

## ASBVI LIONS

ASBVI provides a highly competitive academic environment at NO COST to parents or the local school district. By implementing the Expanded Core Curriculum our students are able to graduate with skills to rise to any occasion. ASBVI offers programs such as Gifted & Talented, Adaptive Technology (with cutting edge equipment), Athletics, Orientation & Mobility training, EAST Initiative Classroom, Braille instruction, Independent Living Skills, Self-determination and more.



The Expanded Core Curriculum is specialized instruction for blind or visually impaired students to compensate for the decreased opportunities to learn incidentally by observing others. This is done in addition to the general education curriculum.

Curriculum is provided by our highly trained ASBVI teachers who are certified in their subject area and hold an additional certification or provisional certification in teaching students who are blind or visually impaired. ASBVI also has support staff who augment this dedication.

## ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED



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## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!



ASBVI offers a competitive academic environment that also enables our students to learn the required skills to become personally productive and self-sufficient citizens through the involvement of all students, staff, parents, and the community.



# What can ASBVI do for you?



## Special Education and Therapies

The school serves students from birth to age twenty-one through various programs. School aged students are offered Resources and Special Education with accreditation through the AR Department of Education. Therapies provided for students include physical, speech and occupational.

## Child Nutrition

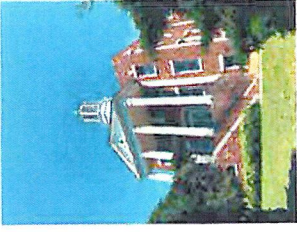
The Child Nutrition program offers nutritious and delicious breakfasts and lunches to day students and evening meals to the dorm students on campus Sunday through Thursday.

## Low Vision Clinic

The Low Vision Clinic has been serving students in the State of Arkansas for over 40 years. All students receive care accessing their peak functional vision with or without low vision aids, devices or technology from a certified Doctor of Optometry and an AOTA Certified Low Vision Specialist.



# Arkansas School for the Blind And Visually Impaired



## Birth to Three Program

Birth to Three is an outreach service to families and childcare centers providing direct early intervention to children ages birth to three years old, who have been diagnosed as blind or visually impaired. Parents/



caregivers learn early intervention strategies that will enhance their child's social, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

## Residential

ASBVI offers the option for age defined dormitories and living quarters to strengthen and encourage the growth of independence for each child. Caring and experienced house parents provide students with a loving and homelike atmosphere.

## Transportation

ASBVI provides free transportation to residential students each Friday and Sunday, to and from their local school districts across the state.

**For inquiries on how to connect your child to ASBVI, contact your local school district.**

## Instructional Resource Center

The Instructional Resource Center at ASBVI provides free large print and Braille textbooks to all public school students in the Arkansas, as well as our own students at ASBVI. The IRC works directly with the TVI's in the field and the schools to help provide the necessary tools for the education of visually impaired students.

E-mail the IRC at [irc@asb.k12.ar.us](mailto:irc@asb.k12.ar.us)



## Student Activities

ASBVI offers students the opportunity to engage in various student organizations such as Student Council, FBLA, FCCLA, Year Book Staff, Choir, Art Club, Instrumental Music, AAA sanctioned athletics, E-sports, Gifted & Talented Program, Builders Club (Kiwanis), National Braille Challenge, Cane Quest Competition, Poetry Out Loud, Work Study Program and Community Based Work Experiences, Special Olympics, swimming, wrestling, track, cheerleading and goal ball.

## **Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Overview**

### **Brief History**

ASBVI was established in 1859 in Arkadelphia.

The school relocated to Little Rock in 1868 and was located at the site of the Governor's Mansion.

The school relocated to the West Markham Street facilities in 1939. Bricks from the previous school were incorporated into the building of the Governor's Mansion.

Transformation Act of 2019 placed the school under the Arkansas Department of Education.

The school is governed by a Governor appointed Board that serves both ASBVI and ASD.

### **Mission and Vision**

The mission of the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is to provide quality education and training for children and young people (birth through age twenty-one) who are visually impaired, so they possess the required skills to become personally productive and self-sufficient citizens.

The vision of ASBVI is to be a high performing school that is made up of life-long learners who are well equipped to succeed beyond high school and contribute actively to the community and be productive global citizens.

Our motto at ASBVI is "It's all about the Kids!"

### **Current Enrollment- 77**

ASBVI serves both non-school age and school-age children from birth through 21. Students are referred for services at the school by their local school districts.

Students come to ASBVI from all over the state of Arkansas. Students who live locally are transported to and from the school by their local school districts or parents. Students who live outside of the greater Central Arkansas area are transported from their hometowns by the school using a contracted charter bus service. These students live in our dormitories during the school week and then return home for the weekend.

### **Programs and Services**

ASBVI K-12 educational programs are accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education. The school meets state standards for education.

In addition to K-12 programs ASBVI has a pre-K program for non-school age students that are blind and visually impaired.





The school's state-wide Birth to 3 program provides support and services to families throughout the state. The staff in this outreach program travel and see on average 80 to 90 babies in a school year.

The Low Vision Clinic is another outreach program that provides low vision services to the students on campus and to blind and visually impaired students in public schools.

The school coordinates and hosts two annual competitions that are open to both ASBVI and public-school students. These include the Regional Braille Challenge sponsored by the Braille Institute of America and Cane Quest. These competitions give students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in using braille and skills in using the white cane for orientation and mobility.

During the summer, the school has a range of summer programs that run for three weeks. These include a summer camp program for children in Pre-K through First Grade and a summer camp program for children up to age 16. These programs are open to public school students.

ASBVI and Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) have partnered together for many years to conduct a three-week summer career focused program for students 16 through 21. These students have paid part-time on-site jobs both on campus and in the community that give them work experience. In addition, the program works on life and independent living skills with the students.

World Services for the Blind (WSB) is also an important partner with the school. We often have several students upon graduation that will attend programs at WSB to continue to work on their career and independent living.

In addition to the academic and outreach programs, the school specializes in teaching the Expanded Core Curriculum. This national curriculum is composed of nine areas that often must be taught to blind and visually impaired students to ensure that they graduate with strong independent living skills. These include the important skills of braille, when needed, for literacy and a reading medium and orientation and mobility for independent travel with the white cane and spatial awareness.



## **Facilities**

### **Helen Keller Memorial Building: 1939**

This building is our main educational and administrative building. Most of our educational, outreach services and offices are housed in this building. This building was dedicated by Helen Keller in 1939.

### **Infirmary: 1939**

The infirmary is a WPA building that was built to provide health services to the students. It is one of the longest standing infirmary buildings in the state and is still used for its original purpose. The inside of the building was renovated with ANCRC funds in 2020.

### **Maintenance: 1940**

This building was originally built as a boys industrial arts building. It is now used for maintenance and custodial services.

### **Cottage: 1942**

This building was originally built as a girl's home economics classroom. Over the years it has been used as a girl's dormitory and is now used for our statewide Birth to 3 outreach program and parent resource center. It is currently being renovated through ANCRC funding and scheduled to reopen this fall.

### **Learning Center: 1954**

The front part of the building was originally the state Confederate Soldiers Home. In 1963, the building was transferred to the school. In 1971 an annex was built to the rear for educational and multipurpose space. The memorial sign in front of the building and the plaque in the lobby area were established by the legislature as permanent memorials.

### **Prewitt Hall: 1958**

This building is still used for its original purpose as a dormitory for high school boys.

### **Superintendent Residence: 1958**

This home was built for the Superintendent of the school.

### **Gymnasium: 1979**

The original gym was built in 1958 but was rebuilt in 1979 and houses the school's athletic programs for wrestling, track, cheerleading. It also includes a swimming pool for the students.





**Shults House: 1970**

Shults House was built as a girl's dormitory on the upper floor and a Family and Consumer Sciences classroom space on the lower floor. The kitchen and common areas are shared by the dorm and classes.

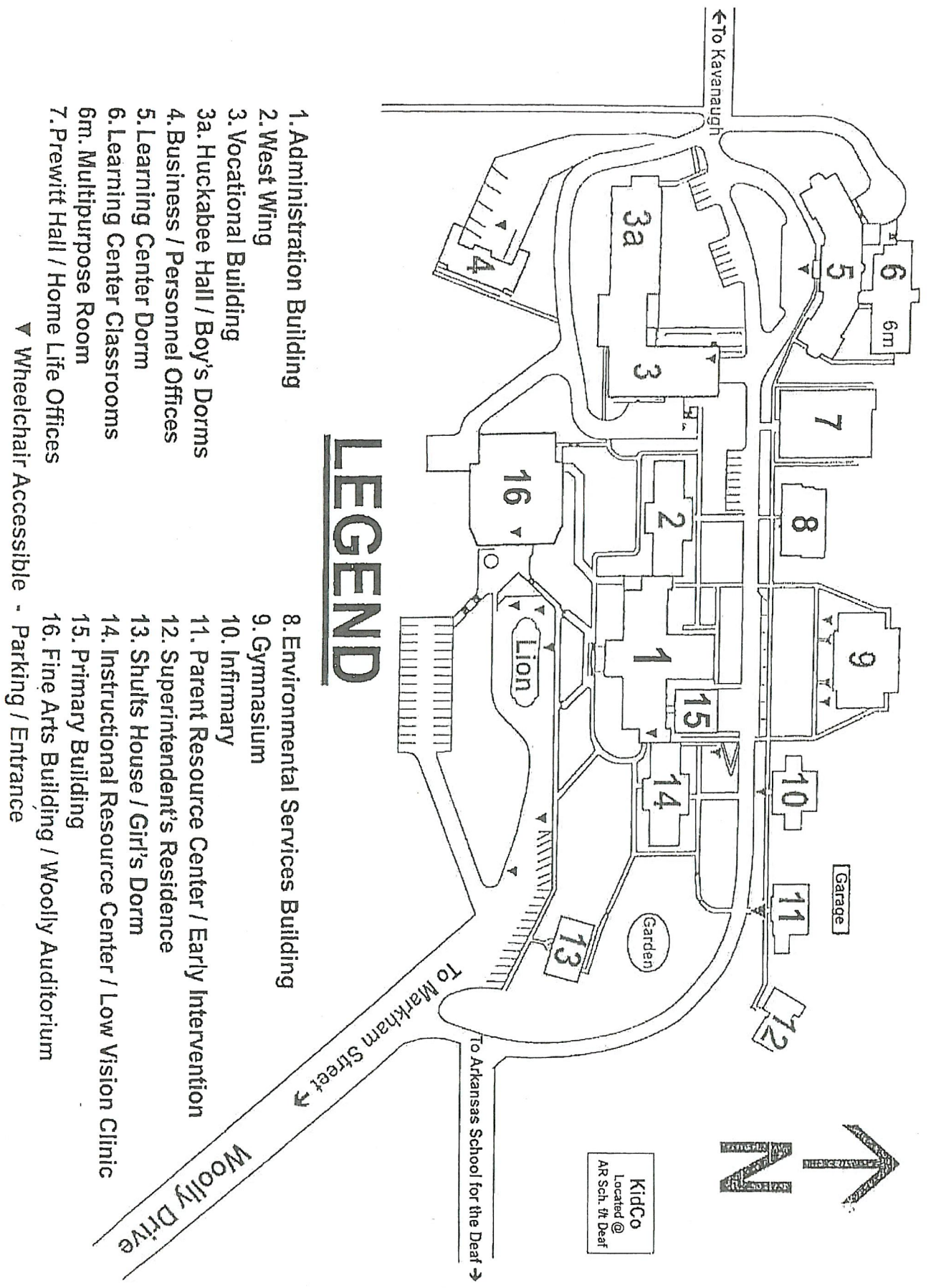
**Huckabee Hall: 1971**

Huckabee Hall is a boy's dormitory. Attached to it are spaces for CTE programs. This building also houses our senior independent living apartments which are used by students in their senior year.

**Woolly Auditorium: 1977**

Woolly Auditorium is the school's auditorium space. The lower level has classroom space for fine arts.





# LEGEND

- 1. Administration Building
  - 2. West Wing
  - 3. Vocational Building
  - 3a. Huckabee Hall / Boy's Dorms
  - 4. Business / Personnel Offices
  - 5. Learning Center Dorm
  - 6. Learning Center Classrooms
  - 6m. Multipurpose Room
  - 7. Prewitt Hall / Home Life Offices
  - 8. Environmental Services Building
  - 9. Gymnasium
  - 10. Infirmary
  - 11. Parent Resource Center / Early Intervention
  - 12. Superintendent's Residence
  - 13. Shults House / Girl's Dorm
  - 14. Instructional Resource Center / Low Vision Clinic
  - 15. Primary Building
  - 16. Fine Arts Building / Woolly Auditorium
- ▼ Wheelchair Accessible - Parking / Entrance

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