

Values that Drive the Program Forward

Core Organizational Values

We Value:

- Each child as an **individual**, deserving of uniquely designed learning opportunities.
- **Parents and school districts** as key partners in meeting the needs of each child.
- **Knowledgeable and caring educators** who provide opportunities for each child in the least restrictive environment.
- **Safety and security** in a positive environment.
- Innovative use of **technological advancements** adapted for each child.
- A commitment to the **readiness** of our children **to meet adulthood** with a sense of opportunity.



SD School for the Blind
and Visually Impaired

Mission

South Dakota School
for the Blind and
Visually Impaired –
Preparing students to
step forward with
confidence and a vision
of lifetime success.

Priorities: 2013 - 2016



Mission

South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired –Preparing children to step forward with confidence and a vision of lifetime success.

Vision

South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired -- All South Dakota children who are blind or visually impaired will have full access to educational resources that prepare them for life.



Expand statewide outreach services to assure effective support for children within homes, schools and communities.

Lead in identification and application of technology for children.

Build a network of resources with high competency in vision needs assessment and accommodation.

Expand skills and expertise of SDSBVI staff to meet the changing need of children.

Assess and upgrade residential school facilities to meet the changing needs of enrolled students.

Increase statewide understanding of SDSBVI roles and responsibilities as a resource for children in need of specialized vision services.

Collaboration with institutions of higher education to assure an workforce of educators and related services professionals to meet the future needs of children with vision impairments.