



A Tradition of Innovation

Since its earliest days, Perkins School for the Blind has been a thought leader in finding and creating the best ways to communicate with, educate and enhance the quality of life for people who are blind or deafblind locally, nationally and globally.

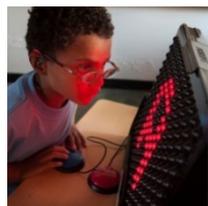
Today, more than 185 years after its founding, Perkins continues to lead the way:

Online – At www.Perkins.org, Perkins provides online access to webcasts, webinars, photo archives, microsites and publications in three basic categories: technology resources (including the federal equipment distribution program for people who are deafblind via iCanConnect.org), parent resources such as the award-winning www.WonderBaby.org, plus a wide range of teaching resources at Perkins eLearning.org. Based in the Grousbeck Center for Students & Technology, Radio Perkins is a student-produced Internet radio station.



Accessibility – From basic magnifiers for people with low vision, to the newest braille technology, to individualized evaluations and organization-wide consultations, Perkins Solutions provides top quality devices and services for children and adults with visual impairments. To foster greater opportunities for independence for people who are blind, Perkins Solutions also helps public and private employers create more accessible digital spaces through its Perkins Access suite of services.

Braille - The Perkins Braille® is still the world's most commonly used braille writer, the SMART Braille® is gaining new friends fast, and the new Perkins Mini electronic braille display connects to a user's iPad or iPhone and is still evolving. Perkins is part of an international consortium whose Transforming Braille project is cultivating the next wave of innovation with the aim of making electronic braille truly affordable.



Low vision – Philips and Perkins partnered to develop the LightAide, an LED light-based educational tool to engage learners with a wide range of special needs. Most people who are legally blind have some vision or sensitivity to light. Bright light attracts, engages and motivates young learners with low vision and the LightAide taps into that.

Micronavigation – In 2016, Perkins launched its first mobile app, BlindWays, a crowdsourced micronavigation iPhone app to assist riders – both sighted and blind – to accurately locate bus stops, with predictive arrival times and other features.

