

Sheppard AFB Military Child Education Guide

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Introduction to K-12 Primary & Secondary Education near Sheppard AFB and surrounding communities

Welcome to Sheppard Air Force Base, the largest and most diversified training center in the Air Education and Training Command. Sheppard's relationship with its host communities, Wichita Falls, Burkburnett, Iowa Park, and surrounding areas, is one of the best in the Air Force. We hope you will find this education guide helpful as you become acquainted with the base and local area.

Public Schools

There are a number of School Districts surrounding Sheppard AFB. The majority of military children attend either the Wichita Falls Independent School District (WFISD) or the Burkburnett Independent School District (BISD). Other school districts include the Iowa Park Independent School District, City View Independent School District, Holliday Independent School District, Henrietta Independent School District, Archer City Independent School District, Petrolia Independent School District, and the Big Pasture School District in Randlet OK. This guide will provide helpful information about the local public school system, ranging from enrollment to graduation requirements.

Private Schools

Wichita Falls has approximately 3 parochial and secular private schools. While each school has its own enrollment and graduation requirements, all require military children to provide appropriate credentials, including but not limited to transcripts, test scores, and immunizations. Website links and reviews of many of those schools can be found at the Great Schools and Private School Review websites.

Home School

Home School or home education is a legal, alternative educational option used by military families who wish to forego public or private school in favor of directly overseeing their children's primary or secondary education. Controlling their children's education may take the form of parental instruction, or tutors. Those interested in learning more about home schooling can go the following web site: www.tea.state.tx.us/home.school. There is also a local homeschooling support group in Wichita Falls. It is Home Educators Across Texoma (HEAT). The web site for HEAT is www.wfheat.com. There is also a Sheppard AFB Homeschoolers Group that meets frequently.

School Liaison (SL)

The School Liaison or SL is the chief advocate for the educational needs of military-connected children associated with Sheppard AFB. The SL provides guidance to service members and their families regarding enrollment, placement, graduation, and eligibility for extracurricular activities at local K-12 schools. Although the majority of military children attend traditional public schools, SL assistance extends to several other local education alternatives, including home education/home schooling, private schools, public schools, and cyber/virtual schools.



There are several local options when considering the education of your child, and deciding the type of education for your children is an important decision that requires research and preparation,

Remember; after the family, school is often children's most important source of stability and structure, especially during major transitions, such as permanent change of station (PCS) or deployments.

The goals of the SL include the following broad categories:

- Identifying barriers to academic success and developing solutions
- Promoting parental involvement
- Developing and coordinating partnerships in education
- Providing parents with the tools they need to overcome that stem from the military lifestyle
- Providing for the delivery of special needs family support services in coordination with the Medical Treatment Facility and Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Manager and Exceptional Family Member Program Family Support ((EFMP-FS).
- Promoting and educating local communities and schools regarding the needs of military children
- Providing information for newly assigned military families and parent groups
- Providing ongoing analysis and feedback on family needs
- Maintaining communication with school representatives by identifying and distributing school information



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Public Schools



Wichita Falls Independent School District (WFISD) is a public school district in Wichita Falls, Texas is accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). WFISD is located in a growing community in North Texas. Wichitians enjoy a slower-paced, friendly, atmosphere with the added benefits of quick access to Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex and Oklahoma City. WFISD serves most of Wichita Falls including portions of Sheppard AFB.

Support from the community's private and public foundations have always been strong. The generous support of West Foundation, Priddy Foundation, and Perkins/Protho Foundation, as well as the WFISD Foundation, allows the district to provide unique opportunities to students and faculty. These foundations provide classroom grants, funding for student activities, and student/faculty incentives.

The Wichita Falls ISD is one of the few Texas school districts to offer a choice program that gives parents the choice of what secondary school they would like their child to attend. While elementary school attendance zones exist, parents can opt out of these and send their children to one of the five elementary magnet schools in the district. Secondary schools in the WFISD offer Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses to students wishing to pursue a more challenging academic curriculum.

In May 2015 Wichita Falls voters passed a \$59.5 million bond package which will go towards a Career and Education Center (CEC), Junior High renovations, safety and security enhancements, technology infrastructure, and Memorial Stadium parking and restroom improvements.

In August 2017 WFISD the district opened the doors of the CEC, the first state-of-the-art facility devoted exclusively to career education. The CEC is located on a 100-acre property that sits on Hatton Road at 4201 Henry S. Grace Freeway.

The District purchased three pieces of land and combined them with a fourth land tract off Hatton Road, which was previously owned by the District, to create the property that will serve as home base for career training.

The \$30 million facility was built \$29,411 under its target budget. It will include \$391,941 in roadwork costs that the City of Wichita Falls will reimburse.

Another \$2 million was spent for furniture, according to Superintendent Mike Kuhrt.

The new facility will bring state-of-the-art technology and career-based equipment together in the largest career program in the area.

The building features T-shaped design. A one-story wing will house industrial spaces with high-ceiling laboratories and work spaces.

There will also be a two-story wing that will be home to non-industrial career pathways, such as audio-visual production, graphic design, criminal justice, medical science and computer networking.

Throughout the building process, WFISD has been seeking design and program direction from 100 local business leaders in 15 industries who may ultimately hire the district's graduates.

Programs currently offered:

Advertising/Social Media

Ag Mechanics

Ag Power Systems

Ag Structure with Lab Stacked

Anatomy & Phys

Audio Visual Production 1 & 2

Auto Basics

Auto Collision & Repair 2

Auto Technology 1

Auto Technology 2 with Lab

Auto Technology 2

Architectural Design

Advanced Architectural Design

Collision Repair

Computer Programming 1 & 2

Computer Maintenance

Computer Tech Practicum

Construction Technology 1

Cosmetology

Dog Grooming

Education & Training Pract 2

Electrical

Engineer Design & Problem Solving

Entrepreneurship

Equine Science/Small Animal

Floral Design

Forensic Science

Graphic Design 1 & 2

Greenhouse

Horticulture

Instructional Practices (formerly Ed 1)

Medical Microbiology

Mental Health Technician

Networking

Phone/Tablet Repair

Plumbing 1 & 2

Practical Marketing

Practicum in Ag

Practicum in Plumbing Construction

Principals of Construction

Robotics 1 & 2

Vet Medicine Application with Lab

Vet Medicine Application with no Lab

Video Game Design

Wildlife Management

Principal of Law & Public Safety

Law Enforcement 1 & 2

Introduction to Welding

Welding 1 & 2

Welding 2 with Lab

CNA

Pharmacology

Medical Lab Practicum

Introduction to Culinary

Culinary Arts

Advanced Culinary

English 3 Dual Credit

English 4 Dual Credit

History Dual Credit

Government (Spring)

Economics (Fall)

Education 2 (2nd Semester Dual Credit)

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Located just 5 minutes north of Wichita Falls along Interstate 44, the Burkburnett Independent School District area combines the best of urban, suburban and rural living. Covering nearly 189 square miles, and including Burkburnett, Sheppard AFB, Cashion, Thornberry, and the surrounding areas. Burkburnett ISD will serve more than 3,300 students during the 2019-2020 school year, 26% being military connected students. At Burkburnett ISD we de-emphasize the STAAR test and are dedicated to preparing students for the future they choose. Burkburnett ISD's UIL alignment is Conference 4A.

Special Education is offered for students ages 3 through 21, and a Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten program is offered to disadvantaged 3 and 4 year olds. A comprehensive instructional program is offered to students in grades kindergarten through 12, with numerous innovative approaches to career preparation, including the Tech Prep program available to Burkburnett High School students.

BISD's intensive academic program is complimented by diverse student activities. Clubs and organizations include:

- 1 to 1 iPads PK through 12th grade
- STEM Curriculum (Science, Tech, Engineering, Math)
- Accelerated Learning Opportunities
- Academic Honor Groups
- Culinary Arts Courses
- ROTC
- Student Government
- Rachel's Challenge
- PALS
- Meet in The Middle
- Project Based Learning
- Robotics programs 4th-12th grade
- Dual Credit and Advanced Placement
- Theatre Arts, Band
- Animation, Welding, Criminal Justice, etc
- Service Organizations
- Athletics
- C4 Agent
- Teens Make a Difference

Known internationally for instructional excellence, the Burkburnett Schools continue to attract families who make quality education a top priority. One of the most significant factors in the district's success is a community devoted to excellent schools and a willingness to do whatever it takes to support the youth of Burkburnett.

In 2015 Burkburnett ISD successfully proposed and passed a building bond in the amount of \$47,099,932. Bond projects include:

- New 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Campus \$23,000,000
- Safety & Security Improvements \$536,600
- Repurpose, Renovate, and Build \$14,990,500
- Facility Components, Systems & Life Cycle Renewal \$8, 572, 832

Dr. Tylor Chaplin, Superintendent
Laura Richards, Director of Business Management
Dr. Missy Mayfield, Director of Curriculum
Audrey Ash, Director of Special Education
Brad Owen, Director of Innovative Learning & Technology

Burkburnett High School Grades 9-12
109 Kramer (940) 569-1411
Vance Morris, Principal
Student Enrollment: 903

Gateway Student Support Center Grades 10-12
200 E. Third (940) 569-3030
Scott Slater, Principal
Student Enrollment: 20

Burkburnett Middle School Grades 6-8
108 S. Avenue D (940) 569-3381
Michael Baughman, Principal
Student Enrollment: 647

Evans Elementary Head Start-2nd Grade
1015 S. Berry (940) 569-3311
Michelle Wiese, Principal
Student Enrollment:

Overton Ray Elementary 3rd-5th Grade
345 DW Taylor Parkway (940) 569-5253
Kendy Johnston, Principal
Student Enrollment:

Tower Elementary PK-5th Grade
5200 Hooper Drive (940) 569-3221
Jason Nolan, Principal
Student Enrollment:

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Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District (IPCISD) is located ten miles west of Wichita Falls on Highway 287. The school district is dedicated to its stated mission.

The mission of Iowa Park CISD is to ensure our students the best educational experience of any North Texas school district. We will provide a well-rounded school experience in a safe environment that will prepare our graduates to attain their life goals.

In pursuing that mission, Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District emphasizes both academic and non-academic aspects of the public school experience, excelling in both. Iowa Park students have excelled in and out of the classroom; always representing the school and community with a unique character we call...**HAWK PRIDE!!!**

In May 2019 voters approved a \$24.5 million bond package which will go towards improvements at all Iowa Park CISD Campuses.

W.F. George Middle School

- Provide connection between separate buildings for student health and safety
- Create secured vestibule for controlled entry
- Demolish 1940 classroom building, 1957 fine arts building, and portion of 1975 building
- Building additions to replace curriculum requirements in demolished buildings
- Capital Improvements
- Detention pond to address site drainage
- Site Improvements for service traffic and student safety
- New girls gym, new tennis courts, new locker rooms

Kidwell Elementary School

- Building addition to create secured vestibule for controlled entry
- Capital Improvements
- Site Improvements at main entry

Iowa Park High School

- Capital Improvements at main building to address: ground water remediation, interior finish upgrades, hardened storm room improvements and toilet room renovations

Bradford Elementary School

- Building addition to create connection between classroom building and cafeteria
- Capital Improvements

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City View Independent School District is an excellent public educational system, accredited by the Texas Education Agency, located in the northwest portion of Wichita Falls. The district has one elementary campus (Head Start—6th grade) and one brand new secondary campus (grades 7th—12th). Established by the Wichita County Commissioners as Common School District No. 8, in 1890, City View has since evolved into a modern educational system, with a staff of 145, which consistently strives to meet the needs of its students. The seventeen square mile district spans an area from the Wichita River north to Reilly Rd and east from Huntington Lane to Beverly Drive.

The elementary campus is a well maintained facility of some 125,000 square feet. Modern in appearance with a superior library/media center; the building has two full size/gymnasiums, one computer lab, a recently enlarged and renovated cafetorium, and has just had all classrooms recarpeted and painted.

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Student Enrollment/Registration:

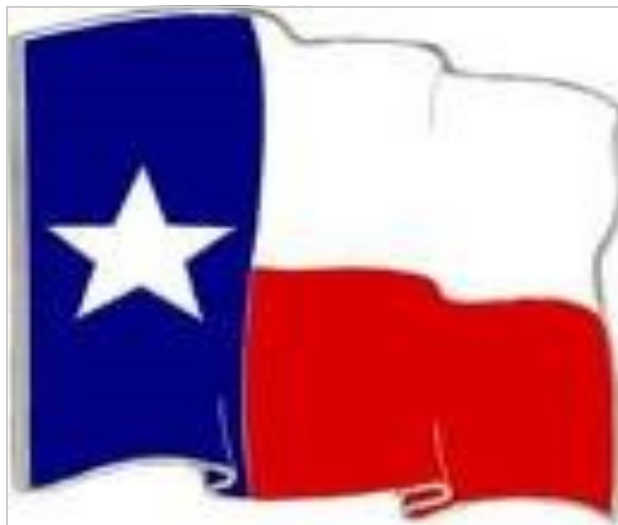
Grades 1-12

If your child is enrolling in the Wichita Falls Independent School District, Burkburnett Independent School District, Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District, the City View Independent School District, or the Holliday Independent School District for the first time, regardless of the grade, you will need the following items to complete the registration.

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Records
- A current household utility statement (i.e. gas, water, electric, telephone) indicating name and address (not cable)

Wichita Falls ISD, Burkburnett ISD, City View ISD, Holliday ISD offer online registration. Visit the district website to register online.

If your child is enrolling into a WFISD secondary school you will need to stop by the Student Assignment Office where you will complete a choice form and provide proof of residency. The Student Assignment Office is located at 1104 Broad Street, Wichita Falls, TX. Their phone number is (940) 235-1029.



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Texas High School Graduation Requirements

The 83rd Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB 5) amending the Texas Education Code to transition from the three current high school graduation programs to one foundation high school program with endorsement options to increase flexibility.

HB 5 enabled the State Board of Education (SBOE) the authority to identify advanced courses to the new graduation program, identify the curriculum requirements for the endorsements, and determine the requirements for performance acknowledgments related to the new graduation program. The SBOE made its final decisions on 21 Jan 2014.

HB 5 started with the 2014-2015 school year.

The following two pages covers the requirements needed for graduation.

Since these new graduation requirements can be a bit confusing if you have any questions please contact a counselor at your student's school.

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Incoming Class:

The chart below describes the graduation requirement for students who enter high school **in August 2014 or later** . If you have questions regarding the new graduation requirements or the subject course sequence please call the counselor at your child's school.

Courses		Foundation
		4 credits
English	English I English II English III Advance English	
		3 credits
Mathematics	Algebra I Geometry Advanced Math	
		3 credits
Science	Biology IPC or Advanced Science Advanced Science	
		3 credits
Social Studies	World Geography or World History U.S. History Government (1/2 credit) Economics (1/2 credit)	
		1 credit
Fine Arts		
		2 credits
World Language (or substitute)	Year 1 Year 2	
		1 credit
Physical Education		
		1 credit
Electives		5 credits
		22 credits
	Total:	22 credits

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Endorsements

Choose 4 additional credits

STEM

1 Math or 1 CTE Math
1 Science or 1 CTE Science
Elective 1:
Elective 2:

Business and Industry

1 Math or 1 CTE Math
1 Science or 1 CTE Science
Elective 1:
Elective 2:

Arts and Humanities

1 Math or 1 CTE Math
1 Science or 1 CTE Science
Elective 1:
Elective 2:

Public Service

1 Math or 1 CTE Math
1 Science or 1 CTE Science
Elective 1:
Elective 2:

Multidisciplinary Studies

1 Math or 1 CTE Math
1 Science or 1 CTE Science
Elective 1:
Elective 2:

26 Total Credits

Changes from the Current Plan:

- Social Studies requirements drop from 4 credits to 3 credits
- The requirement was removed for 1/2 credit in Speech
- Two credits of foreign language will now be required of ALL students. However, students “not likely to complete” the second credit of foreign language will have course substitution options, including World History, and entry level course in a different foreign language, or a computer programming language

Public Schools (Wichita Falls ISD)

Important Phone Numbers & Websites

Wichita Falls ISD	(940) 235-1000	www.wfisd.net
Region 9 Education Service	(940) 322-6928	www.esc9.net

Elementary Schools, PreK, and Kindergarten

Brook Village Early Childhood Center	(940) 235-1132	www.wfisd.net/brookvillage
Kate Burgess	(940) 235-1136	www.wfisd.net/burgess
Crockett	(940) 235-1140	www.wfisd.net/crockett
Cunningham	(940) 235-1144	www.wfisd.net/cunningham
Fain	(940) 235-1148	www.wfisd.net/fain
Fowler	(940) 235-1152	www.wfisd.net/fowler
Ben Franklin	(940) 235-1156	www.wfisd.net/franklin
Haynes Northwest Academy	(940) 235-1160	www.wfisd.net/haynes
Jefferson	(940) 235-1168	www.wfisd.net/jefferson
Lamar	(940) 235-1172	www.wfisd.net/lamar
Milam	(940) 235-1176	www.wfisd.net/milam
Scotland Park	(940) 235-1180	www.wfisd.net/scotlandpark
Sheppard	(940) 235-1184	www.wfisd.net/sheppard
Southern Hills	(940) 235-1188	www.wfisd.net/southernhills
Booker T Washington	(940) 235-1196	www.wfisd.net/washingtonjackson
West Foundation	(940) 235-1192	www.wfisd.net/westfoundation
Zundy Elementary	(940) 235-1123	www.wfisd.net/zundy

Junior High Schools

Barwise	(940) 235-1108	www.wfisd.net/barwise
Kirby	(940) 235-1113	www.wfisd.net/kirby
McNeil	(940) 235-1118	www.wfisd.net/mcneil

High Schools

Hirschi	(940) 235-1070	www.wfisd.net/hirsci
Rider	(940) 235-1077	www.wfisd.net/rider
Wichita Falls	(940) 235-1084	www.wfisd.net/wfhs

Career Education Center	(940) 235-1091	
Harrell Accelerated Learning Center	(940) 235-1096	www.wfisd.net/harrell

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Important Phone Numbers & Web Sites

Burkburnett Independent School District

Overton Ray Elementary

I.C. Evans Elementary School (940) 569-2719

John G. Tower Elementary (940) 855-3221

Located in Wichita Falls, but considered the Burkburnett School District

Burkburnett Middle School (940) 569-3381

Burkburnett High School (940) 569-1411

Vocational Dept (940) 569-3371

Gateway Alternative Education Center (940) 569-3030

Burkburnett Head Start (940) 569-1942

Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District

Bradford Elementary (940) 592-5841

Kidwell Elementary (940) 592-4322

W.F. George Middle School (940) 592-2196

Iowa Park High School (940) 592-2144

www.ipcisid.esc11.net/bradford

www.ipcisid.esc11.net/kidwell

www.ipcisid.esc11.net/wfgms

www.ipcisid.esc11.net/iphs

City View Independent School District

City View Elementary (940) 855-2351

City View Jr/High School (940) 855-2351

www.cityview-isd.net

www.cityview-isd.net

Holliday Independent School District

Holliday Elementary (940) 586-1624

Holliday Middle School (940) 586-1314

Holliday High School (940) 586-1624

www.hollidayisd.net

www.hollidayisd.net

www.hollidayisd.net

Henrietta Independent School District

Henrietta Elementary (940) 720-7910

Henrietta Middle School (940) 720-7920

Henrietta High School (940) 720-7930

www.henrietta-isd.net

www.henrietta-isd.net

www.henrietta-isd.net

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities

Military children move an average of six to nine times during their parents' typical 20-year career. The frequency of military moves not only complicates family life, but also presents challenges since our nation does not have a universal public school system. Education is administered locally, so school matters ranging from enrollment to graduation vary from one school district to another. For those reasons the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children (Texas Senate Bill 90) is very important. This bill became effective on May 5, 2009. This Compact addresses inequities facing schoolchildren of military parents when they are required to relocate across state lines. Specifically, it allows the laws of the "sending" state to apply to transferring students from military families in the schools of the "receiving" state for such policies as graduation requirements, Advanced Placements (AP), and age of student enrollment. As of 2016 Michael Morath is the Commissioner of the Texas Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. What is really beneficial is that all 50 states have signed the compact!



Impact Aid

Parents of military children have the unique opportunity to quantify a part of their children's education by completing the **US Department of Education Federal Impact Aid Survey**. Federal impact aid is critical to ensuring appropriate level of funds make it to public school districts charged with education military children.

The constant flux within public school districts around the nation, coupled with the loss of property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property, such as a military installation, prompted Congress in 1950 to provide financial assistance, or impact aid, to local education agencies (LEAs), such as the Wichita Falls Independent School District, Burkburnett Independent School District, Iowa Park Consolidated School District, and the City View Independent School District. The additional funds are meant to offset some of the expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children, such as military children and Native American students.

Surveys are used to determine the total number of military-connected students in the LEA. The anonymous information recovered from the survey is sent to the Department of Education to determine if the LEA meets the minimum requirements for receiving impact aid funding, which must be at least 400 students or three percent of the average daily attendance.

Failure to complete the survey means less money for the public school district, and consequently, fewer resources for military children. In fact, since the early 1990s, Congress has appropriated and increasingly smaller amount of funds for Impact Aid, making completion of the form even more important.

For more information about Impact Aid, visit the Department of Education Impact Aid Program Office, or DoDEA Education Partnership Branch.

Additional Facts about Impact Aid

- LEAs may use the funds in accordance with local and state requirements, including the salaries of teachers, purchasing textbooks, computers and other equipment; after school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs
- Children with a parent in the Reserve or National Guard may be eligible to be claimed on the Impact Aid application if the parent is on active duty on the survey date as the result of a presidential order
- Guard and Reserve applicants must have documentation of the parents' status, either a copy of the orders for the individual service member or a service component certification for the unit with the names of individuals

Private Schools

There are a number of Private Schools in the Wichita Falls area. For more information please contact the school.

Notre Dame Catholic School
2821 Lansing Blvd
Wichita Falls TX 76309
(940) 692-2811
www.notredamecatholic.org

Christ Academy
5105 Stone Lake Drive
Wichita Falls TX 76310
(940) 692-2853
www.christacademywf.org

Wichita Christian School
1615 Midwestern Parkway
Wichita Falls, TX 76302
(940) 763-1347
www.wichitachristian.com

Young Ages Preschool
First Christian Church
3701 Taft Blvd
(940) 692-3640

Virtual/Cyber School

Although Department of Defense Education Agency (DoDEA) has offered distance learning courses since the early 1980s, they are currently developing additional academic opportunities through the use of 21st Century learning and communication tools. The DoDEA Virtual School will eventually offer a complete curriculum of courses necessary for a student to graduate from high school.

The Virtual High School will use the same criteria for eligibility as DoDEA schools. Eligibility for enrollment in DoDEAs overseas school system is determined through categories (*see sidebar*). Eligibility for attendance in DoDEA schools in the continental U.S. remains the same—the sponsor must be assigned permanent quarters on the installation and an active duty or federal civilian employee.

The Virtual High School will assist transitioning DoDEA students by allowing them to take classes they need regardless of their location and enhance curriculum by providing additional resources to fill gaps, assist in transition and provide flexibility in scheduling.

There will be 33 new courses available by the official start of the program in the fall of 2011. In addition, the Virtual High School will continue to provide courses to supplement DoDEA school offerings such as Advanced Placement courses.

There will be three hubs for the Virtual High School: Wiesbaden, Germany; Camp Humphries in the Republic of Korea; third hub will be at an as yet undetermined location within the United States.



Categories of Eligibility for Attendance in DoDEA Schools Overseas **Category 1**

- A student is the dependent of a service member or DoD civilian and is on the official orders placing them overseas and receiving housing allowance. Space-required, tuition-free
- (FMS or MAP) A student is the dependent of a person who is either in Foreign Military Sales (FMS) or the Military Assistance Program (MAP), Space-required, tuition paying
- DoD Contractor. A student is the dependent of a DoD Contractor, Space-created, tuition paying

Category 2

- (Federally Connected) A student is the dependent of a person who is a U.S. Government Agency Employee other than DoD, Space-available, tuition paying

Category 3

- (Non-Command Sponsored) A student is the dependent of a service member or DoD civilian and is not on official orders, or on a special waiver category, Space-available, tuition-free

Category 4

- (Non-Federally Connected) A student is the dependent of a person who is not in any of the above categories, Space-available, tuition-paying

Home School

Home schooling has become an option used by an increasing number of families throughout the nation, including military families. There are many local, state, and federal resources available for anyone interested in schooling their child. Below are a few web sites you may find beneficial.

www.tea.state.tx/home.school
www.hslda.org/hs/state/tx
www.wfheat.com
www.thsc.org
www.time4learning.com/homeschool/homeschooling_in_texas.shtml

If you would like to speak to someone concerning homeschooling you may contact Ms. Micki Wesley. Ms. Wesley works for the Region 9 Education Service Center. Her phone number is (940) 322-6928.

Communication is the cornerstone of any educational program. Communication between parents and school

Advocate & Support Your Child's Education

staff is critical to your child's success and the success of the school. Most public and private schools have some version of the traditional Parent-Teacher Association. These organizations are meant to provide parents the most current information about school curriculum, extracurricular activities, and upcoming events.

Most School Districts also hold monthly board meetings. You can go to the websites to obtain a schedule, to read minutes from previous meetings.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The U.S. Air Force EFMP is standard and mandatory for all Department of Defense active duty service members. It is meant to identify family members with special needs and/or educational needs.

EFMP is designed to provide support to military family members and includes a variety of personnel, medical, and family support functions. The Exceptional Family Member Program—Family Support (EFMP-FS) is the community support function provided by the Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) that includes, but is not limited to, on and off base information and referral, parent training, support groups, relocations assistance, financial management, and school information. The EFMP-FS representative housed in the Airman & Family Readiness Center is Erich Lofton. Mr. Lofton can be reached at (940) 676-5512.

The begin the evaluation and placement process, each school provides an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and assembles a team. The team typically includes the child parents, district psychologist, teacher, principal, and an advocate or liaison, to work together throughout the process.

Every IEP must be designed for one student and must be a truly individualized document. The IEP creates an opportunity for teachers, parents, school administrators, related services personnel, and students (when appropriate) to work together to improve educational results for children with disabilities. The IEP is the cornerstone of a quality education for each child with a disability.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

If a child has not been identified as a special needs student, it is important that parents take advantage of the military resources that can help. Discuss your concerns with your child's pediatrician. Follow up with any recommended testing. Once a member has entered the program, the needs of the family will be considered during the assignment process. *However, the needs of the Air Force will always be considered first.* After you get settled, contact your local school to schedule a review of your child's IEP so teachers at your new assignment will be familiar with his/her needs. It may be advisable and convenient to create a portfolio for your special needs child. You can use it to keep copies of all educational records, IEP, medical documentation, and other documents.

For more information about EFMP and helpful hints to navigate the special education process, visit Specialized Training of Military Parents (STOMP) where you will find a great deal of information as well as a list of helpful publications,.

Support Your Child's Education

When you transfer...keep track of your child's documents

Military children moving from one school system to another face many of the same challenges as their parents. Not the least of which is transitioning to a new environment with new requirements and new rules. The best way to ease the transition is to keep accurate academic and extracurricular records for your child, and encourage older children to do the same. You should avoid packing school records, copies of IEPs or similarly important school documents in luggage. If your luggage is lost, so are the school documents.

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) suggest that sending and receiving school systems include the items below when transferring records of military dependent children. The list below will get you started:

Middle and high school students also should download and keep copies of school handbooks & course descriptions (if separate items) for reference. If possible, consider asking for a sponsor at the new school. At some installations this is arranged through the local Youth Center or by contacting the school directly. It is also important to prepare for the emotional aspects of a move, and some children will grieve at the thought of leaving friends. There are a number of resources that may assist in mitigating the emotional turmoil a move may create. (see page 20).

- Course Description Book...
Important for middle & high school
- School Profile
- Attendance and Tardy Records
- Report Cards
- Current Schedule
- Withdrawal Grades
- Transcripts
- Class Rank
- Cumulative Folder
- Testing Information
- Health & Immunization Records
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Number
- JROTC Records
- Fees Owed
- Alternative School Records
- Letters of Recommendations
- Writing Samples
- Portfolio
- Service Learning Hours
- Accelerated Reader Points

College Preparation and Financial Aid

Most serious considerations for post secondary education should begin by the eight or ninth grade, but it is never too early to begin thinking about college. Military children should develop a habit of collecting and saving evidence of their accomplishments, particularly those pertaining to extracurricular activities, awards, jobs (including volunteer work) and grades. A portfolio (paper or electronic) is the best way to manage the report cards, awards, certificates, newspaper articles, photographs, etc, a student collects during his or her academic career. For more guidance visit www.dodea.edu/students/college.cfm

Paying for higher education becomes a more expensive proposition every year. Below is a small list of financial aid resources you may find useful to you and your child as your family begins to think about financing their pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

(Beware of scams and services that offer to search for financial aid money for a fee. Law protects you against this type of fraud. For free information or to file a complaint, call (877) 382-4357 or visit www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams

- www.military.com/education (A searchable database of more than \$300 million in scholarship money available for military members and their dependents).
- www.afas.org (The Air Force Aid Society General Hap A. Arnold Education Grant Program provides grants to children of: active-duty members, Title 10 AGR/Reserve, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired reserve and deceased Air Force members; spouses (stateside) of active-duty members and Title 10 AGR/Reservists; and surviving spouses of deceased personnel for their undergraduate studies).
- www.students.gov (U.S. government website designed for students and their families. This website allows easy access to information and resources from multiple resources in U.S. government).
- www.militaryscholar.org (Sponsored by DeCA, the Scholarships of Military Children Program was created to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community)
- Sheppard AFB Spouses Club Scholarships (The Officer Spouses Club and the Enlisted Spouses Club both offer scholarships to spouses and to military children. They will advertise in the Sheppard Senator and also on the base marquee)

Useful National & Governmental Websites

- **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)** [www,militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)
A national organization that advocates “for the sake of the child”
- **Dept of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)** www.dodea.edu
Is for schools located overseas and on some state side installations
- **Military K-12 Partners** promotes partnerships between services, school districts and educators and non-profit private organizations <http://militaryk12partners.dodea.edu>
- **Military Homefront** www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil
Click “Troops & Families” for Special Needs, EFMP and Education. Tools for PCS include “Plan my Move” and military installations
- **National Military Family Association (NMFA)** www.nmfa.org
Operation Purple Summer Camps and much more. Click on “Education”, then “children’s education”
- **Military One Source** www.militaryonesource.com
Offers wide variety of programs and services
- **DoD and States, Partnering to Support Military Families** www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil
is an advocacy group working to minimize Disruption for military children during transition and Deployment
- **Specialized Training for Military Partners (STOMP)** www.stompproject.org
Has website resources on developing IEPs, list of Invaluable publications and checklists
- **Military Teen on the Move (MTOM)** also has links for Kids on the move www.defenselink.mil/mtom
- **Tutor.com** provides free online tutoring and homework help from professional tutors in more than 16 subjects www.tutor.com

Universities/Colleges

Midwestern State University

(940) 397-4352

Website: www.mwsu.edu

Vernon College

(940) 855-2203 Sheppard AFB

(940) 696-8752 Wichita Falls, TX

(940) 552-6291 Vernon, TX

Website: www.vernoncollege.edu

Wayland Baptist University

(940) 855-4322

Website: www.wbu.edu/wf

LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Lamar Baptist Church

11th& Harrison

940-723-4371

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940-322-6928

GED—General Ed Development

- Eng Writing/Grammar
 - Math
- History, Science

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