



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 each student, each day. Kennedy Day School provides special education services to students, ages 3 to 22, with complex, multiple challenges in the areas of communication, 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 health care problems. These health concerns include seizure disorder, respiratory impairment (severe asthma, tracheostomy, and ventilator dependence), orthopedic, metabolic/nutritional, neurologic disorders and other congenital anomalies. Students benefit from specialized and integrative support strategies, equipment and resources to promote 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 clinical team meetings focus on planned collaboration to maximize positive, student-centered outcomes, addressed consistently across clinical areas and learning environments.

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
- Recreation Services
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Vision Services
- Vocational Education



Designed for Success

With an extended school year, the Kennedy Day School provides continuity in a safe and caring, learning environment. Consistently sound pedagogical practices, incorporating both remedial and compensatory strategies by clinicians of the highest caliber, engender meaningful learning, growth and development. Through collaboration with families of children with special needs, local educational agencies, as well as pediatric and adult community human service providers, Kennedy Day School effectively and comprehensively addresses issues related to current and potential future home, 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 individual sensory, motor 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, Student Library, Health Care Room, Sensory/Motor Area, Therapy Pool, Gymnasium, 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.

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 **Shana McCarthy**, Education Admissions and Outreach Specialist, at **617-779-1113** or via email at **SMcCarthy@franciscanchildrens.org**. Visit us at **KennedyDaySchool.org**.

At Franciscan Children's, we bring an unparalleled level of expertise to children with complex medical, mental health and educational needs so they can receive specialized care in a compassionate and positive environment. We share an unwavering commitment to excellence, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and live their best life.

