



JCFS Yeshiva Placement: FAQs for Professionals

The JCFS Yeshiva: *Addressing a Child's Unique Needs*

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What suggestions do you have for educators of day school students who face emotional or behavioral challenges?

If a child faces emotional or behavioral challenges, we recommend that psycho-educational testing be arranged as soon as possible. School professionals may be able to refer the child to REACH to arrange for testing to be done.

Even if the child's challenges abate, the testing will be helpful for addressing the student's emotional or behavioral challenges.

When is the best time to explore seeking JCFS Yeshiva services?

It is worthwhile to consider a **partnership arrangement** at any point that a student's emotional or behavioral challenges are seen to seriously impede his full-time day school education, so long as it is felt that the student would still benefit from a partial day at his day school. If school professionals conclude that a partnership arrangement would not provide enough therapeutic support to address the student's challenges, the family may apply for **full-day placement**. The JCFS Yeshiva has accepted students for admission at any season.

What is a partnership arrangement?

In a **partnership arrangement**, the student attends day school for part of the day—usually for some or all of the morning (Iimmudei kodesh). The student is then transported to the JCFS Yeshiva for general studies and other therapeutic education services.

Partnership arrangements can be very successful when the plan and goals are very clear and the parents are strongly supportive.

Can the JCFS Yeshiva serve girls?

The Yeshiva can accommodate girls in the younger yeshiva class (currently grades 2-5). We

occasionally work with girls from traditionally observant Jewish homes who receive therapeutic education services at the JCFS Therapeutic Day School in non-Yeshiva classrooms.

What is needed to enroll a child at the JCFS Yeshiva as a partnership student?

First of all, parents will need to have a current **psycho-educational evaluation** of their child, one that was written within the past 2 or 3 years. The day school will need to confirm that the JCFS Yeshiva could accommodate the prospective student by speaking with **Rabbi David Rosenberg**, Director at **(773) 467-3926**. Then the day school will fill out a **supporting form** for a partnership student. Then, please refer parents to **855-ASK-JCFS** to speak with one of the JCFS Access clinicians. She or he will review other steps that the family will need to take for placement.

What is needed to enroll a child at the JCFS Yeshiva as a full-day student?

As stated above, parents will need to have a current **psycho-educational evaluation** of their child, one that was written within the past 2 or 3 years. Parents should be encouraged to contact **855 ASK-JCFS** to learn more about how to **apply to the local school district** to refer the child for a therapeutic placement. If the local school district decides not to refer the child for therapeutic placement, the family may still submit a private application to the JCFS Yeshiva.

For more information

- When a Jewish Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges: FAQs
- About the JCFS Yeshiva: FAQs
- A Therapeutic Education: The JCFS Yeshiva
- Applying to the JCFS Yeshiva: FAQs for Parents
- Financing a JCFS Yeshiva Placement
- Call **855 ASK-JCFS** (855-275-5237) 1/2016