



## Applying to the JCFS Yeshiva: FAQs for parents

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

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### What is the application process for the JCFS Yeshiva?

There are separate application processes for full-day and partnership 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."**

### How do I apply for full-day placement?

You should first **register your child with your local school district** and ask for a case study evaluation or an IEP (Individual Education Program) meeting. If the school district refers your child for therapeutic placement, you may request a placement at the JCFS Therapeutic Day School, although such placement is not guaranteed. For more information, please contact **855 ASK-JCFS**.

### Please share some details of 'the tuitioning process'

Parents **register their child** at the local public school. The student may continue to participate in his current Jewish school program. Parents **request in writing** a case study evaluation. 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.

### What is the best time to 'apply for tuitioning?' How long does it take?

The best time to apply for tuitioning is as soon as possible and, ideally, in the fall semester. It is possible to do so even while your 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 through the tuitioning process?

Many families use private special education attorneys or work with private advocates. JCFS is fortunate to work closely with the **Legal Advocacy Center**, Jewish Federation's legal advocacy program for people with disabilities. For more information, contact **Sande Shamash, JD**, Director, at **(312) 673-2740** or [SandeShamash@jcfs.org](mailto:SandeShamash@jcfs.org).

### If our application for tuitioning is not accepted, is it still possible to apply?

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

### How do I apply for 'partnership' placement?

Parents who are interested in exploring a partnership (partial-day) arrangement with JCFS 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

- When a Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges: FAQs for Parents
- About the JCFS Yeshiva: FAQs
- About JCFS Yeshiva Placement: FAQs for Professionals
- Call **855 ASK-JCFS** (855-275-5237)

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