

## About Knapp Yeshiva

### Mission and Vision

Creating opportunities for students' academic, social-emotional, and Jewish success.

Seeking reintegration for all Jewish students with emotional or behavioral disabilities.

### What is Knapp Yeshiva?

JCFS Chicago Knapp Yeshiva, a Jewish therapeutic school program founded in 1991, serves children from observant Jewish homes with a range of emotional special education classifications who are serious about their ongoing Jewish studies. Knapp Yeshiva is housed at the Joy Faith Knapp Children's Center, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd, Chicago. It is directed by Rabbi David M. Rosenberg.

As part of Knapp School & Yeshiva, Knapp Yeshiva is accredited by **Cognia**. Knapp Yeshiva is supported by the **Kehillah Jewish Education Fund** and by the **Jewish Day School Guaranty Trust Fund** in partnership with the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation. Knapp Yeshiva works closely with students' families and with **Associated Talmud Torahs, REACH, day school**

**principals and professionals**, and others.

Knapp Yeshiva faculty and staff are trained and credentialed to work with our students. The program benefits from many amenities of the Joy Faith Knapp Center. Knapp Yeshiva students participate in self-contained classes.

### Knapp Yeshiva students

Knapp Yeshiva can accommodate elementary and middle school boys and girls, depending on date of birth. Older students may be accommodated in non-Yeshiva classrooms and still receive Knapp Yeshiva services. Students have previously attended Akiba Schechter, Arie Crown, Cheder Lubavitch, Hillel Torah, Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, and Yeshivas Tiferes Tzvi.

Students have **reintegrated** from Knapp Yeshiva to Arie Crown, Cheder Lubavitch, Hillel Torah, Joan Dachs Bais Yaakov, Fasman Yeshiva High School, Ida Crown Jewish Academy, and Yeshiva of South Bend. High school graduates have **continued their education** at UIC, Northeastern Illinois, and Truman College.

## Tell us about your services

Knapp Yeshiva combines the therapeutic services and a general studies curriculum with Jewish studies and tefillah in two **self-contained classes** and a **Beit Midrash**. The **general studies curriculum** meets Illinois State Board of Education requirements.

The Jewish studies program includes Hebrew (reading, writing, and grammar), Chumash (Torah with the commentary of Rashi), Mishnah, Halachah (Jewish Law), Navi (Prophets), and Yamim Tovim (Holidays). A dedicated faculty, including a resident rabbi, provides an individualized program of study.

Each student's **education program** sets forth unique educational goals. Progress is evaluated regularly. To assist students, the following services are provided as indicated: **social work services; speech-language therapy and occupational therapy; physical education** in the Knapp Center gym; **art; library/resource** department;; **transition** and **vocational** services; support for **reintegration** to mainstream Jewish schools.

Our therapeutic team approach brings together staff, family, outside providers and educators, and the student. Faculty communicates regularly with families.

## Tell us about your staff

In addition to the therapists and ancillary staff of Knapp School, Knapp Yeshiva staff includes special education teachers, aides, and a resident rabbi.

For several years, Knapp Yeshiva has benefited from the kind loan of Jewish studies support from the REACH/ATT faculty.

## What is the Partnership Program?

Partnership students spend part of their school day at a Jewish day school (generally for Jewish studies) and receive academics and therapeutic services at Knapp Yeshiva. A partnership arrangement may ease a student's full return to day school.

## For more information

- [FAQs about Knapp Yeshiva](#)
  - Our Therapeutic Education
  - Placing my day-school child at Knapp Yeshiva (How to Apply)
  - When a Day School Student Faces Emotional or Behavioral Challenges
  - Knapp Yeshiva Placement (for Professionals)
- Call **855 ASK-JCFS** (855-275-5237)

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