

## **Placing my day-school child at Knapp Yeshiva for the full or partial day**

### **The application process**

There are distinct application processes for full-day and partial-day placement. In both cases, the student will need a current psycho-educational evaluation.

For more information about psycho-educational testing, please see [“When a Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges: FAQs for Parents.”](#)

### **FULL DAY**

Parents seeking a full-day placement should first seek a Public Placement (“Tuitioning”) through their local public-school district.

To learn more about your rights, see “Educational Rights and Responsibilities: Understanding Special Education in Illinois” <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Parent-Rights.aspx#>

### ***PUBLIC PLACEMENT or ‘TUITIONING’***

Parents may first **register their child with the local public-school district**. The child may continue to participate in his/her current Jewish school.

Parents **request in writing** a case study evaluation or an IEP (Individual Education Program) meeting. If the school agrees, parents take part in a **“domains” meeting** to establish areas that will be evaluated by the public-school district. Parents **sign a consent** form for a case study evaluation. Following the formal initiation of the case study evaluation, the **public-school district has 60 school days** (approximately 3 calendar months) to complete the evaluation.

If the public-school district refers a child for therapeutic placement, parents may request a placement at Knapp School & Yeshiva, although such placement is not guaranteed. For more information, please contact **855 ASK-JCFS**.

Parents of children in Chicago may choose to apply to have their child referred for therapeutic day school placement by **writing directly** to the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Office of Diverse Learner Supports and Services, (ODLSS, <http://cps.edu/Pages/DiverseLearners.aspx>). For a parent's description of this process, see [https://www.jcfs.org/sites/default/files/applying\\_for\\_tuitioning\\_-\\_a\\_parents\\_experience.pdf](https://www.jcfs.org/sites/default/files/applying_for_tuitioning_-_a_parents_experience.pdf).

## Time considerations

It is best to apply for tuitioning is as soon as possible and, ideally, in the fall semester. It is possible to do so even while a child is attending a Jewish day school. It is not recommended to wait until late winter or spring.

From the start of private psycho-educational testing to an IEP meeting, 4 to 6 months can elapse.

## Who can help me?

Many families use private special education attorneys or work with private advocates. For more information, call **855 ASK-JCFS**.

### ***PRIVATE FULL-DAY PLACEMENT***

If an application for tuitioning is not accepted, it is still possible to apply for private placement. For more

information about private placement, contact **855 ASK-JCFS**.

## **PARTIAL DAY**

### ***PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENT***

Parents who are interested in exploring a partnership (partial-day) arrangement with Knapp Yeshiva for their day-school child should **speak with the school social worker** or another appropriate educator or administrator. Once the day school completes a **supporting form** for a partnership arrangement, the family may contact **855 ASK-JCFS** for more information.

## **For more information**

- [FAQs about Knapp Yeshiva](#)
  - When a Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges at School
  - About Knapp Yeshiva
  - Knapp Yeshiva Placement (for Professionals)
- Call **855 ASK-JCFS** (855-275-5237)

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