



Family Lynx

Tips from TSBVI Families and Staff

Pack multiple pairs of the same socks so all match each other.

Plan time with your student and dorm staff to FaceTime so you can see his/her happy face during the week.

Pack a favorite pillowcase so the dorm room has a touch of something homey and familiar.

Trust the system. Have faith in the staff. These people are some of the top experts in the world.

Communicate. Stay in touch with staff and set up a regular schedule to engage to share information. You know your child best and it helps the staff to hear your insights.

Replicate what is done at school at home. The school is there to help empower your student. Make the time they have at TSBVI meaningful by continuing the same routines at home.

Have your student advocate for themselves. Have them make as many decisions as they can. This will let them feel invested in what they are doing and build up a sense of pride.

TSBVI is a family and you are now a part of that family. Get to know your staff and appreciate them. A kind word goes a long way! Embrace the knowledge they have to offer, share ideas and build relationships. Your student will flourish in this environment.

Don't let bad experiences with your local school district follow you. This is a very different school system full of support and new ideas. Start fresh and with an open mind. Get involved and speak up. You are truly a part of your student's team. You and your student will receive support from staff and other families but your TSBVI experience is only as good as your willingness to participate and collaborate.

Enjoy your time at TSBVI. The amount of growth that you will see in your student is beyond words. Relish this time by supporting their activities and provide them encouragement to try new things and to explore new surroundings.

More coming soon!