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- ⇒ Children (813) 388-1072

Points of Contact

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MacDill AFB Military Child Education Program

Dear Military Parent,

Welcome to Tampa, FL; my name is Nelly Richards, School Liaison Officer (SLO) at MacDill AFB. I am your central point of contact between MacDill AFB and the local public school system. I am committed to making sure you are well informed about local education policies and procedures. I am here to help military families navigate school choice options; access educational information and resources; advocate for the educational needs of military students; identify and eliminate barriers to academic student success and provide support to families and students through transitions and changes that impact the education of military children. My services are open to active duty/retired military families serving in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, active Reserve and Mission Partners from other countries connected to MacDill Air Force Base. Choosing the right school for your child takes careful planning, research, and strategy. In Hillsborough County, several school options are offered, **attendance area, choice, magnet, career/technical, charter, virtual, and home schools**. Visit the Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) website <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/95/hillsborough-choice-options/about/>



to find the school that best suits your child's needs.

Attendance Area School, is a school assignment based on the student's home address. Families do not need to complete an application for their children to attend or remain at their attendance area school. Parents need to contact the school for enrollment requirements. Go to <http://gis.sdhc.k12.fl.us/SchoolLocator/> to find your child's attendance area school. If you reside on base your designated area schools are [Tinker K-8 School](#), [Monroe Middle School](#) and [Robinson High School](#).



- Tinker K-8 School 813-840-2043
- Monroe Middle School 813-272-3020
- Robinson High School 813-272-3006

To find in-depth information about the school choices and magnet school options go to: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/departments/95/hillsborough-choice-options/about/>

School Choice, provides parents and legal guardians with children entering grades k-11 the opportunity to choose up to three non-magnet schools or Career & Technical Education programs with available space.

Magnet Schools, are elementary, middle and high schools with theme-based curriculum offering innovative and rigorous academic instruction by specially trained teachers in smaller learning communities. Go to <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/magnet/> to learn about magnet schools.

Career/Technical Schools, offer technical training leading to high wage/high skill jobs and to further post secondary education. Go to <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/cte> to learn about career/tech programs in schools.

Virtual School, provides innovative educational options for all types of students at all grade levels. Go to <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/348/virtual-instruction-programs/about/virtual-about/> for virtual school information.



Charter Schools are independent public schools operated by a non-profit organization. Go to <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/charter/> for a listing of the charter schools.

Transportation is provided to some school choice options. Transportation is provided to all magnet theme, but may be limited or unavailable in some areas. To view these options, <https://community.sdhc.k12.fl.us/GisUtils/Transportation.faces>. Transportation will not be provided if you live within the two-mile walking attendance area for the school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Hillsborough Choice Options Application

Application dates for School Choice, School Choice Hardship, or Magnet Schools can be found at <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/choice> or by calling the Choice Information Line at 813-272-4692. Please identify yourself as a military family moving to Tampa and ask for the HCPS military parent liaisons, Ms. Terrie Dodson-Caldevilla or Ms. Kim Sukach.

Student Academic Calendars: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/calendar>

Lunch/Meals Menus: <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/student-nutrition-services/resources/53-253/>

Every Monday students will be released one hour early in HCPS.

John M. McKay Scholarship for military children with special needs: provides Florida students with disabilities a scholarship to attend a private school, or the option of choosing a public school other than the one they are zoned for. In general, a student receiving the McKay Scholarship must have attended a Florida public school for the school year prior to the scholarship. For active duty military personnel relocating to Florida due to permanent change of station orders, the prior year attendance and current enrollment requirements may be waived. For additional information visit: https://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Intent/McKayIntent/mckay_intent_final_instructions.asp

Home School Information: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/homeeducation/>. Florida Parent-Educators Association (FPEA) <http://www.fpea.com/>

QH Air Force Support: Home School Association for Military Families <http://www.hsamf.org/>

Printable school list and school Principals contact information: <http://www3.sdhc.k12.fl.us/schools/PrintableSchoolsList.asp>

Financial Assistance for College: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/military>
<http://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families/information#benefits>

To learn about Florida's School Grades go to: <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/default.asp>.

MacDill AFB Child Care information: <http://www.macdillfss.com/mainmenub-cy.aspx?SectionID=540>.

Child Care Information Off Base: <http://dcfsanswrite.state.fl.us/Childcare/provider/>

Florida Standards –College & Career Ready <http://flstandards.org/>

For enrollment/registration requirements please go to: <https://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/846/enrollment/about/howtoenroll/>

Athletic Information: to participate in high school athletics, students must complete a Request for Appeal of Athletic Participation. To download the form, please click on the following link <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/doc/list/athletics/transfer-policy-forms/39-287/>

Please download, complete, and take the Request for Appeal of Athletic Participation to the school upon registration. Form must be accompanied by parent's driver's license, utility bill lease or proof of home resident, birth certificate and a copy of parent's active duty military orders. A home visit will be conducted for all families not living on MacDill Air Force Base.

Tutor.com for military families: free tutoring service for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members in the Army, Marines, Navy or Air Force and their dependents. Tutors are online 24/7 and available to help in more than 16 subjects. To register please go to their website at [http://www.tutor.com/](http://www.tutor.com/military)



military

Military OneSource: provides military families relocation assistance information. Whether you are looking for schools, child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information, or resources needed for special circumstances Military OneSource is there for you 24/7 to help you plan a smooth move. To obtain relocation assistance information from the Military OneSource visit their website at <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA):

is a national organization of school superintendents. MISA works on funding legislation, partnerships and programs for military families on the move. MISA conducts workshops for educators and provides resources on connectedness, building resilience, military life, transition, and deployment. <http://www.militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org/?CFID=22103715&CFTOKEN=4855e389ed8c538d-155A121B-D82C-7B39-FDD9D8F9D9E91A4D>



SAT and ACT Prep Online: students currently enrolled in a Hillsborough County public school may contact the school's guidance counselor to register for SAT help online. For additional information about the SAT please go to <https://www.collegeboard.org/>. For information about the ACT please go to <http://www.actstudent.org/>

For dining, lodging, life, leisure, recreation, child care, youth and other support services visit the 6th Force Support Squadron's website at <http://www.macdillfss.com/mainmenu-au.aspx?SectionID=100>

For helpful newcomers information visit the 6 AMW/CC webpage at <http://www.macdill.af.mil/>

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Florida Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. The main purpose of the compact is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous



school district or variations in entrance or age requirements. To review the compact statues please go to: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=1000-1099/1000/Sections/1000.36.html

Please go to page 4 to see the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children Family Rights.

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC): is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, world-wide organization. A model of positive leadership and advocacy, the MCEC's work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition. MCEC's role is to help families, schools, and communities be better prepared to support children during frequent moves and difficult - and sometimes traumatic - times in the life of military families. To review relocation information for parents visit MCEC's website at <http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students>



For **EFMP services and resources** contact Ms. Venetia Waters at (813) 828-0122, Commercial or 968-0122, DSN. Email: venetia.waters@us.af.mil

To learn about the **Key Spouse program** contact Ms. Angie Fields at (813) 828-0142, Commercial or 968-0142, DSN. E-mail: angie.fields@us.af.mil

For **Relocation assistance** contact Ms. Jennifer Ramos at (813)828-0137, Commercial or 968-0137 DSN. E-mail at jennifer.ramos.4@us.af.mil

To contact HCPS district liaison for military families please call Ms. Terrie Dodson at 813-272-4692 or email terrie.dodson@sdhc.k12.fl.us

For school information not found on this website call **(813) 828-0146, Commercial or 968-0146, DSN. E-mail: nelly.richards@us.af.mil**

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children Family Rights 5/14/12

Issues related to enrollment/placement for transitioning student:

- Upon receipt of official or unofficial educational records, the receiving state shall enroll and appropriately place, as quickly as possible the student based on the information provided pending validation by the official records. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article IV, A)
- The sending state must furnish the official records within ten days. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article IV, B)
- Students may be enrolled, pending any required immunizations (30 days to obtain the initial required immunizations). (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article IV, C)
- Students shall be allowed to continue their enrollment at the grade level commensurate with their grade level attended in the sending state at the time of transition. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article IV, D)
- A special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship of a child of a military family, executed under applicable law is sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent. (Florida Statutes, Article VI, A.1)
- Enrolling military children are allowed to complete an application for a magnet/charter school even if the application deadline has passed. They will be placed at the top of the waiting list for entry into the magnet/charter school. (Florida Statutes, 1003.05 {3})
- A school in the receiving state shall initially honor placement of a transferring student in educational courses, if such courses are offered, based on the student's enrollment in the sending state school. Course placement includes, but is not limited to honors, International Baccalaureate (IB), advanced placement, Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), vocational, technical and career pathways courses. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article V, A)
- A receiving state school shall initially honor placement of a student in educational programs based on current educational assessments conducted at a school in the sending state for such programs as gifted and ESOL. Further assessments may be conducted at the receiving school to determine eligibility for these programs in Florida. (Florida Statutes, Article V, B).
- For students with disabilities, a receiving state shall initially provide comparable services based on the student's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 accommodation plan, but may perform subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of a student. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, parents with children with disabilities have additional rights including grievance and hearing rights regarding eligibility and placement. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article V, C) Section 504 is a federal law that protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination and provides eligible students with accommodations in order that they will have access to educational programs. For additional information on services for students with disabilities, contact the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services at 850-245-0475.
- Florida school districts shall grant additional excused absences at the discretion of a district superintendent in order to allow the student to visit with the student's parent/legal guardian relative to leave or deployment. (Florida Statutes, Article V, E)
- Schools shall facilitate the opportunity for the inclusion of military children in extracurricular activities to the extent they are otherwise qualified, regardless of application deadlines. (Florida Statutes, 1003.05 {1}) and Rules adopted by the Interstate Compact Commission, Sec.6.101 {b}
- School districts shall waive specific courses for graduation if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed in the sending state or shall provide reasonable justification for denial. If a waiver is not granted, the school shall provide an alternative means of acquiring the required coursework so that graduation may occur on time. (Florida Statutes 1000.36, Article VII, A)
- Florida school districts shall accept exit or end-of-course exams required for graduation or norm-referenced achievement tests equivalent scores. (Florida Statutes 1000.36, Article VII, B)
- If a transitioning student who transfers in his/her senior year is ineligible to graduate after all alternatives have been considered, both the sending and receiving state schools shall ensure the receipt of a diploma from the sending state school if the student meets the graduation requirements of the sending school. (Florida Statutes, 1000.36, Article VII, C).

Primary Points of Contact

CURTIS JENKINS Student Support Services Team Leader
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street | Tallahassee, Florida 32399
ctjenkins@usf.edu | ph 850.245.7851

CAPT (RET) ROBERT BUEHN Commissioner
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bbuehn@yahoo.com | ph 904.327.9986

Hernando County School District

School Directory

http://www.edline.net/pages/Hernando_County_School_Board

School Enrollment Requirements

http://www.edline.net/pages/Hernando_County_School_Board/Enrollment_Requirements_-_Engl

Home School Education

http://hernandoschools.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=305&Itemid=628

Charter Schools

http://www.edline.net/pages/Hernando_County_School_Board/DistrictDepartments/Division_of_Academic_Services/School_Choice/CharterSchools

Scholarship Information

<http://phsc.edu/financial-aid/scholarships>

Manatee School District

School Directory

<http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC>

School Resources/Enrollment Requirements

http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/Parent_Information_Center

School Choice

http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/Parent_Information_Center/Services/School_Choice

Home School Education

<https://www.mymanatee.org/home/government/departments/neighborhood-services/library/kids/homeschool.html>

School Calendar

http://www.manateeschools.net/pages/SDMC/Departments/Teaching_Learning/Academic_Calendar/School_Calendars

Pasco County School District

School Directory

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/index.php/schools/>

School Choice

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/school_choice/registration

Out of County School Choice

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/outofcounty/

Home Education

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/home_ed/

Charter Schools

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/charter_schools/

Opportunity Scholarship Program

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/osp/

School Calendar

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/calendar/>

Pinellas County School District

Schools Directory

<http://www.pcsb.org/domain/1689>

Important information for families who have moved or are new to the district

<http://newsroom.pcsb.org/important-information-for-families-who-have-moved-or-are-new-to-the-district/>

New Student registration

For more information about the registration process, call Student Assignment, at (727) 588-6210, or send email StudentAssignment@pcsb.org

To view the new student registration webpage go to

<http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=2862>

Kindergarten Registration

<http://www.pcsb.org/kg>

Charter Schools

<http://www.pcsb.org/Page/329>

Home Education

<http://www.pcsb.org/Page/444>

Career Academy Programs Application Information: <http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=637>

Stem Academies

<http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/domain/1615>

District Application Programs Guide

<http://pcsb.org/Page/9688>

Polk County School District

School Directory

<http://www.polk-fl.net/schools/schools.asp?type=all>

New Student Registration

<http://www.polk-fl.net/parents/generalinformation/enroll.htm>

School Choice

<http://www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/schoolbased/schoolchoice/default.htm>

Charter Schools

<http://www.polk-fl.net/schools/schools.asp?type=charter>

Career Academies

<http://www.polkacademies.com/apply/>

McKay, Opportunity & Corporate Tax Credit Scholarships

<http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/>