20,195</b>	<b>20,568</b>

## Program 03.03: Professional Development

This program supports training for special and regular education teachers working with visually impaired, blind, and deaf/blind children in local school districts. Teaching and support staff are presented techniques, methods, and materials for assistance in teaching the specialized population.

### What the Budget Buys:

- Supports professional development for local school district educators serving blind or visually impaired students;
- Certifies teachers to provide orientation and mobility services to better serve students at the local level; and
- Funds the Parent Mentor project, providing support and information for parents of students who are blind or visually impaired.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GSF	4H8	226-602	Education Reform Grants	12,620	12,620
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	67,890	61,310
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>80,510</b>	<b>73,930</b>

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## PROGRAM SERIES 04: Program Management

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This program series provides administrative support for the operation of the school and residential programs.

### Program 04.01: Program Management

This program provides administrative support for the school and residential programs, including business and fiscal operations, buildings and grounds maintenance, security, food service, and technological equipment.

#### What the Budget Buys:

- Supports the wages and benefits of 39 employees who provide administrative and service support for OSB; and
- Maintains administration, business and fiscal operations, building and grounds, maintenance and security, food service and technology infrastructure.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	226-100	Personal Services	2,225,434	2,267,986
GRF	GRF	226-200	Maintenance	606,857	606,857
GRF	GRF	226-300	Equipment	70,663	70,663
GSF	4H8	226-602	Education Reform Grants	9,000	9,000
FED	310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	37,000	37,000
SSR	4M5	226-601	Student Activity & Work Study	2,919	2,919
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>2,951,873</b>	<b>2,994,425</b>

## LINE ITEM SUMMARY - School for the Blind

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	226-100	Personal Services	5,861,254	6,129,333	6,225,601	6,392,050	6,469,841	1.2	6,594,261	1.9
GRF	226-200	Maintenance	794,006	770,527	638,633	685,256	704,162	2.8	704,162	.0
GRF	226-300	Equipment	126,109	105,395	76,543	113,289	113,289	.0	113,289	.0
<b>TOTAL General Revenue Fund</b>			<b>6,781,369</b>	<b>7,005,255</b>	<b>6,940,777</b>	<b>7,190,595</b>	<b>7,287,292</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>7,411,712</b>	<b>1.7</b>
4H8	226-602	Education Reform Grants	28,508	58,786	29,614	61,476	21,620	(64.8)	21,620	.0
<b>TOTAL General Services Fund Group</b>			<b>28,508</b>	<b>58,786</b>	<b>29,614</b>	<b>61,476</b>	<b>21,620</b>	<b>(64.8)</b>	<b>21,620</b>	<b>.0</b>
3P5	226-643	Medicaid Prof Svcs Reimburse	58,813	165,274	46,840	143,600	180,000	25.3	210,000	16.7
310	226-626	Coordinating Unit	1,357,705	1,402,922	1,367,006	1,499,759	1,639,000	9.3	1,639,000	.0
<b>TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group</b>			<b>1,416,518</b>	<b>1,568,196</b>	<b>1,413,846</b>	<b>1,643,359</b>	<b>1,819,000</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1,849,000</b>	<b>1.6</b>
4M5	226-601	Student Activity & Work Study	16,539	91,497	42,400	42,919	217,397	406.5	217,397	.0
<b>TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group</b>			<b>16,539</b>	<b>91,497</b>	<b>42,400</b>	<b>42,919</b>	<b>217,397</b>	<b>406.5</b>	<b>217,397</b>	<b>.0</b>
<b>TOTAL School for the Blind</b>			<b>8,242,934</b>	<b>8,723,734</b>	<b>8,426,637</b>	<b>8,938,349</b>	<b>9,345,309</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>9,499,729</b>	<b>1.7</b>