

# School Accountability Report Card Reported for School Year 2008-09

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**For: Junior Blind of America Non-Public School**

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**Director of Special Education Services:** Melinda Docter, Ed.D.

**Grade Span:** Junior Blind serves student ages 3 year – 22 years old

**Student Enrollment**

Group	Enrollment
Number of students	39
African American	9 – 23%
Native American	0 – 0%
Asian	3 - .07%
Caucasian	10 – 25 %
Hispanic	16 – 41%
Indian	1 - .02%

**School Team**

Name	Title
Debra Adams,	Vice Presidents of Programs
Corina Casco,	Senior Director of Children’s Services
Melinda Docter, Ed.D.,	Principal of Special Education School
Gayanna Abellanos,	Orientation and Mobility
Adrienne Scott,	Occupational Therapist
Nicole Abshear,	Visual Impairment Specialist -Special Education Teacher (HQT)
Jane Vogel,	Visual Impairment Specialist (HQT)
Ahbra Bailey,	Special Education Teacher (HQT)
Myisha Griggs,	Special Education Teacher (PIP)
Ellen Conrad,	Special Education Teacher (Intern)
Camille Creighton,	Special Education Teacher (PIP)

## Curriculum

Junior Blind of America shall provide an appropriate curriculum for students, to ensure students' educational needs are being addressed in the most appropriate manner. Junior Blind of America's nonpublic school curriculum utilizes the Special Education Alternative Curriculum Guide: For students with moderate to severe disabilities. This curriculum follows the Los Angeles Unified School District's core curriculum. This curriculum was developed to enable students with moderate to severe disabilities to access the seven core curriculum areas of the California State Frameworks. Junior Blind's Special Education School will focus on developing the skills students need to participate more fully in everyday routines. Weekly data is maintained for each student and their individual program, which is based from the curriculum. Student outcomes shall be measured through recorded data, which will be recorded on the data sheets provided in the curriculum. Data shall be reviewed by the Special Education Teacher. This information will be reported during the IEP meeting.

Junior Blind's curriculum is designed to incorporate a variety of assistive technology equipment (from low-tech to high-tech) to provide functional use for each student's individualized needs. Students, with visual impairments that result in Braille being their reading medium, are provided Braille or pre-Braille instruction within their curriculum. Braille material and large print are accessible and within the curriculum.

Due to the specialized instruction provided within the Junior Blind's school curriculum, Junior Blind is the least restrictive educational environment for the population of students we serve. The population of students we serve is an extremely small population that requires routine and intense instruction within a functional skills curriculum, which is specifically designed by trained and qualified staff. As a result, our students are provided the tools and techniques needed to reach educational success to the best of their ability and functioning level.

## Student Performance

Junior Blind's Special Education School accesses the California Department of Education's Core Curriculum for students with significant cognitive disabilities. Incorporating this curriculum into our functional-skills based curriculum aligns our students' instruction with the California Content Standards and the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA). The content areas and standards are incorporated into the classroom curriculum and into each student's Individualized Education Plan. The Junior Blind Special Education School's focus is on developing the skills students need to participate more fully in everyday routines, including vocational/ prevocational opportunities, while providing them with pre-academic/academic opportunity appropriate for their developmental level.

## School Completion / Transitioning Preparation

Junior Blind strives to maximize student's highest potential of independence. Transition Plans are implemented at the age of 13 years old and included in students' IEP. Transitioning plans is collaborated with the IEP team. To assist students with transitioning, their vocational skills are explored. Students' abilities and interests are also discussed. Social Services department will also assist families provide resources for transitioning.

## School Programs

- Orientation & Mobility Instruction
- Community Based Instruction
- Social Integration
- Sensory Integration
- M.O.V.E.
- Vocational
- Switch program

## VI. Curriculum and Instructional Materials

### Core Curriculum Matrix

CORE CURRICULUM	FUNCTIONAL SKILLS AREAS	INSTRUCTION: LEARNING SKILL
Science	Self-Care and Independent Living / Functional Academics	Cooking Sensory Stimulation, Light box activities
Health	Self-Care and Independent Living	Toileting Hygiene Feeding Dressing
Visual and Performing Arts	Social Emotional / Recreation & Leisure	Social Integration Social Games Appropriate Behavior
English/Language Arts	Communication	Morning Social Circle Music Appreciation Story time Receptive / Expressive Language Switch Based activities (Use of assistive technology)
History /Social Science	Functional Academics	Fine motor Pre-vocational Social Skills Pre-Braille Vocational – Transitioning Computer activities Arts & Crafts
Physical Education	Motor Skills / Mobility Recreation & Leisure	Campus & Community Walk Play Yard Gym
Mathematics	Functional Academics	Fine motor Cooking Pre-Braille Tactile games Money recognition Arts & Crafts