



**Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
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**Arizona School for the Deaf to Host 40th Annual Western States Basketball
Classic**

Phoenix, AZ, January 25, 2016 – Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) Interim Superintendent Marv Lamer announced, today, that ASDB’s Arizona School for the Deaf (ASD) in Tucson will be hosting students who are deaf and hard of hearing from across the Western United States and British Columbia, Canada for the 40th annual Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC). The event will take place January 27 – January 30 at ASDB’s Tucson campus at 1200 W. Speedway, and features a competitive men’s and women’s high school basketball tournament. The opening ceremony will take place the evening of the 27th and the basketball games are scheduled for the 28th – 30th. The WSBC basketball games will be streamed live via the event website at <http://wsbcc2016.com>.

“The Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind is honored and excited to host this year’s Western States Basketball Classic on its Tucson campus,” said Superintendent Lamer. “The WSBC is a tremendous opportunity for gifted student-athletes who are deaf and hard of hearing to compete with peers from across the Western United States and Canada.”

Students from the ASDB’s Arizona School for the Deaf and Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, British Columbia School for the Deaf, Oregon School for the Deaf, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Washington School for the Deaf are slated to compete in this year’s WSBC. A unique aspect to this tournament is that almost everyone involved—players, referees, coaches, and cheerleaders—are deaf.

General admission is \$10/day on January 28 and 29 and \$15 on January 30 for the championship games. Or a 3-day pass can be purchased for \$25. Admission for ASDB students and children under 10-years-old is free throughout the tournament. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The [Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind \(ASDB\)](#) was founded in 1912 – the year of Arizona’s statehood. ASDB serves over 1,800 children who are blind/visually impaired or deaf/hearing impaired from birth to grade 12. ASDB operates two schools for the deaf, one school for the blind and five regional cooperatives. ASDB is dedicated to empowering students with the educational opportunities necessary to succeed in college, career and life.

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