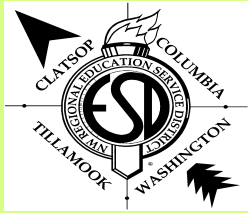


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What is BVIS?

The Blind and Visually Impaired Student fund (BVIS) was created by the Oregon legislature when it closed the Oregon School for the Blind (OSB) September 1, 2009. The two main purposes of the fund:

1. To provide transitional and follow up services to those students who were enrolled in OSB on March 1, 2009 and expected to be enrolled in OSB on September 1, 2010.
2. To provide on-going educational resources and services to students who are blind or visually impaired in the communities where the students reside by supplementing existing services and funds.
3. For more information about BVIS, please see: [BVIS Fact Sheet](#)

This month's focus: Assistive Technology

Documents:

1. [Getting Started with Bookshare \(pdf\)](#)
2. [How Does a Person who is Blind Use an iPhone, iPad or iPod?](#)

Articles:

1. [Seeing is Believing!](#) The built-in accessibility features of iOS, along with thousands of apps, make iDevices an education equalizer for students with visual impairments by Marla Runyan
2. [Are Social Networking Sites Accessible to People with Vision Loss by AFB](#)
3. [Assistive Technology for Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired by Ike Presley and Frances Mary D' Andrea](#)

Videos:

1. [Perkins Smart Brailer](#)
2. [iPad usage for the blind](#)

Apps:

1. [VIA \(Visually Impaired Apps\) by Braille Institute](#) — identifies apps designed to help identify apps that are useful for adults and children who are blind or have low vision.

Resources:

1. [Assistive Technology Fund](#)
2. [National Federation of the Blind Technology Center](#)