



Monarch Center for Autism

at Bellefaire JCB

Admissions & Eligibility Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have typical peers?

No. Monarch Day School does not have typically developing peers. However, when appropriate, we create opportunities for students to interact socially with peers in the same or other classrooms.

Does my child need an autism diagnosis to attend Monarch Day School?

Yes. A diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is required, although we will accept students with a provisional diagnosis. We also accept students with co-occurring diagnoses.

Do you have rolling enrollment?

Yes. Monarch Day School accepts students on a rolling enrollment basis.

What is the referral and intake process?

1. **Initial conversation:** Contact the Monarch School admissions specialist Vicki Koller at 216-320-6417 or kollerv@bellefairejcb.org to discuss placement and funding.
2. **Submit documentation:** Once funding is confirmed, send your child's IEP or Service Plan (SP), Evaluation Team Report (ETR), and other supporting documentation to the Monarch School admissions specialist for review.
3. **Team review and tour:** The Monarch School admissions specialist works with the Monarch School team to review the documentation. If Monarch appears to be an appropriate fit, the Monarch School admissions specialist will schedule an in-person tour for the parent(s), student, and school district, if desired.
4. **Next steps:** Following the tour, the Monarch School admissions specialist will follow up to answer questions, request any additional information, and, when appropriate, offer admission with a proposed start date.

How is a student placed at Monarch School by their local school district?

If a school district and parent agree that the district cannot meet the student's educational needs, the district may recommend placement at Monarch Day School. When Monarch is determined to be an appropriate placement, the district agrees to cover the full cost of tuition.

How do I ask my school district to send my child to Monarch Day School?

Discuss an out-of-district placement with your child's IEP team. You may also contact the Special Education Director in your home school district to begin the conversation and request an IEP meeting.

Do you have to live in Cleveland to attend Monarch Day School?

No. Monarch serves students from throughout Northeast Ohio.