

## Child and Youth Education Services

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(CYES) provides military children and families support and assistance throughout their PreK through 12 grade education. CYES helps ensure children have opportunities to thrive academically, socially and emotionally, regardless of duty station, deployments or transition status.

Through School Liaisons, CYES helps military families, schools and installations respond to the complexities of transition and deployment while providing assurance that children's academic well-being is a priority.

## Helpful Websites

**Military OneSource:** [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

**Military Child Education Coalition:**  
[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

**DoD Education Agency:** [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

**Kansas State Department of Education:** [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org)

**DoDea Educational Partnership:**  
<https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/>

This site provides a list of School Liaison Officers for all installations across all branches of service.)

**Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission:**  
<http://www.mic3.net> - can assist families with transferring credits and other issues related to moving between states.



## Child and Youth Programs

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## Student Centered, Partnership Driven



The School Liaison is committed to outreach, advocacy & partnership initiatives that generate real-time solutions for military-connected students in grades PreK through grade 12 as they face global educational challenges and transitions.

# Ways the School Liaison can assist families

- Provide information for inbound families about local school districts
- Provide contact information for outbound families for the School Liaison at their next assignment.
- Ensure awareness of other educational options (e.g., home schooling, private schools, charter schools and cyber/virtual schools)
- Educate school staff about the unique issues impacting military children (e.g., deployments, frequent moves, BRAC, combat, etc.)
- Assist in rectifying problems that cannot be resolved using the school channels
- Provide information on graduation requirements and post-secondary preparation
- Can assist you in locating a pre-school for you child, although pre-school is not free or required in Kansas.
- Can assist with transfer of credits, academic issues and extra-curricular issues due to changing schools
- Provide support for deployed families including materials for families, referrals and communication with the school.

- Monitor any significant changes in school demographics that may affect federal funding formulas to local education agencies

- Monitor federal and state legislation that might affect the educational opportunities of military children

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Where will our children go to school if we live on base?

If you have children and live in base housing, they will attend the Derby Public Schools (USD 260). Grades K-5 attend Wineteer Elementary, which is within walking distance. Students in Grade 6-8 will enroll at the Derby North Middle School. Derby High School enrolls grades 9-12.

### What is the best school district in the local area?

If you are interested in school district “ratings,” the best place to find information is the website of the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE). School and district report cards are available online at <http://ksreportcard.ksde.org>. You can also look at sites such as Niche or Great Schools. The SLO can also help you gather more information about schools that would be a great fit for your child.

### At what age can my child start school in Kansas?

Your child must be 5 on or before August 31 to enter kindergarten. Children must be 6 on or before August 31 to enter first grade. Children who attended kindergarten in another state may complete kindergarten or enroll in first grade here regardless of their birth date. Kindergarten is not mandatory in the state of Kansas.

### What are the state procedures for homeschooling?

All homeschools are considered Non-Accredited Private Schools in Kansas. Kansas does not specifically authorize “home instruction” or “homeschooling.” Therefore, you are required by law to register the name and address of the private school (homeschool) with the State Board of Education. The form is available online at [www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org).

**What about transportation?** By Kansas law, if you live 2.5 miles or more from your assigned public school, your child will be able to ride a bus provided by your district. If you live closer, you must provide transportation. Also, if you transfer to a different district, you will be responsible for transportation

**What about after school care?** School Age Care on the base provides before and afterschool care and transportation to and from many Derby schools. Many schools also have latch key programs. Check with the School Liaison or your school for more information.

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