



The JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER (JRC) is a special needs day and residential school located in Canton, Massachusetts licensed and approved 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 developmental delays or on the autism spectrum.





Location and Facilities

JRC's school buildings and administrative offices are located at 240 and 250 Turnpike Street, Canton, Massachusetts. JRC operates approximately 40 residences, located in the nearby towns of Attleboro, Rehoboth, Stoughton, Norton, Mansfield, Randolph, Holbrook, and Easton, MA.

Our Mission

Our specific goal is to provide each individual with the least intrusive, most effective form of treatment to ensure his/her safety, the safety of others, and promote healthy growth and development. JRC is committed to providing the most effective educational program possible.

Structure Allows for Progress

Students who have failed or made minimal progress in their previous programs often succeed for the first time due to JRC's highly structured education and treatment programs based on Applied Behavior Analysis.

"I would recommend JRC to any parent that has a child with behavior/aggression issues who has been unsuccessful at other schools."

Admission Process

- Near-zero rejection/expulsion policy
- Serves students with varied diagnoses and cognitive levels
- Advocacy assistance
- Serving ages 5 through adult



Education

- Behavioral education systems
- State of the art educational materials
- Self-instructional software in a variety of subject areas
- Individual and small group instruction
- A rich variety of after-school activities

Treatment

- Highly consistent Applied Behavior Analysis
- Daily charting of all behaviors
- Effective treatment of aggressive and violent behaviors
- Psychiatric and behavior problems treated “in house”



Policy on Psychotropic Medication

JRC avoids or minimizes psychotropic medication whenever possible. Such medications have usually failed to effectively treat the students we serve. Almost all of these medications have dangerous and lasting side effects.

Special Features for Cognitively Typical Students

- Instruction in skills required for high school diplomas
- Behavioral counseling and self-management training
- Training in the use of behavioral psychology
- Opportunities for advanced education
- Job opportunities
- Baby-Think-It-Over Program
- Student website



Special Features for Developmentally Delayed Students

- Intensive toilet training
- Instruction in daily living skills such as buttoning, zipping, and tying.
- 1-1 instruction in basic skills such as signing, vocalizing, or exchanging pictures.
- Self-instructional software that teaches phonics, counting, etc.
- Touchscreen computers

School Facilities

- Beautifully decorated school building
- Indoor reward street with retail store, lounge, arcade, internet cafe, movie theatre, and hair salon
- Full kitchen, dining room, indoor gym and health club
- Indoor and outdoor basketball courts
- 1.5 mile walking trail
- Swing set, jungle gym, and picnic area



Residences

- Students live in homes or apartments in the community
- Decorated with attractive, non-institutional furnishings
- Staff-secure facility
- Digital video recording/monitoring system
- Behavior-determined residence ladder
- Awake overnight staff in each residence



Monitoring, Security, and Supervision

- Qualified and skilled staff such as clinicians, teachers, speech therapists, physical and occupational therapists, registered nurses, psychiatrists, and physicians
- Digital video recording system in use 24/7
- Experienced supervisors available at all times
- Secure and highly-staffed facility

Health Services

- Wellness program offering healthy menus, education, and daily exercise
- Food program tends to lower cholesterol levels
- Helps students lose weight and improve diabetes
- Talented chefs prepare delicious meals
- Physician and dentist on site
- Many students have been able to receive medical services for the first time in years



Staff Management

- Approximately 1000 full and part-time employees
- Staff are trained by JRC's own Training Department
- There are many levels of supervision including quality-control supervisors
- Staff members are routinely evaluated in areas such as treatment skills and compliance with JRC policies
- Staff members are required to dress professionally



Student Dress Code

Students are expected to dress neatly and professionally when attending school. Male students wear dress pants, shirt and tie. Female students wear dress pants or a skirt and a collared blouse or sweater.



Support Services

Our Electronics Department has developed several systems to meet the needs of our students such as a token-operated TV, remote control MP3 player and headset, and devices to prevent self-injury. Our software development group designs software for our behavior/academic charting system, as well as self-instructional educational software.



Calendar and Visitation

- JRC is open and in session 365 days per year
- There is no requirement to take a student home during holiday or vacation periods
- Parents are not limited to certain visiting days. Every day can be a visiting day
- JRC encourages and facilitates home visits and maintains family ties.



Parent Services

- Private, secure, website to access student treatment charts and education documents
- JRC offers and encourages training for parents, siblings and other family members
- The use of Skype and FaceTime to maintain long-distance communication with family



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Individualized Programs

JRC offers a highly individualized treatment program that is able to serve students with a wide variety of problem behaviors. Every student has a uniquely tailored program filled with individualized rewards that he or she can earn throughout the day, evening and weekend.

Parental Guidance and Advocacy Assistance

JRC provides guidance and advocacy assistance to parents/guardians wishing to gain admission for their children.

Contact Us

If you would like more information or would like to speak to someone in our Admissions Department, please call 1-781-828-2202 or visit www.judgerc.org to contact us.

“The part of JRC that helped me was controlling my feelings and my actions. It helped me grow up. JRC is really good.”



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