

School Guide



Keesler AFB 2015-2016

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Welcome:

On behalf of the 81TRW/CC, I welcome you to Keesler AFB and the beautiful Gulf Coast of Mississippi. The School Liaison Officer serves as the liaison between the installation commander, base agencies, military parents, and schools by providing assistance in matters pertaining to student education. The School Liaison Officer specializes in serving military families and offers a wide spectrum of services, enabling families to become more involved in their child's educational experience. Services include: supporting families with inbound/outbound school transfers, providing information on local schools and boundaries, assisting with school choice, helping families understand the special education process, making military and community agency referrals, and supporting families with the home schooling process.

School Guide:

This guide contains valuable information on our local public schools, private/parochial schools, and home schools. As your SLO, I remain neutral and strongly support all of our school districts. The data and information provided comes from web pages listed in this guide, and is available to the public. There are approximately 3,500 DOD children attending school along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Resource Web pages:

Below are several web pages that provide information on our school districts:

MS Dept. of Education- www.mde.k12.ms.us Great Schools- www.greatschools.com
School Matters- www.schoolmatters.com School Diggers- www.schooldiggers.com
Military Child- www.militarychild.org School Quest- www.schoolquest.com
Public School Review- www.publicschoolreview.com

Age Requirements:

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept 1, 2015.

Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept 1, 2015.

*Kindergarten is not a mandatory requirement in Mississippi.

Pre-K:

Mississippi does not have a state funded pre-K program. Individual school districts use limited Federal Title 1 funds, private contributions, and local school district funds for these classes. Pre-K programs in our local school districts are limited. Contact your school district for availability and enrollment eligibility. Many parents opt for a private (fee) pre-K program.

Before and After Care:

Before and After care is available at the Keesler AFB Youth Center (228-377-4116) for the following Biloxi schools: Jeff Davis elem, Popp's Ferry elem, and BJHS. After care pick-up is available for D'Iberville elementary and Middle school.

Registration Requirements for New Students:

Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance Form 121 (KAFB Med CTR/Health Dept)

Certified copy of birth certificate (not a hospital certificate)

Report cards and /or other records of grade placement

Copy of current Individualized Educational Program (IEP) as needed

Student's Social Security Number

Verification of Residency (must provide 2 forms of proper documentation: utility bills, driver's license listing present address, automobile registration, filed Homestead Exemption application form, mortgage documents or property deed, apartment or home lease, or base housing lease.)

GUARDIANSHIP: Legal guardian must provide a copy of the most recent court order, signed by a judge, appointing them as legal guardian.

HB 879-Allows military parents residing on base school district choice:

Effective 1 July 2013 parents residing on Keesler AFB (Bay Ridge, East Falcon, West Falcon, Thrower Park, and Hwy 57) have the option of enrolling their children in adjacent school districts (Gulfport, Harrison County, Jackson County, and Ocean Springs). Parents must provide copy of base housing lease agreement along with required registration paperwork. Parents must provide transportation to out-of-district school of choice.

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children:

In 2009, the Military Interstate Compact was signed into Mississippi law. The Compact provides for uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. The Compact has specific articles that deal with: enrollment, immunizations, placement, graduation, and many other areas of importance. Please familiarize yourself with the Interstate Compact at www.mic3.net.

Residency & Enrollment:

It is very important that you understand the importance of home residency and school enrollment. Where you live MAY determine where your child will attend school. While several of our districts allow for outside transfers, some do not. There may also be a tuition fee associated with outside transfers. Transferring your child involves an approval process from the losing and gaining schools. You must contact both losing and gaining school districts prior to starting process. In addition, you must provide transportation to the out-of-district school.

Special Education:

Special Education (SPED) is a complex, emotional subject. Communication is the key when dealing with school districts and SPED. I recommend to our parents to become familiar with federal and state law. Federal law information can be found at www.wrightslaw.com and MS state law at www.mde.k12.ms.us/special-education/special-education-policies-and-procedures . Information ranging from initial evaluations to mediation can be found here. I am available to assist and prepare parents with their SPED objectives.

Education Scholarship Account:

Mississippi Governor Bryant has signed SB 2695, the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) program. It is a program designed to give those parents with special needs children the option of withdrawing their child from the public school system and receiving a designated amount of funds (\$6500.00) to help defray the cost of private school tuition or other specific allowable activities to educate their child. For more information-

www.mde.k12.ms.us/ose/ESA .

MS 3rd Grade Literacy Retention Gate:

In 2013 the MS Governor signed SB 2347. This bill states that starting in the 2014/2015 school year; all 3rd graders must pass a reading test to be promoted to the 4th grade. More information can be found at: www.mde.k12.ms.us/ESE .

Base Housing (Biloxi School District)

Keesler Housing Area	Elementary School	Junior High School	High School
Bay Ridge	Jeff Davis	Biloxi Jr. High (6-8)	Biloxi Senior High School (9-12)
West/East Falcon	Jeff Davis		
Temporary Living Facilities	Jeff Davis		
Thrower Park	Popps Ferry		

Which school your child will attend?

There is a detailed map of the school zones at the Biloxi School District Web site.

<http://www.biloxischools.net/District/Supt/Registration.asp>

Biloxi has one junior high school and one high school. However, if you are unsure which elementary school zone you live in, you can call the Student Services office at (228) 374-1810, extension 1125.

Biloxi School District: <http://www.biloxischools.net/>

District Office: 160 St. Peter Ave. Biloxi, MS 39530

(228) 374-1810

Enrollment-5681

Military-approx. 700

Accountability Status- A

Grad rate-80.0%

Out-of-district transfers-yes

Tuition fee-\$500.00/\$1200.00

Elementary Schools (K-5)	Grade		
Gorenflo Elem	B	771 Elder St. 39530	436-5145
Jeff Davis Elem	A	340 St. Mary Blvd. 39534	436-5110
North Bay Elem	A	1825 Popp's Ferry Rd. 39532	435-6166
Popp's Ferry Elem	B	364 Nelson Rd. 39530	436-5135

Junior High School (6-8)			
Biloxi Jr. HS	A	1424 Father Ryan Ave. 39530	435-1421

High School (9-12)			
Biloxi Sr. HS	A	1845 Richard Dr. 39532	435-6105
Lopez Alternative School		140 St. John Ave. 39530	432-7783

Gulfport School District <http://www.gulfportschools.org/>
District Office: 2010 15th St., Gulfport MS 39507 **228-865-4600**

Enrollment-6467
 Military-approx. 220
 Accountability Status-B
 Grad rate-79.2%
 Out-of-district transfers-yes
 Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary Schools (K-5)	Grade		
Anniston Elem	A	2314 Jones St. 39507	896-6309
Bayou View Elem	A	4898 Washington Ave. 39507	865-4625
Central Elem	D	1043 Pass Rd. 39501	865-4642
Gaston Point Elem	B	1526 Mills Ave. 39501	865-4656
Pass Road Elem	B	37 Pass Road, 39501	865-4659
West Elem	C	4051 15 th St. 39501	870-1025
28 th Street Elem	C	3136 – 46 th Ave. 39501	867-2140

Middle Schools (6-8)			
Central Middle	C	1310 42 nd Ave. 39501	870-1035
Bayou View Middle	A	212 43 rd St. 39507	865-4633

High School (9-12)			
Gulfport HS	A	100 Perry St. 39507	896-7525
The Learning Center		1215 Church St. 39507	897-6045
HS GED Program		2507 21 st St. 39501	896-4633

Harrison County School District <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>
District Office: 11072 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503 228- 539-6500

Enrollment-14,472
 Military-approx. 650
 Accountability Status-B
 Grad rate-76.0%
 Out-of-district transfers-yes
 Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary Schools	Grade		
Bel Aire Elem	D	10531 Klein Rd. Gulfport, 39503	832-7436
Crossroads Elem	C	10453 Klein Rd. Gulfport, 39503	832-6711
D'Iberville Elem	B	4540 Brodie Rd. D'Iberville, 39532	392-2803
Harrison Cent Elem	C	51 Dedeaux Rd. Gulfport, 39503	832-2701
Lizana Elem	B	15341 Lizana School Rd. 39503	832-1592
Lyman Elem	B	14222 Old Hwy 49, GP 39503	832-2257
N.Woolmarket Elem	A	16237 Old Woolmarket Rd. Biloxi, 39532	396-3674
Orange Grove Elem	B	11391 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport, 39503	832-2322
Pineville Elem	A	5192 Menge Ave. Pass Christian, 39571	452-4364
Saucier Elem	B	24052 1 st St., Saucier, 39574	832-2440
Three Rivers Elem	C	13500 Three Rivers Rd. Gulfport, 39503	831-5359
W. Wortham Elem	B	20199 West Wortham Rd. Saucier, 39574	831-1276
Woolmarket Elem	B	12513 John Lee Rd. Biloxi, 39532	392-5640
River Oaks Elem	NA	14111 Three Rivers Rd, Gulfport, 39503	831-1660
Middle Schools			
D'Iberville Mid (5-8)	B	3320 Warrior Dr. D'Iberville, 39540	392-1746
NGport (7-8)	B	4715 Illinois Ave. Gulfport, 39503	864-5326/8944
N Woolmarket Mid	A	16237 Old Woolmarket Rd. Biloxi, 39532	396-3674
W. Wortham Mid	B	20199 West Wortham Rd. Saucier, 39574	831-1276
High Schools (9-12)			
D'Iberville HS	B	15625 Lamey Bridge Rd. Biloxi, 39532	392-2678
Harrison Central HS	C	15600 School Rd. Gulfport, 39503	832-2610
Harrison County Vo-Tech		15600 School Rd. Gulfport, 39503	832-6652
West Harrison HS	A	10399 City Farm Rd. Gulfport, 39503	539-8900
Harrison County Alternative		11072 Hwy. 49, Gulfport, 39503	539-5956
Harrison County Child Develop CTR		94 29 th St. Gulfport, 39501	863-0583

Jackson County Public School District <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us/>
District Office: 12210 Colonel Vickery Rd., Vancleave, 39565-5096; 228-826-1757

Enrollment-9384
 Military-approx. 250
 Accountability Status-B
 Grad rate-76.6%
 Out-of-district transfers-Yes, HB 879-military housing only

Elementary Schools	Grade		
Vancleave Lower (K-2)	B	12602 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565	826-5982
Vancleave Upper (3 -5)	B	13901 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565	826-4581
St. Martin North (K-3)		16308 LeMoyne Blvd. Biloxi, 39532	392-1387
St. Martin East (K-3)		7508 Rose Farm Rd. Ocean Springs, 39564	875-3204
St. Martin Up (4-5)	B	10910 Yellow Jacket Blvd. Ocean Springs, 39564	818-2849
E. Central Lower Elem. (K-2)		5621 Hwy 614, Hurley, 39555	588-7060
E. Central Upper Elem. (3 -5)		5400 Hurley-Wade Rd. Hurley, 39555	588-7019

Middle Schools (6-8)			
Vancleave Mid	B	4725 Bulldog Ln. Vancleave 39565	826-5902
St. Martin Mid	B	10900 Yellow Jacket Blvd. Ocean Springs, 39564	818-4833
East Central Mid	B	5404 Hurley-Wade Rd. Hurley, 39555	588-7009

High Schools (9-12)			
Vancleave HS	A	12424 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565	826-4701
St. Martin HS	B	10800 Yellow Jacket Blvd. Ocean Springs	875-8418
East Central HS	A	21700 Slider Rd. Hurley, 39555 -	588-7000

Long Beach School District <http://www.lbsdk12.com>
District Office: 19148 Commission Road, Long Beach, MS 39560, 228-864-1146

Enrollment-3165
 Military-approx. 480
 Accountability Status-A
 Grad rate-87.4%
 Out-of-district transfers-yes
 Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary School	Grade		
Quarles Elem. (K-3)		111 Quarles St. 39560	864-3946
Reeves Elem. (K-3)		214 St. Augustine Dr. 39560	864-9764
Harper McCaughan (4-6)	B	301 Jeff Davis Ave. 39560	863-0478

Middle School (7-8)
Long Beach Middle A 204 North Cleveland Ave. 3956 864-3370

High School (9-12)
Long Beach HS A 300 East Old Pass Rd. 39560 863-6945

Ocean Springs School District <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>
District Office: 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39501 228-875-7706

Enrollment-5590
Military-approx. 550
Accountability Status-A
Grad rate-83.7%
Out-of-district transfers-Yes, HB 879-military housing only

Elementary Schools Grade
Magnolia Park Elem (K-3) 3500 Government St. 39564 875-4263
Oak Park (K-3) 2230 Government St. 39564 875-5847
Pecan Park Elem (K-3) 504 Hanley Rd. 39564 875-2851
OS Upper Elem (4-6) B 406 Holcomb Blvd. 39564 875-0333

Middle School (7-8)
Ocean Springs Middle B 3600 Hanshaw Rd. 39564 872-6210

High School (9-12)
Ocean Springs HS A 6701 Old Spanish Trail. 39564 875-0333

Elizabeth Keys Tech CTR (10-12) 2401 School St. 39564 872-3411
Alternative Education Center 2318 Government St. 39564 872-0031

Pass Christian Public School District <http://www.pc.k12.ms.us>
District Office: 6457 Kiln-DeLisle Rd, Pass Christian, MS 39571 255-6200

Enrollment-2003
Military-Unk
Accountability Status-A
Grad rate-89.0%
Out-of-district transfers-Yes
Tuition fee-\$600.00

Elementary Schools	Grade		
Delisle Elem (K-5)	A	6303 West Wittman Rd. 39571	255-6211
Pass Christian (K-5)	A	270 West 2 nd St. 39571	452-5200
Middle School (6-8)			
Pass Christian Middle	A	6303 W. Wittman Rd. 39571	255-6219
High School (9-12)			
Pass Christian HS	A	20 West North St. 39571	452-2008
Early Childhood Center (6wks-4yrs)		205 Leovy Ave. 39571	452-5210

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

There are many private schools located in the Keesler AFB area. Below is a list of some of them:

- Our Lady of Fatima/ www.fatimafalcons.org (preK3-6, Biloxi)
- Cedar Lake Christian Academy/ www.cedarlake.net (K-12, Biloxi)
- St. Patrick High School/ www.stpatrickhighschool.net (7-12, Biloxi)
- Nativity BVM Academy/ www.nativitybvm.org (preK3-6, Biloxi)

- St. Alphonsus Catholic School/ www.stal.org (preK-6, Ocean Springs)
- Grace Baptist Academy/ www.graceibc.org (preK3-12, Ocean Springs)
- Hope Academy/ www.hopeacademyeagles.com (K-12, Ocean Springs)
- St. John's Episcopal/ www.stjohnsoceansprings.org (pre-K, Ocean Springs)
- Tree House Montessori Christian School www.montessorichristianos.com (1-5, Ocean Springs)

- Westminster Academy/ www.westminster-academy.org (K-7, Gulfport)
- Temple Christian Academy/ www.templebaptistgulfport.com (K2-12, Gulfport)
- St. James Elementary School/ www.stjamesgulfport.com (preK3-6, Gulfport)
- Christian Collegiate Academy/ www.ccaqulfport.org (preK3-12, Gulfport)

- St. Stanislaus College/ www.ststan.com (7-12, Bay St. Louis)
- Holy Trinity Catholic School/ www.holytrinitycatholic.net (preK3-6, Bay St. Louis)
- Our Lady Academy/Resurrection Middle/HS / www.ourladyacademy.com (7-12, Bay St. Louis)

- Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School/ www.sacredheartelementary.org (preK3-6, D'iberville)

- Coast Episcopal/ http://school.passchristian.net/coast_episcopal.htm (preK-6, Pass Christian)

Home School Information

Home school students must register by 15 Sept each school year, but parents can transfer children to home school at any time during year.

To register, contact the school attendance officer assigned to the public school that you would have been attending. You are required to fill out a Certificate of Enrollment for each child that will be home schooled. You will receive a Verification of Compliance from attendance officer after you have completed Certificate of Enrollment. The attendance officers for our area schools are:

Crystal McKay-Biloxi/Ocean Springs/228-435-7698

Jeanie Cox- D'Iberville schools, Gulfport High, West Harrison High, West Wortham, Lizana elem, Woolmarket elem, N. Woolmarket/228-865-4426

Alison Pietrangelo- All Gulfport schools (except Gulfport High), Harrison Central High, Bel Aire elem, Crossroads elem, Three Rivers elem/228-865-4708

Consuella Williams- Long Beach schools, Pass Christian schools, North Gulfport 7th & 8th, Harrison Central elem, Orange Grove elem, Lyman elem, Saucier elem, Pineville elem/228-867-6125.

Below are some useful web pages for home schooling:

MS Home Educators Association- www.mhea.net Home School Legal Defense Association- www.hslda.org Coast Christian Home Educators Association- www.homeschool-life.com/ms/cchea

Keesler AFB Youth Center (228-377-4116) provides their facility to military home schoolers every Thursday between 1-3 pm for extra-curricular activities. This is a great opportunity to meet other Keesler AFB home school families and children. Home School POC for Keesler AFB area is Kim Patterson. Email contact for Ms. Patterson is:

c2k2patterson@hotmail.com

--North--

--West--

--East--

Harrison County

Jackson County

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Navy Base

Keesler AFB

Pass Christian

Long Beach

Gulfport

Biloxi

Ocean Springs

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--South--

Gulf of Mexico

This guide contains the current data from the Mississippi Dept. of Education webpage.
This guide will be updated as soon as new data is released.

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