



Children's Home
Association of Illinois

Kiefer School

A social, emotional, and therapeutic approach of providing youth with an appropriate education.

Kiefer School serves students struggling in their home district due to severe emotional, behavioral, and/or learning challenges. Our staff at Kiefer use a trauma-informed approach to understanding the cause of a child's behavior in the classroom. Our Behavior Management Specialists conduct an analysis on each student to learn what serves as a trigger and provides support and resources to deescalate situations.

Meaningful learning can only take place when students are able to express their emotions in a healthy, safe environment. Referrals for Kiefer come directly from school districts, so if you think your child could thrive in Kiefer or benefit from our offerings, please talk to your home district professionals. Our students receive specialized support and experience an evidenced-based curriculum to ensure a seamless transition back to their home district.



"Kiefer has helped me to better myself both behaviorally and academically in a warm and welcoming manner. My teacher helps me learn and grow by allowing me to work at my own pace."

– Kiefer student

Classroom support:

Special Education Teacher

Behavior Intervention Team

Speech/Occupational Therapist

Individual Student Aide

Behavior Management Specialist

Teacher's Assistant Clinical

Therapist

Family Liaison

Job Coach

Student Success Spotlight

Matt* joined Kiefer in 7th grade due to inconsistency with attendance, conflict with peers, and management of his emotions and feelings. Although resources were available in his district, Matt still required a small setting and one with a routine, clinical component of the education. At first, Matt pushed back on all people trying to connect with him and his behaviors became more punctuated and acute. Staff were consistent and caring, and they discovered that medication management was an issue at home as well as a long road of teaching himself coping skills. His school therapist played a key role in his success and worked alongside his parents. He is progressing, is now on track to graduate from Kiefer, and his home school district will acknowledge his credits as if they were gained at the home school district.

*name changed due to confidentiality



**Interested in learning more
about Kiefer School?**

Contact our Principal!

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