



# Illinois School for the Visually Impaired

658 East State Street  
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

- The Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) was founded in 1848 and is located on an 18-acre campus in Jacksonville, approximately 35 miles west of Springfield.
- The mission of ISVI is to serve as a statewide educational resource, offering students with visual impairments quality services which will enable them to become personally productive, self-sufficient citizens.
- ISVI is accredited by the North Central Association and is in compliance with state and federal policies which are monitored by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Students must have the primary disability of Blind or Visual Impairment and be a resident of Illinois to be considered for admission.
- ISVI offers a comprehensive curriculum that emphasizes independence and vocational skills, instruction in Braille, daily living skills, orientation and mobility training, assistive technology, adaptive physical education, family and consumer science, and industrial arts.
- ISVI offers a transitional living program that teaches students how to live independently. Students learn money management, meal planning and preparation, housekeeping, decision making, and accessing community resources.
- Class size is normally limited to a student-faculty ratio of 7 to 1.
- Students may participate in mainstreamed education classes at local public schools.
- ISVI offers a broad array of social and recreational activities to all students through the residential living programs during evenings and weekends.
- Extracurricular activities include track, cheerleading, swimming, wrestling, goalball, choir and forensics.
- Direct and consultative services provided to parents of children (0-3) with vision loss.
- Employment opportunities are available for students in both on and off-campus settings.
- Educational services are provided at no cost to parents. Personal belongings, health care, and spending money are the responsibility of parents. Schools are responsible for transportation costs for home-going breaks and one-on-one aides, if necessary.



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