

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

Staunton, Virginia

T.E.M.P.

The Extra Mile Program...

taking the time and expertise to serve students in Virginia with new experiences while meeting IEP goals in a residential setting!

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/LEA:

Thank you for your interest in The Extra Mile Program (TEMP) at the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB). TEMP gives students a chance to experience a week at VSDB, including the residential program. This is an exciting opportunity and VSDB looks forward to serving as an additional resource for your student's educational planning. The goal of VSDB is to provide an educational program that supports academic, social/emotional, and independent living skills resulting in students becoming productive citizens within the community.

TEMP is offered multiple weeks during the school year and requires an application process. **Please see the VSDB TEMP calendar for week availability.** For each TEMP week requested, the application and all required paperwork is due at least four weeks prior to the actual TEMP week dates. Once an application is complete, the information is reviewed for acceptance status and notification is provided to the parents/guardians/school system. VSDB will work with the local school division to ensure a smooth transition for the week and to collaborate regarding school division attendance requirements.

Application Process Required

TEMP week applications may be found on the VSDB website at <http://www.vsdb.k12.va.us/>. Please refer to the VSDB TEMP week calendar posted in order to determine TEMP week availability. **It is important to indicate the first and second choice of desired weeks on the TEMP application in order to accommodate TEMP requests.**

Benefits of the TEMP Program for Students:

- Participate in academic and social experiences with like peers
- Develop social skills and make friends
- Experience increased self-reliance within a residential setting
- Gain exposure to specialized technology

Benefits of the TEMP Program for Parents and School Systems:

- Develop a greater understanding of VSDB as an educational placement and a resource for outreach services
- Interact with highly qualified staff with expertise in the student's disability
- Provide students full access to learning, social, and cultural experiences with like peers.
- Expand educational placement options for students at no cost to the LEA

Applications are available on the VSDB website. For more information please contact:

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