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# **IESBVI & ISD**

IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED  
IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF



Iowa's children:  
Expecting to  
**LEARN.**  
Expecting to  
**SUCCEED.**

# Students Served



IESBVI  
576



ISD  
112



Video/Distance Learning: 5



Extended Learning:  
114 in 33 programs



4PLUS Transition Program:  
15/15 employed

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# Exceeding Goals



- ◆ Over half of ISD's struggling readers gained more than one year's academic growth in one academic year (4 consecutive years)
- ◆ 96% of IESBVI students have transition goals for post-secondary work or college
- ◆ 98% ISD students in the transition program remain employed (43 placed over 4 years)

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# Benefits of Appropriations

**Professional  
Development  
for skilled  
workforce**



**Right  
Services  
Right Place  
Right Time**

**Recruiting/re  
taining  
highly  
qualified  
staff**

## Address challenge areas:

- ◆ Improving teacher skills to meet the unique needs of our students
- ◆ Ensuring all students have access to highly qualified teachers- regardless of school location

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# Answering the Challenges

**Successful  
transition to  
college or  
work**

**Educational  
options:  
Access to  
full  
continuum**

**Proficient in  
general  
curriculum**

**Instruction  
delivered by  
specialized  
teachers**

**Proficient in  
specialized  
“expanded  
core”  
curriculum**



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# Measures of Success

## Anna, talented writer and ISD graduate

- ◆ Learned sign language in a short time at ISD
- ◆ Built self-confidence and enrolled into junior college; plans to study journalism at UOI
- ◆ Through ISD, understands how to advocate for accommodations needed at college

