"A Commitment to Excellence"

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf

OSD's Mission Statement

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf will provide a quality education to all students in a way that:

-Continually increases expectations for and achievements of every student,
-Develops healthy self-esteem, intrinsic motivation, and strong work habits in all students,
-Creates a safe, positive environment for learning,
-Meets the challenge of educating a culturally and economically diverse student population,
-Stimulates continuous professional growth which ensures effective, innovative classroom instruction,
-Engages parents as equal partners in their child's education, and
-Unifies the community to make school improvement a priority. So that:

Every student will be equipped for life-long learning, responsible citizenship, and productive employment in an ever-changing society.

Special Facts

- There is no tuition fee for OSD.
- There is no room or board fee for OSD residential students.
- Students are bused to and from home every weekend, on holidays, and for the summer. There is no transportation fee for this service.

The academic program is accredited by the Oklahoma Department of Education and the vocational program by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. OSD is also accredited by the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, Inc. and North Central Association.

OSD's aim is to prepare students to be productive members of society. This includes preparation for continued education at the post-secondary level. Also taught are the skills necessary for independent living at home and in the community as well as being successful on the job.

The staff members at OSD are committed to helping Deaf children develop to their maximum potential by using every means of communication available. That includes sign language, speech, speechreading, residual hearing, reading and writing. A balanced policy is our aim.

No one method of communication is used to the exclusion of others, but all are explored and those selected which best meet a Deaf student's needs.

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Special Services

Student Assessment and Outreach Services
- Psycho-Educational Evaluation and Consultation
- Audiological Evaluation
- Vocational Evaluation
- Parent Education
- Parent Lending Library
- Sign Language Classes for Parents, Professional Workers and the Community

Regional Preschool Program (housed in public schools or universities)
- Preschool Services for Deaf children ages 0-5 Years
- Home Intervention Service

Professional Training, Demonstration And Dissemination
- Teacher and Counselor Practicums
- Speech Pathology Internships
- Workshops and Staff Development for Professional Workers

Job Placement Services
- Job Selection and Counseling
- Employer Orientation and Support

Directory Of Services

In addition to educational programs and special services, the following related services are available to OSD students.

Audiological Testing
- Auditory Training
- Daily Hearing Aid Check and Maintenance
- Loan of School-Owned Hearing Aids

Educational Diagnosis

Medical Services
- Dental Screening
- Visual Screening
- Health Care for Residential Students

Extra-Curricular Activities
- Cheerleading
- Clubs
- Performing Arts
- Student Council

Physical Education
- Adaptive
- Regular

Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy

Psychological Evaluation

Residential Living Arrangements and Programming

Recreational Activities

School Counseling
- Group and Individual
- Career
- Guidance
- Vocational Rehabilitation

Social Services

Speech Pathology Services

Transportation for Educational Field Trips and Weekly Homegoings

Captioned Films

Vocational Evaluation

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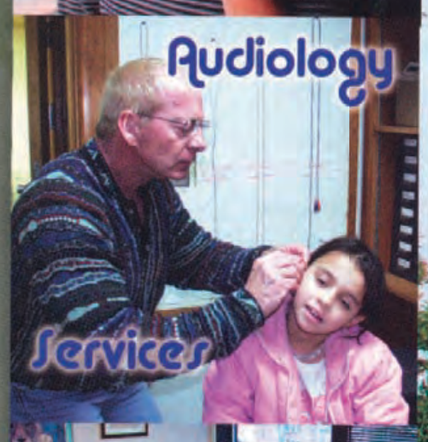

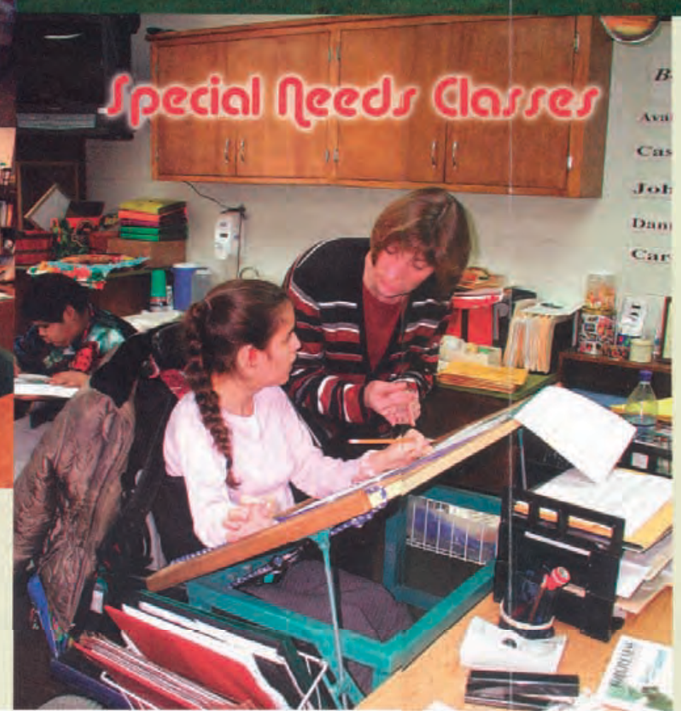

And Much More!

Award Winning Vocational Programs

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