

CYSS School Liaison - Frequently Asked Questions

WHERE DO OUR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL IF WE LIVE ON POST?

Children pre-kindergarten through eighth grade residing on the installation attend one of the seven DDESS schools. Children of High School age (9th-12th grade) can attend high school in Muscogee County, Chattahoochee County, or Russell County.

WHERE WILL OUR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL IF WE HAVEN'T MOVED INTO A PERMANENT HOME?

While your family is living in temporary lodging on the installation, your children may be enrolled in Fort Benning schools which services on-post residents. If you secure on-post housing, your child(ren) may continue to attend school on post. If you secure off-post housing, you will need to enroll your child in the district where you intend to live. If you are on a waiting list for on-post housing and must live off-post, a 180-day waiver can be granted to continue attending on-post schools.

WHY AREN'T ALL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS THE SAME FROM DISTRICT TO DISTRICT?

Each local school district is obliged to meet State requirements for student learning standards. This also includes State standards for all students seeking promotion and graduation. As we know, these requirements change from State to State and often put our transitioning students in jeopardy of graduating on time. We hope you will visit the Military Child Education Coalition web page to seek tips on preparing you child for transitioning from school to school. The Department of Defense is also working with the states for easing the burden placed on transitioning families. Visit www.USA4militaryfamilies.dod.mil for more information.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP OUT MILITARY-CONNECTED CHILDREN?

You CAN help! The first and foremost thing you can do is to be there for military-connected children. Military-connected children have unique needs as they, too, serve our country in a special way. We require a lot of them. We impose high standards on them and uproot them often.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MY CHILD?

There are many local scholarships available to both your child and possibly yourself.

One of the best sources of information is the on-post newspaper, The Bayonet. Deadlines for applications for local scholarships are posted in this paper.

A great deal of information is also available through FinAid.com

CAN YOU SUGGEST RESOURCES OF INTEREST TO MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES?

DoD provides Military Student.org which contains school transition and deployment information targeted to the concerns of military parents, children age 6-12, teenagers, families with special-needs children, military leaders and educators. Parents can access education-related information on transferring student records, graduation requirements and more. The site also enables military children and teens to access tips and information to help them cope with family moves and military parent deployments, adapting to new schools, and making new friends.

DoD sponsors Teens on the Move With Online Help which offers help in dealing with the anxiety of permanent changes of station. DoD also provides a site for children ages 6 to 12 called "MTOM for Kids." The Website provides information to help teens and children deal with stresses of their parent's

military careers. The site also provides a bulletin board that military teens can use to post messages to other teens who may be dealing with the same issues and to help them connect with new friends.

The [Military Child Education Coalition](#) , [National Military Family Association](#) and the [Military Impacted Schools Association](#) each have LOTS of information about helping our military-connected children.

Another great resource is the [Healthy Parenting Toolkit](#). They have invaluable resources related to deployments, transitioning from base to base, parenting a military-connected child, and many other timely topics.

You may also find a great deal of information about schools at the site maintained by the [Heritage Foundation](#). Another great resource can be found at [Great Schools.net](#).