

Your School Liaison Officer:

Your School Liaison Officer is the primary link between the military family and the local school system. We hope to help find the information you need to make informed decisions regarding your child's education.

By providing information to parents and the local school system, we hope to facilitate an interactive relationship that will enable families to advocate for their child's education and personal growth during the school age years.



Important Links:

DoDDS Pacific Okinawa District:
www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu

Department of Defense Education Activity:
<http://www.dodea.edu/home/>

DoDDS Pacific:
<http://www.pac.dodea.edu/>

Military Child Education Coalition:
<http://www.militarychild.org/>

School Quest:
<http://www.schoolquest.org/>

MCCS Request for Child Care:
<http://www.mccsokinawa.com/childcare>

Military Youth on the Move:
Apps.mhf.dod.mil/myom



Torii Station School Liaison Services



Connecting Families, Schools & Communities

School Liaison Services

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Your School Liaison Officer can provide you with the following information on the following topics:

- Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)
- School Bus Information (DoDDS Student Transportation Office)
- Local area schools on & off base to include preschool programs
- PCS - Inbound/Outbound: School transition information
- Military Child Education Coalition
- Military School Liaison Directory World Wide (On Military Installations)
- Free & Reduced Lunch Programs
- School Based Child Youth Behavioral Military Family Life Consultant (CYB-MFLC)
- Advocate School & CDC related issues for families
- Link incoming youth with youth sponsors
- Volunteer information between schools, CDC and Army Soldiers

‘To Do List’ Upon Arrival to a New Duty Station:

1. Contact the installation School Liaison Officer to obtain information on registration requirements and about the schools in the community.
2. Figure out where to register while in temporary housing and determine how to avoid changing schools when moving from temporary to permanent quarters.
3. Consider before and after school childcare needs. Find out what kinds of after school programs and activities are available.
4. Visit the school, ask for a tour of the facility, meet the staff, and ask questions.
5. Take documentation and copies of school records to school.
6. Ask about the school program—average class size, accreditation level, use of technology, special education program, school safety, transportation.
7. Ask about parental participation in the educational process.
8. In-Out Process through the CYS, SLO and the school

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Where will my child go to School?

Your housing location will determine your school zone. Once you accept housing on or off base the housing office will tell you what school your child can attend. The Student Transportation Office, Okinawa District Office and your School Liaison may assist with locating the correct school zone.

2. Where can I register my child for school?

Go to the school your housing area is zoned for and ask for a registration packet. You can also go to www.okinawa.pac.dodea.edu and print a registration form to submit.

3. Can I enroll my child before I have accepted housing?

You may register your child with DoDDS at any time. Once you accept housing, your child may have to change schools if the house you accept is not in the same school zone.

4. When can my child begin Kindergarten?

Students must turn 5 years of age by September 1st to enroll in Kindergarten and 6 years of age by September 1st to begin the first grade.