

KENNEDY DAY SCHOOL

Since 1963, Kennedy Day School has earned a reputation for excellence and innovation in special education. Located on-site at Franciscan Children's, in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston, our facility is fully accessible and situated on a ten-acre property that includes custom-crafted playgrounds and convenient, free parking. Our spacious state-of-the-art school building reflects thoughtful, student-centered design, featuring specialized equipment, resources, and technologies for success in a supportive learning environment.

Centered on Students

A welcoming environment greets every student, with dedicated space throughout highlighting each student at different times throughout the year through professional photography, video and tactual displays. Students truly see themselves creating an inclusive environment which represents the diverse student body we serve. Kennedy Day School provides a robust education aligning an accessible curriculum to the Massachusetts Frameworks and providing specially designed instruction, therapeutic services, transitional services, recreational with the extended core curriculum embed throughout to students, ages 3 to 21, with complex disabilities including those who require support in the areas of communication, behavior, health, cognition, vision, hearing, physical/motor/mobility, sensory and social interaction.

With a longstanding inter-relationship of hospital and school, Kennedy Day School is uniquely designed to serve students with acute and chronic multifaceted health care needs. These health needs may include but are not limited to behavioral health, seizure disorder, respiratory impairment (severe asthma, tracheostomy, and ventilator dependence), orthopedic, metabolic/nutritional, and other neurological concerns. Students benefit from specialized and integrative support strategies, equipment, and resources to promote accessible and equitable learning, communication, and meaningful interaction within the community.

Comprehensive Services

Kennedy Day School is dedicated to serving each student as an individual, with specifically tailored, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary strategies and services. With a full spectrum of integrative services, weekly team meetings focus on planned collaboration to maximize positive, student-centered outcomes based on data-driven decisions, team, and family priorities, addressed consistently across educational areas, and learning environments within the broader context of accessible academic, extended core and therapeutic content and skills.



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Kennedy Day School
at Franciscan Children's



As outlined in Individualized Education Program (IEP) plans, Special Education services include:

- *Adapted Physical Education*
- *Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*
- *Assistive Technology*
- *Audiology*
- *Augmentative Communication*
- *Family Resources*
- *Feeding Team Services*
- *Health Care*
- *Music Therapy*
- *Occupational Therapy*
- *Physical Therapy*
- *Psychology Services*
- *Reading Services, including support for AAC & Literacy*
- *Recreation Services*
- *Speech & Language Therapy*
- *Vision Services*

Designed for Success

With an extended school year, the Kennedy Day School provides continuity in a safe and caring learning environment that consistently implements evidenced-based pedagogical practices, incorporating both targeted content and skills along with compensatory strategies supported by a highly qualified team of professionals with expertise and training in serving students with highly individualized learning needs to engender meaningful learning, growth, and development.

Through collaboration with families, local educational agencies, as well as pediatric and adult community human service providers, Kennedy Day School strategically addresses barriers related to current and potential future living, financial risks/needs, school, community, work, and recreation environments for students, as they aspire to reach their fullest potential.



Classrooms are equipped with fabricated adaptations and assistive technologies, such as FM systems, to effectively support educational access across environments while promoting independence, self-direction of care and needs as well as individual sensory, motor, daily living and learning needs. A wide variety of well-appointed and specialized activity areas and therapy rooms offer essential learning supports for students, including a Music Therapy Room, Accessible Book Student Library, Health Care Room, Sensory/ Motor Area, Therapy, Gym, Vocational Service Center, Culinary Arts Kitchen, Dining Room, and Computer Technology Lab.

Communication is Key

Ongoing, substantive information exchange is fundamental to success. Kennedy Day School maintains an open admission policy throughout the school year and works diligently to maintain effective communication with districts, families, and other stakeholders.

Franciscan Children's

As part of Franciscan Children's, Kennedy Day School embraces an environment of care and offers many supports and resources for children. Families may choose to utilize additional services available on campus such as:

- *Pediatric Dentistry*
- *Pediatric Rehabilitation*
- *Linguistic & Cultural Services*
- *Pediatric Specialty Clinics*

Contact Us

For additional information or to arrange a tour of Kennedy Day School, please contact Kaylyn Makins-Bigelow, Admissions for Kennedy Day School, at 617-779-1581 or via email at kbigelow@franciscanchildrens.org.