

KOREAN BLIND SCHOOLS

PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Taiwan to me

Young Guns

Museum

Pineapple Cake

TV Commercial

5. Ice Punch



Where is my city? Chuncheon



Population: 285,907 (2023. June)
Economy: Tourism, Military bases



Amusement park



film making

Chuncheon city 춘천

7 갈 곳 없는 영화촬영장
공공 촬영장은 자연



Film Studio



cafe



My School

Founded in 1954, after the Korean War



School sustained by 50 dollar donation from US Army every month

School Video

Attached video file

Classes

Pre school (1 class / 3 children)

Elementary (6 / 18)

Middle (4 / 15)

High School (4 / 20)

**Vocational Course 1 : Job Training
(2 / 6)**

**Vocational Course 2 : Oriental Medicine
(2 / 8)**



Sports



Music



International Exchange



Vocational Training Course (Oriental medicine)



Vocational Training Course (general)



Universal Design



PRESENT

1. Less Students
2. More Students with Severe Disabilities
3. Parents' Active Participation



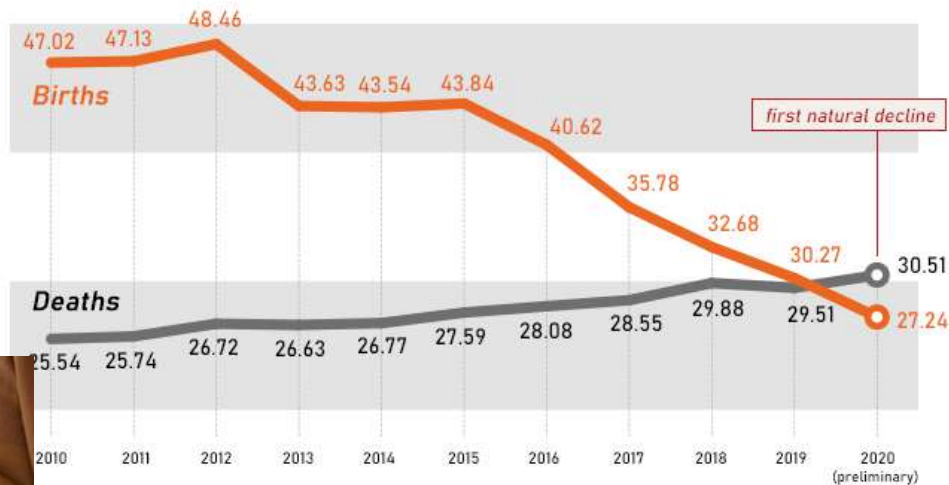
Present 1. Less Students

Less children / lower birth rate in Korea

- ◆ Changes in the perception of young people
- ◆ Super high cost for education and child support
- ◆ Crazy housing costs

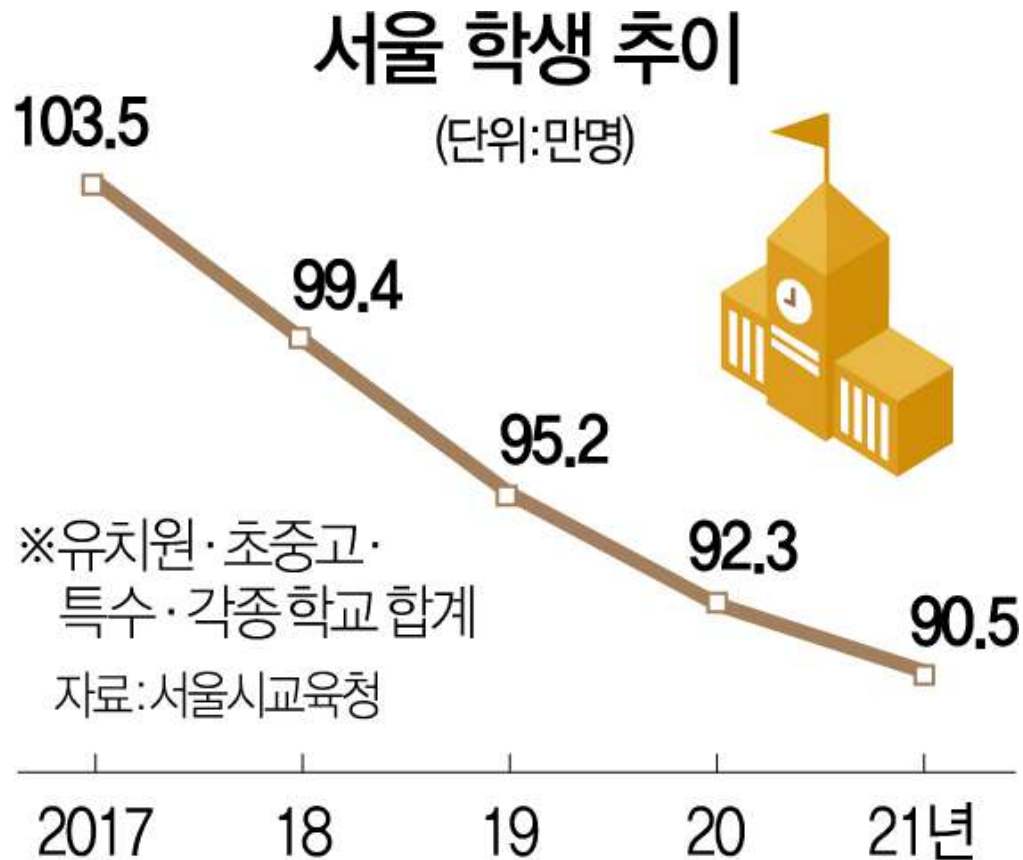


Declining populations in S. Korea (unit: 10,000)



Present 1. Less Students

Schools are closing in big cities



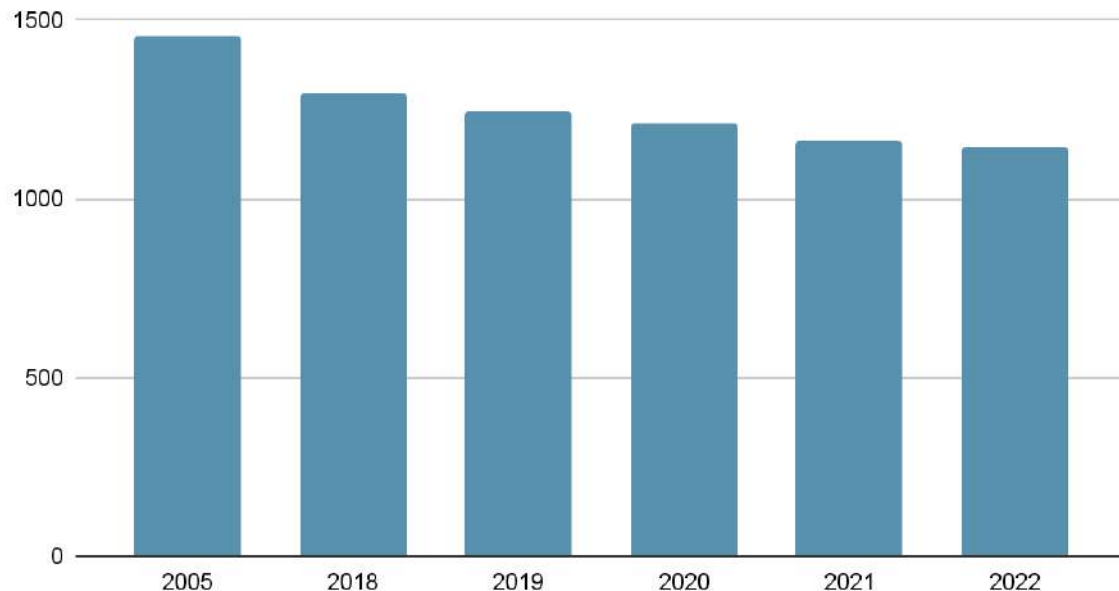
Present 1. Less Students



In Blind School

year 2005	1454
year 2018	1297
year 2019	1244
year 2020	1213
year 2021	1161
year 2022	1143

Students in Blind School



Present 1. Less Students

More students in inclusive education

- Increased number of special classes in general schools
- Parents deny children's' disabilities
- Parents have a resistance to special schools

It's so hard to decide



Present 1. Less Students (problems in general school)

-Lack of braille education, difficulty in learning (writing and reading), poor grades, and conflict between children



Present 1. Less Students (problems in Blind School)

- ◆ Difficulties arise due to the increase in students with multiple disabilities
- ◆ Threats of teachers layoff and budget reduction
- ◆ Just 1 student in a class or students with other disabilities



2. Students with severe disabilities

- ◆ Students with mild visual impairments go to integrated education schools
- ◆ Children with severe disabilities are coming to special schools



2. More students with severe disabilities

There are

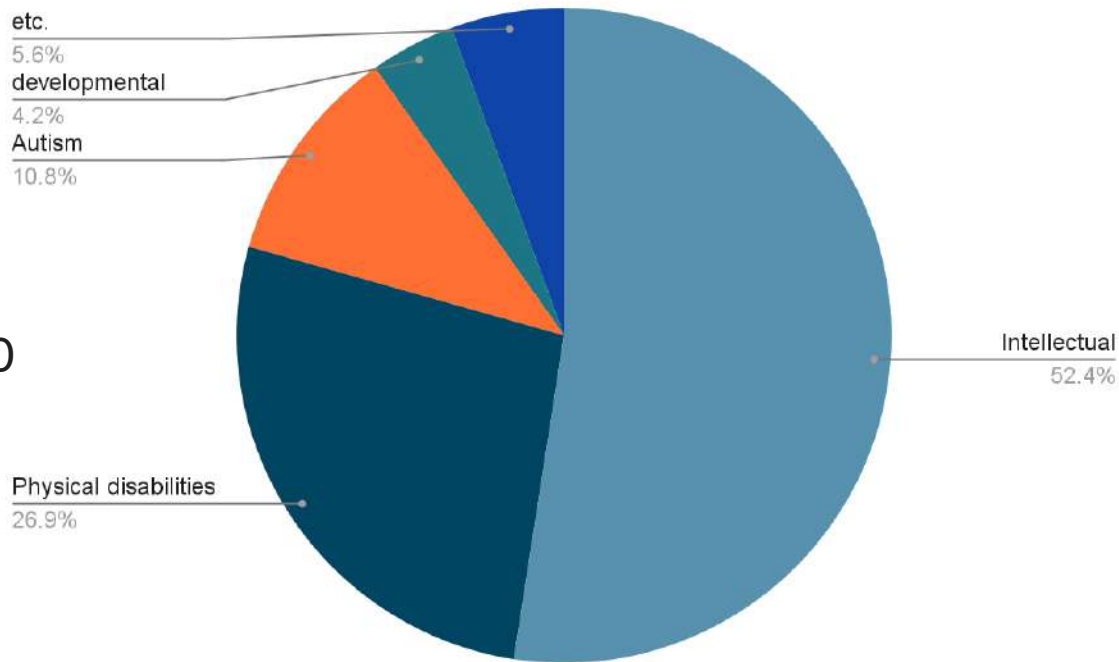
13 blind schools in Korea

total Students number: 1,220

students with

multiple disabilities: 288

(2019. July)



2. More Students with severe Disabilities

No Curriculum to fit everyone

◆ So many different abilities

◆ Using Curriculum for developmental disorders



Teachers'

Burnout Syndrome



2. More Students with Severe Disabilities

Shortage of Experts

Mostly childcare rather than education
(dietary support, rehabilitation, and exercise)



2. More Students with Severe Disabilities

- ◆ No Job opportunity
- ◆ They live in facilities for all life with full assistance
- ◆ They need work
- ◆ They need hobby and friends



2. More Students with Severe Disabilities

Teachers' concerns

- ◆ It's very hard to teach children with various disabilities in the same class
- ◆ Students need help with everything (eating, toilet, writing, gym...)
- ◆ Some students need more intensive medical care



2. More Students with Severe Disabilities

Parents' concerns

- ◆ Worry: their children will be neglected, alienated, and treated as a nuisance.
- ◆ No hope: Don't like to actively cooperate with teacher.
- ◆ Sorry: to teachers



3. parents participation

Parents in the past VS Parents of today

Past	Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ respect teachers◆ Trust in School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ ask for many things from teachers◆ not satisfied with school◆ depend on private academy

Challenges / 3. parents participation

Definition

Parents presenting opinions on school education and participating in decision-making as members of the school education community.



Challenges / 3. parents participation

Now

Parents' meeting: Annual meeting, grade meeting, class meeting

Parents' member for school board: participate in school management

Education monitoring: meeting with teachers, open class, teacher evaluation



Challenges / 3. parents participation

What parents want?

1) Social adaptation and having daily life skills

Table manners, independent use of bathroom, keep the rules, communication skills, getting along with friends, community experiences



Challenges / 3. parents participation

What parents want?

2) Individualized Education Plan

Tailored education plan, building healthy lifestyle, developing career skills



Challenges / 3. parents participation

What parents want?

3) School activities and facilities for the students with visual impairments

braille paths, elevators, clean and safe school, indoor gym

safe school bus



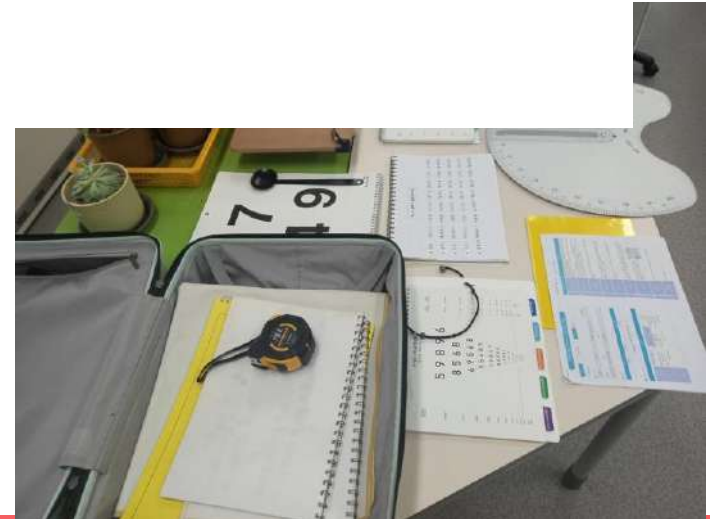
FUTURE

- 1) Supporting the students in inclusive schools
- 2) Professional improvement for students with severe disabilities
- 3) Encouraging parents participation



Future 1. Supporting the students in inclusion schools

- ◆ Visiting once a year to check changes in visual function, academic achievements, and for counseling
- ◆ Study student's condition with teacher and parents
- ◆ Visual field, preferred font, size of letters



Future 1. Supporting students in inclusion schools

Encouraging temporarily inclusion

Low-vision students can stay in a blind school only for learning braille and mobility skills, assistive technologies and come back to general school.

(there was one case so far)

- Studying cases of Japan and Taiwan

(data and study reports are needed)



Future 1. Supporting students in inclusion schools

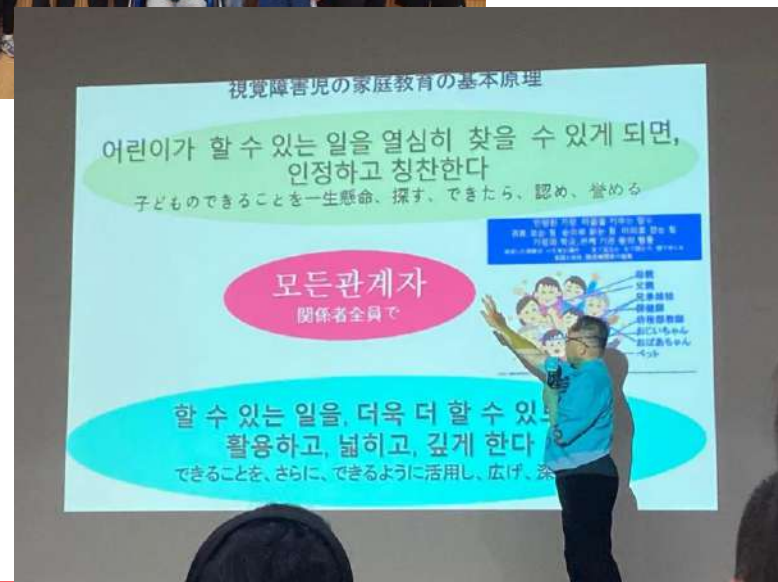
Workshop for teachers in inclusion schools

Visiting Taiwanese and Japanese institution



Future 1. Supporting students in inclusion schools

Family supporting program



Future 2. Improving education for the severely disabled

We really need curriculum

Communication skills: Start of education beyond caregiving

Independent living: the goal of education

Social Skills: better life



National curriculum and collected teacher's class contents



Future 2. Improving education for the severely disabled

We need more experts

- ◆ Teachers' workshop: Networking with domestic and foreign experts, regular training sessions
- ◆ Incentives for teachers: advantages in promotion, extra payments
- ◆ Support personnel: helpers in class



Future 2. Improving education for the severely disabled

We need more lifelong education program

Active cooperation with the community

Assistive technology

Braille, finger braille

Field trip to know better the community

Hobby, sports

Family travels



Future 2. Improving education for the severely disabled

Need More helpers in class

- ◆ Recruit more helpers to support students who need intensive care
- ◆ Trying to get more budget from the Government(in cooperation with parents)
- ◆ More participation from parents to help teachers



Future 2. Improving education for the severely disabled

Effective class organization

Separate classes focusing on studying
and classes learning life skills.

Create a convenient environment for children
with severe disabilities/

toilet, beds, treatment and rehabilitation
equipment



Future 3. Parents' Participation

What parents think is their role for school?

- ◆ Active participation in school events to plan better events and help the process
- ◆ Helping the teacher's task



Future 3. Parents' Participation

They want **individualized education** for their children

- ◆ A fun and exciting class in which everyone participates (the most request from parents' survey)
- ◆ Enhanced Individualized Education Plan
- ◆ Add specified long-term plan for job achievement in the IEP



Future 3. Parents' Participation

Main Areas for Parents in School Management

- ◆ Participating in school committee
- ◆ Teachers' evaluation
- ◆ School Violence Prevention Committee



Future 3. Parents' Participation

<School monitoring>



School briefing session

Parental counseling

Open class

School meal check



Future 3. Parents' Participation

Participation and support of school activities

- ◆ Class support
- ◆ Library works
- ◆ School safety personnel
- ◆ Field trip helper
- ◆ Family programs



Future 3. Parents' Participation

Parents' education program

Art play with children

Father's school / Father's role

Reading guidance for children

How to talk to your child

Physical play with children

Talking on the communication board



Future 3. Parents' Participation

Supporting Parents' Club

School should provide various club activities to parents
(either for fun or education)

- Budget

- Instructor

ex) dance, sports, movies, child education, cooking...



Future 3. Parents' Participation

The Parents' Self-Governing Council

- ◆ A meeting to lead the activities of parents effectively and smoothly
- ◆ Help school management and increase positive relationship among parents

Q&A