The JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER (JRC) is a day and residential school located in Canton, Massachusetts licensed to serve ages five through adult. Since 1971, JRC has provided very effective education and treatment to both emotionally disturbed students with conduct, behavior, emotional, and/or psychiatric problems, as well as those with intellectual disabilities or on the autism spectrum.
JRC is a special needs day and residential school:

- located in Canton, MA
- licensed to serve ages 5 through adult
JRC serves approximately 275 students in two school buildings.

JRC has an open admissions policy throughout the year.
The school atmosphere is unique and decorative so that attending school will be a pleasant, desirable experience for students.
Our School

- Skilled chefs
- Healthy meals
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Large dining area
Our School

The grounds offer lots of options such as:

- Vegetable garden
- Playground
- Basketball
- Picnic area
- Hiking trail
Students are transported back and forth from our residential homes each school day.

Our School
To ensure a consistent program, students and clients are supervised by staff 24/7, in school, at the residence, and during transition.
JRC serves individuals with psychiatric, emotional, and behavior disorders.
We also serve individuals with severe behavior disorders, as well as those with intellectual disabilities or on the autism spectrum.
We have a unique, near-zero rejection/expulsion policy. Unlike all other programs, once we accept a student we do not expel him/her due to the difficulty of his/her behavior problems.

Key Features

We have been able to successfully treat children and adults who have failed in, been rejected by, or been expelled by many other programs.
JRC has a wellness program that includes nutritious menus, nutrition education and daily exercise. Our menu always includes a healthy option in addition to the daily choice.
Through healthy eating and medication reduction, many students have experienced significant benefits in their overall health such as:

- Weight loss
- Better concentration
- Less side effects
In an effort to make healthy eating fun, at times students assist in preparing meals and snacks.
JRC has a 24/7 video monitoring system operated by high level JRC supervisory staff.

A team of supervisors monitor what takes place in all classrooms and in all residences, in real time.

Key Features
Parental visits are not limited to certain visiting days. JRC has an open door visiting policy.

"I can sleep at night because I know my child is happy and safe."
JRC is open and in session 365 days per year.

There is no requirement that parents must take the student home during holiday or vacation periods.
JRC encourages and assists students to make home visits and maintain family ties. We provide supervised bus transportation to and from the NYC area during four extended weekend/holiday periods each year.*

- Christmas (7 days)
- Thanksgiving (6 days)
- Easter (5 days)
- July 4th (5 days)

*Depending on the student’s behavior this transportation may not be available for safety reasons.
Parents who live at a distance can see and communicate with their children via Skype and FaceTime.
We offer a Parent/Agency website which agencies can use to learn about their client/student's program and parents can keep up to date on their child’s progress and community activities.

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The Parent/Agency site contains:

- treatment summary
- IEP information
- daily, weekly, or monthly behavior charts
- recent photos of the client taken on outings, etc.
JRC operates over 45 residential homes and apartments in nearby suburban communities of Canton, Massachusetts.
Our Residences

Our residences are normal homes, rather than dormitories. They are:

• single-family homes
• duplexes
• apartments
JRC serves both school-age students and adults in separate residences, classrooms, and a variety of vocational work environments.
As the student's behavior improves, he or she advances to living in residences with more independence and responsibility.
Our Residences

There is a special monitoring system in each residence where students require a higher level of supervision.
Our Residences

Homes are unique and tastefully furnished.
The students may take part in choosing the decoration of their bedrooms.
Our Residences

Our residences all include:

- TVs
- game systems
- computers
- music systems
- activities
Our Residences

May also include:

- swimming pools
- picnic tables
- barbecue grills
- swings
- basketball
Our Residences

There's fun recreational activities for everyone in the home.
Shopping for food and preparing it are goals for everyone.
Students enjoy time in the community.

Our Residences

Ice Cream Shop

Basketball Hall of Fame

Hiking the Blue Hills
Students' physical health is carefully monitored at JRC. Our doctor and nursing staff keep up with all of the students' needs.
This mother shows the dozens of medications her child had been on before JRC.
Recognize these? Have you had your child on some of these?

Treatment Program

- Depakote, Trileptal (Mood Stabilizers, Anticonvulsants)
- Zyprexa, Seroquel, Risperdal (Antipsychotics)
- Abilify (Antipsychotic)
- Haldol (Antipsychotic)
- Thorazine (Antipsychotic)
- Strattera (ADHD)
Here are bad side effects that our program can eliminate.

- Being in a drugged stupor
- Sleeping most of the day, preventing any education
- Tics such as permanent head-rolling
- Drooling, slurred speech, nausea, and vomiting
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviors
- Damage to kidneys and liver
- Metabolic effects that can shorten the life-span
Students learn new ways to function which reduces medications side effects and dangerous chemical restraint.

**Treatment Program**

And do these drugs work anyway?
We currently employ doctorate-level clinicians, masters-level clinicians, and social workers.
We provide behavioral counseling for our emotionally disturbed students in addition to all of the related services (if listed in the student’s IEP).
Problem Behaviors We Treat:

- Aggression
- Health-dangerous behaviors (includes self-injury)
- Property destruction
- Noncompliance
- Major disruptive behaviors
- Educationally and socially interfering behaviors
- Inappropriate verbal behaviors
This is the daily log sheet. We keep a record of everything the student does 24/7.
Example Chart:

When the student first came to JRC he exhibited nearly 6,000 inappropriate behaviors a month. Today the number has dropped to 100.
Clinicians and treatment team staff review these charts several times a day and make treatment decisions on the basis of the data shown in the charts.
Students meet with their treatment team and have input into their behavior program.
We employ special education teachers and teacher assistants.
Each student is assigned a computer for their own use and they work on academics at their own pace.

Students work on curriculums developed in conjunction with their home school districts.
Education Program

JRC has developed most of its own academic software.

Click to start/stop video
This software teaches:

• spelling
• vocabulary
• science
• math
• reading
• and other subjects.

Education Program
These graphs show weekly summations of total tracked targeted behaviors and the decline in these behaviors over time. The charts are in daily, weekly monthly and yearly formats and allow treatment teams to analyze behaviors as they relate to program changes and demonstrate the clinical value of the use of these charts.
Students are able to obtain diplomas and/or certificates of completion from their home school districts.
Students with intellectual disabilities are provided with a touchscreen computer and work on specialized academic programs.
We have JRC-developed software for use on touchscreen computers that teaches:

- Matching
- number and letter recognition
- sight words
- how to tell time
- math
- and money
Students receive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) training, on a 1-1 basis, designed to teach communication, self-care and daily living skills.
Teaching basic skills such as tying and buttoning.
We have designed a special toilet training room and have had tremendous success in toilet training both children and adults.
Education Program

Students enjoy using the workout room, hiking trails, and gymnasium.
Students are able to receive training and paid part-time jobs working in our kitchen, our food services group, at our receptionist area, and as assistants doing copying and filing in various departments.
Some students make use of local vocational schools for additional training.
Employment outside is a goal for many students.
How do we make these wonderful things happen?

Reward System

Pro Social Behaviors/Good Conduct

Academic Learning

Points

Tokens

OR

Money

Rewards
There are classroom reward lounges where students with shorter contracts can earn rewards throughout the day.
Our "Yellow Brick Road" stretches from one end of the building to the other and features the major reward areas of the school such as:

- Arcade
- Movie Theatre
- Hair Salon
- Teen Lounge
- Internet Café
- Contract Store
- Basketball Court
The Teen Lounge contains:

- a pool table
- three Xbox game setups
- arcade-type basketball hoop games
- a dance machine
- a big screen TV
- an air hockey game
- a simulated motorcycle video game
- Guitar Hero (the students’ favorite video game)
The Big Reward Store contains:

- electronic games
- a ball pit (one of the most attractive features of the BRS)
- pinball machines
- snack machines
- a lounge
At the Hair Salon students can get a haircut, hair styling or a manicure.

The hair salon can also be used for vocational training for students who want to pursue that line of work.
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Students purchase rewards in the Contract Store such as:

- Jewelry
- Clothing
- Accessories
- Small electronics
- Toys
- And much more
In the Internet Café students earn time to:

- Surf the web
- Listen to music
- Play online games
- Read articles
Students enjoy participating in weekly themed field days...

Reward System
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...field trips...
...special activities in the community and at JRC...

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..team sports...
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dances, Prom, and our annual Talent Show.
Some of the best rewards come when you help others and JRC students achieve that through a number of volunteer projects at JRC and in the community.
Reward System

Some rewards are even better than others.
More info about our program may be found on our website and social media.

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