

Handbook for Parents of School Age Children 2010-2011



**School Liaison Officer
“SERVING SHAW FAMILIES”**

Connecting Families, Schools and Communities



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The School Liaison Officer serves as a conduit of school information and is the primary point of contact for public and private school matters.

Mission:

The mission of the School Liaison Officer is to eliminate barriers and build bridges for the academic success of military dependent children through networks and partnerships with our local and global communities.

Vision:

A community in which military and civilian partners work hand in hand to successfully educate and advocate for the military child.

Goals:

- Understand and identify barriers to quality education for military dependent children in this area and develop solutions.
- Seek to promote and educate the installation, parents, our Shaw/Sumter community and schools about the unique needs of military children.
- Make connections to partners who can provide support and assistance for military families and their educational needs.
- Communicate information to allow families to effectively advocate for their children in the educational setting.

Welcome to Shaw Air Force Base

Welcome to the start of a new school year. We look forward to getting the 2010/2011 school year off to a great start. If you are new to Shaw Air Force Base, congratulations and welcome to the 20th Fighter Wing.

The School Liaison was created to work with local schools and parents, to successfully navigate the school transition process for military children. The program provides a range of services to military parents and their K-12 children. The vast majority of children of military families who live both on and off base attend public schools. The main goals of the program are to identify barriers to academic success and develop solutions, promote parental involvement in their children's education, develop and coordinate partnerships in education, provide parents with the tools they need to overcome obstacles to education that stem from the military lifestyle, and to promote and educate local communities and schools regarding the needs of military children.

The role of the School Liaison Officer is to assist families in ensuring their children receive the best possible education regardless of where they attend school. This is accomplished primarily by acting as an advocate and intermediary among the parents, the military community, and the local school districts.

There are two school districts serving Shaw/Sumter community. A listing of schools located in the districts serving the military students is included in this handbook. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John F. Kennedy, the School Liaison Officer at DSN **965-1358**, commercial **(803) 895-1358** or email at kennedy.john@shaw.af.mil.

School Choice

Discover Your Options

Some of the most important decisions parents will make are about their child's education. Parents want their child's school to meet the same goals of high academic achievement they have set. School choice is part of the strategy to give children an excellent education. The most common way may be in choosing where to live based on the public school district or neighborhood schools. In many areas, parents can choose from neighborhood schools, charter schools or other public schools of choice, or transfer their child to another public school (in or out of district). They can also select a private school (religious or secular) or teach their child at home.

All parents want the best possible education for their children. Studies have shown that many service members are accepting or rejecting assignments based on their schooling options. Commanders should be aware of the schooling choices and quality of the schools surrounding their installation in order to assist parents in understanding their education options. Because education is regulated by the government, available options can vary between states.

All students have different learning styles and needs. Children within the same family may not learn in the same way or at the same rate. Finding the right educational setting for each child requires a careful examination of various options that are available to students and their families.

Understanding expanded education options are essential to selecting the best type of school setting for a child. The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), has given parents additional options when considering how to educate their children.

Quick resources to help military parents make informed choices:

- Choosing a School for your Child, a publication of the U.S. Department of Education <http://www.ed.gov/parents/schools/find/choose/index.html> offers a series of checklists and pertinent questions to assist parents in making schooling choices.
- **Military OneSource** is a useful resource for obtaining information on schools. Users can access the service toll free from the United States: (800) 342-9647; from overseas: (800)-3429-6477; or overseas collect: 1-484-530-5908. In addition, Military OneSource offers information on a variety of topics and issues at website www.militaryonesource.com.
- The **Military Child Education Coalition** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization that identifies the challenges that face the highly mobile military child, increases awareness of these challenges in military and educational communities and initiates and implements programs to meet the challenges. MCEC's goal is to level the educational playing field for military children wherever they are located around the world and to serve as a model for all highly mobile children. <http://www.militarychild.org>
- A list of schools surrounding all heavily impacted military installations is being compiled for DoD. The results of this study will be posted on the **MilitaryStudent.org** website and will be available through Military OneSource. <http://www.militarystudent.org>
- **Military HOMEFRONT** is the official Department of Defense web site for reliable Quality of Life information designed to help troops and their families, leaders and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need!
<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/moving>

- **National Military Family Association** goals are to educate military families concerning their rights, benefits and services available to them and to inform them regarding the issues that affect their lives. In addition, they promote and protect the interests of military families by influencing the development and implementation of legislation and policies affecting them. <http://www.nmfa.org>

Learn what choices are available to your child

Public, Charter, Magnet, Private Schools and Home Schooling

Public schools get their financing from local, state, and federal government funds. In most cases, they must admit all students who live within the borders of their district. Charter schools and magnet schools are two relatively new kinds of public schools.

Charter schools began appearing in the early 90s. They are “alternative” public schools created by parents, teachers, community organizations, and for-profit companies. These schools receive tax dollars but the sponsoring group must also provide private funding. Charter schools must adhere to the basic curricular requirements of the state but are exempt from many of the regulations that apply to conventional schools and the day-to-day scrutiny of school boards and government authorities. Charter schools allow parents, community leaders, educational entrepreneurs, and others the flexibility to innovate, create and provide students with increased educational experiences. To find out more about charter schools and where to find them in your area, visit the U.S. Charter Schools Web site. www.uscharterschools.org

Magnet schools are highly competitive, highly selective public schools renowned for their special programs, superior facilities, and high academic standards. They may specialize in a particular area, such as science or the arts. Students who apply to these schools go through a rigorous testing and application process. Some magnet schools have boarding facilities to allow

students from out of state to attend. Magnet schools were first launched in the late 1970s to help desegregate public school systems by encouraging children to attend schools outside their neighborhoods. Student diversity is still an explicit goal of most magnet schools.

Non-Public Education

Religious Private Schools will generally espouse a specific religious belief based on the denomination or faith established by the governing board. Often religious schools have open enrollment and do not require their student body to be members of the faith or denomination, although they do require that all students abide by the rules established by the school leadership. In addition to academic coursework, religious schools usually require coursework in religious studies. Students must apply to attend the school and entrance exams may be required. Private religious schools can refuse admission to any student or dismiss a student after enrollment for any infraction of the rules. Teachers are not required to be certified by the state, though they may be required to be a member of the religious denomination. Teachers may hold a variety of degrees and certifications. Requirements and tuition costs vary according to the school. Transportation may be included in the cost of tuition or may be a separate charge. For more information on religious private schools visit <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii> and <http://www.parochoial.com>

Private Secular Schools do not have religious affiliation. Many secular schools have a long history and tradition while others are relatively new. Secular schools often give preference for admission to students whose relatives are alumnae of the schools. Secular schools may offer a traditional education that centers around preparation for college while others focus on an educational philosophy or a specific approach to learning such as those that accommodate individuals with special needs, i.e., schools for deaf or blind students. Tuition costs vary widely. Transportation may be included in the cost of tuition or may be a separate charge. Teachers are not required to be

certified by the state, though they may hold a variety of degrees and certifications. If you want to read more about private secular schools visit <http://www.schoolmatters.org> and <http://www.schooltree.org>

Home Schooling is educating children outside the public-private-parochial school establishment. Parents or guardians may choose to home school their children instead of enrolling them in a public, private or parochial school. However, students who are home-schooled must meet the state's compulsory school attendance requirement, according to state statute.

South Carolina statutes provide parents or guardians with three different options for home schooling their children, and the choice is left up to the parents or guardians to select the option that is best for their children. Each state has specific mandatory requirements for parents who choose to educate their child at home and who reside in South Carolina. For more information visit: <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Accountability/Federal-and-State-Accountability/Accreditation/HomeSchooling.html>

Parents may decide to perform the schooling themselves, in their own home, or a relative, neighbor, professional tutor or homeschooling cooperative may perform the service. Parents are cautioned to completely understand the time commitments, curricula, relevant state laws, outside resources and available support groups before deciding to home school their child. Please visit the sites listed below to learn more about homeschooling:

<http://www.militarychild.org/homeschoolings.asp>

<http://www.hslda.org/laws/default.asp>

Homeward Education Association - 6 Professional Court, Sumter SC 29150

POC: Ms. Rachael Ward **Phone:** (803) 469-4927 **Fax:** (803) 469-4928

<http://www.homewarded.com>

General Information

Sumter School District 2 Directory of Schools

Parents can register their child in the school zoned for their residence during regular school hours. If you are unsure of what school zone you reside in, you can contact the district office at (803) 469-6900 and give your home address and children's ages to obtain which school your child will be attending.

New Student Registration

Bring the following documents to the school at the time of registration:

- Student's Birth Certificate <http://www.usbirthcertificate.net>,
<http://www.birthcertificatesusa.com> <http://www.vitalrec.com>
- Proof of Address
- Completed S.C. Immunization Form (DHEC 1125) *Parents can obtain DHEC 1125 from the Health Department, Shaw AFB Immunization Clinic or from their family doctor.*
- Child's Social Security Number

If the last school attended was out of state, please provide the schools name, telephone number and address.

If your child was previously enrolled in a South Carolina school, provide an official withdrawal form from the last school attended.

Children who will be five years old on or before 1 September must register for kindergarten. Children who will be four years old on or before 1 September may be eligible for half-day pre-school. Contact the school in your attendance zone for available slots and requirements for eligibility to attend.

Sumter School District 2

Directory of Schools (outer-Sumter area)

Note: According to South Carolina Law, school-aged children must be transferred/enrolled in school within 10 days!

District Two Office – 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 469-6900 **Fax:** (803) 469-3769 <http://www.sumter2.org>

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

(Times may vary, please see district website for exact times of your school)

Starting and closing times for schools are as follows:

Elementary - 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Middle School - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

High School - 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students should not arrive on campus more than 30 minutes before school begins and should leave within 15 minutes after school ends.

Elementary Schools

Cherryvale Elementary (PK-5) – 1420 Furman Drive, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 494-8200 **Fax:** (803) 494-8233 <http://ces.sumter2.org>

R.E.Davis Elementary (PK-5) – 345 Eastern School Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 495-3247 **Fax:** (803) 495-3211 <http://redes.sumter2.org>

DeLaine Elementary (K-5) – 5355 Cane Savannah Road, Wedgefield, SC 29168

Phone: (803) 494-2661 **Fax:** (803) 494-2675 <http://des.sumter2.org>

High Hills Elementary (4-5) – 4971 Frierson Road, Shaw AFB, SC 29152

Phone: (803) 499-3327 **Fax:** (803) 499-9553 <http://hhes.sumter2.org>

Manchester Elementary (PK-5) – 200 Clark Street, Pinewood, SC 29125

Phone: (803) 452-5454 **Fax:** (803) 452-5423 <http://mes.sumter2.org>

Oakland Primary (PK-1) – 5415 Oakland Drive, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 499-3366 **Fax:** (803) 499-3361 <http://ops.sumter2.org>

Pocalla Springs Elementary (PK-5) – 2060 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 481-5800 **Fax:** (803) 481-5813 <http://pses.sumter2.org>

Rafting Creek Elementary (PK-5) – 4100 Hwy 261 North, Rembert, SC 29128

Phone: (803) 432-2994 **Fax:** (803) 425-7386 <http://rces.sumter2.org>

Shaw Heights Elementary (2-3) – 5121 Frierson Road, Shaw AFB, SC 29152

Phone: (803) 666-2335 **Fax:** (803) 666-3719 <http://shes.sumter2.org>

Middle Schools

**** Indicates that the students will wear uniforms**

Ebenezer Middle (6-8) – 3440 Ebenezer Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 469-8571 **Fax:** (803) 469-8575 <http://ems.sumter2.org>

****Furman Middle (6-8)** – 3400 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 481-8519 **Fax:** (803) 481-8923 <http://fms.sumter2.org>

****Hillcrest Middle (6-8)** – P.O. Box 151 Dalzell, SC 29040

Phone: (803) 499-3341 **Fax:** (803) 499-3353 <http://hms.sumter2.org>

Mayewood Middle (6-8) – 4300 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 495-8014 **Fax:** (803) 495-8016 <http://mms.sumter2.org>

High Schools

Crestwood High (9-12) – 2000 Oswego Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 469-6200 **Fax:** (803) 469-7678 <http://chs.sumter2.org>

Lakewood High (9-12) – 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 506-2700 **Fax:** (803) 506-2712 <http://lhs.sumter2.org>

Alternative Program

Brewington Academy – 4300 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 495-8069 **Fax:** (803) 495-8068 <http://ba.sumter2.org>

Career Center

Sumter County Career Center - 2612 McCray's Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 481-8575 **Fax:** (803) 481-4232 <http://sccc.sumter2.org>

Transportation

Director of Transportation: Sumter County School District 2

Phone: (803) 499-3422 **Office Hours:** 8am until 4:30pm

Room: Located in the back of Hillcrest Middle School (Former band room)

Sumter School District 17 Directory of Schools

Parents can register their child in the school zoned for their residence during regular school hours. Those parents who are unsure of what school zone they reside in can contact the district's attendance office at 469-8536, ext. 112.

Children must be four or five on or before September 1 to enroll in preschool or kindergarten, respectively. State law mandates that children ages five to 17 must be in school.

New Student Registration

Bring the following documents at the time of registration:

- Child's official birth certificate (military copies are acceptable)
<http://www.usbirthcertificate.net> <http://www.birthcertificatesusa.com>
<http://www.vitalrec.com>
- The child's Social Security card
- Proof of residence
- Proof of physical examination
- Immunization records - Completed S.C. Immunization Form (DHEC 1125)
Parents can obtain DHEC 1125 from the Health Department, Shaw AFB Immunization Clinic or from their family doctor.

All children are required to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, chicken pox, whooping cough, polio, mumps, red and German measles, and hepatitis.

The district recommends that parents of children transferring from another school district also bring the child's latest report card.

Children transferring from an out-of-state school must have their health certificate information on a South Carolina form, according to state law. Parents must take out-of-state certificates to a doctor or clinic in South Carolina to inquire what previous information is transferable to the South Carolina form.

Sumter School District 17

Directory of Schools (inter-Sumter area)

Note: According to South Carolina Law, school-aged children must be transferred/enrolled in school within 10 days!

District 17 Office - 1109 North Pike West, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 469-8536 **Fax:** (803) 469-6006 <http://district.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

(Times may vary, please see district website for exact times of your school)

Starting and closing times for schools are as follows:

Elementary - 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Middle School - 7:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

High School - 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students should not arrive on campus more than 30 minutes before school begins and should leave within 15 minutes after school ends.

Elementary Schools

**** Indicates that the students will wear uniforms**

Alice Drive Elementary (PK-5) – 251 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 9150

Phone: (803) 775-0857 **Fax:** (803) 775-7580 <http://ade.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

****Crosswell Drive Elementary (PK-5)** – 301 Crosswell Drive, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 775-0679 **Fax:** (803) 778-2857 <http://cde.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Kingsbury Elementary (PK-5) – 825 Kingsbury Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 775-6244 **Fax:** (803) 775-7021 <http://kbe.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

****Lemira Elementary (PK-5)** – 952 Fulton Street, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 775-0658 **Fax:** (803) 778-2730 <http://lme.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Millwood Elementary (PK-5) – 24 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 775-0648 **Fax:** (803) 436-2987 <http://mwe.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

****Wilder Elementary (PK-5)** – 975 South Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 773-5723 **Fax:** (803) 778-2918 <http://wld.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Willow Drive Elementary (PK-5) – 26 Willow Drive, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 773-5796 **Fax:** (803) 778-2847 <http://wde.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Middle Schools

Alice Drive Middle (6-8) – 40 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 775-0821 **Fax:** (803) 778-2929 <http://adm.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

****Bates Middle (6-8)** – 715 Estate Street, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 775-0711 **Fax:** (803) 775-0715 <http://bms.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

****Chestnut Oaks Middle (6-8)** – 1200 Oswego Road, Sumter, SC 29153

Phone: (803) 775-7272 **Fax:** (803) 775-7601 <http://coms.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

High Schools

Sumter High (9-12) – 2580 McCray's Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Phone: (803) 481-4480 **Fax:** (803) 481-4021 <http://shs.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Alternative Program

Academic Learning Center – 220 Hasel Street, Sumter, SC 29150

Phone: (803) 773-6362 **Fax:** (803) 773-7137 <http://alc.sumter17.k12.sc.us>

Transportation

Transportation Services: Sumter School District 17

Phone: (803) 469-8536 **Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday 7am - 5pm

Sumter Area Private Schools

Berea SDA Junior Academy – Grades: K2, 3-8 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 675 S. Lafayette Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 773-6875

Camden Military Academy – Grades: 7-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 520 Hwy 1 North, Camden, SC 29020 **Phone:** 1-800-948-6291

www.camdenmilitary.com

St. Anne School – Grades: K5-8 Type: Private Catholic School

Address: 11 S. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 775-3632

www.stannesumter.com

St. Francis Xavier High School – Grades: 9-12 Type: Private Catholic School

Address: 15 School Street, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 773-0210

www.sfxhs.com

Sumter Academy – Grades: 2-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 22 Council Street, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 775-7699

www.sumteracademy.net

Sumter Christian School – Grades: K3-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 420 S. Pike, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 773-1902

www.sumterchristian.org

Thomas Sumter Academy – Grades: K3-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: Intersection of Hwy 441 & Hwy 521, Dalzell, SC 29040

Phone: (803) 499-3378 www.thomassumter.net

Westside Christian Academy – Grades: PreK3 – 8 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 554 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154 **Phone:** (803) 775-4406

www.wcasumter.org

William Thomas Academy – Grades: K3-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 1110 Florence Hwy, Sumter, SC 29153 **Phone:** (803) 773-1910

www.williamthomasacademy.org

Wilson Hall – Grades: K4-12 Type: Private (Non-Catholic)

Address: 2801 S. Wise Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 **Phone:** (803) 469-3475

www.wilsonhall.org

South Carolina Virtual Schools

In May 2007, the South Carolina Legislature officially established the South Carolina Virtual School Program (SCVSP) in an effort to meet the educational needs of both students in the K-12 program and adults who wanted to return to the educational arena in order to obtain their high school diploma. In doing so, the SC Legislature provided learners of all ages with viable options for academic success in non-traditional, flexible learning environments. Listed below are several virtual school options available in South Carolina:

Insight School of South Carolina – Grades: 9-12 virtual high school, authorized as a SC public charter school. <http://www.insightschools.net/>



Insight Schools operates a national network of accredited, diploma-granting, tuition-free online high schools. They offer a highly personalized education, designed to accommodate individual learning styles, lifestyles and goals, while preparing students for the 21st-century workplace.

Provost Academy South Carolina – Grades: 9-12 virtual high school, authorized as a SC public charter school. <http://www.sc.provostacademy.com/>



Provost Academy South Carolina (PASC) is an inspiring public high school choice for a wide range of students. Find out how you could benefit from the individual attention and flexibility of earning your high school diploma online.

South Carolina Connections Academy – Grades: K-12 virtual public charter school.

<http://www.connectionsacademy.com/south-carolina-school/free-online-public-school.aspx>



South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA) is a public virtual charter school that serves students in grades K–12. The school opened in August 2008. Students residing in South Carolina are eligible to attend the school if they meet applicable enrollment requirements.

South Carolina Virtual Charter School – Grades: K-12 state-approved, public school program. <http://www.k12.com/scvcs/>



You know that your kids have something special inside them. We know it, too. The South Carolina Virtual Charter School (SCVCS) and K¹² ignite the minds of children like yours to bring learning and innate possibility alive. Together, we are helping South Carolina students in grades K-12 reach their true, personal potential.

Impact Aid

The Impact Aid program distributes Federal money to local educational agencies (LEAs) to help offset the impact Federal Government activities have on LEA revenues and expenses. The purpose of the Impact Aid program is to fulfill the Federal responsibility to assist with the provision of educational services to federally connected children because certain activities of the Federal Government place a financial burden on the LEAs serving areas where such activities are carried out and to help children meet challenging State standards (20 USC 7701). More information on Impact Aid Funding can be located at

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/index.html> .

Standards of Learning Testing

South Carolina's instrument to measure standards is the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS), a Standards-Based test, provides educators and the public with valuable information regarding the progress of South Carolina's students toward mastering South Carolina's writing, English language arts (reading and research), mathematics, science, and social studies standards. If parents have additional questions about the PASS tests, please visit the South Carolina Department of Education website at <http://ed.sc.gov/> .

Special Education

If you have any questions about South Carolina's Special Education or Exceptional Student Services, please call 1-866-628-0910 or visit the South Carolina's Department of Education website at <http://ed.sc.gov/> . In addition to South Carolina's Special Education Services, the military has the Military OneSource resource for special needs assistance. Military OneSource also has free Tip Sheets, Booklets, CDs and Cassettes that families can order online at <https://www.militaryonesource.com> . You may also contact the POC within the school district as follows:

School District Two: Dr. Sulyn Elliott - **Ph:** (803) 469-6900, **ext.** 516

School District 17: Dr. Shawn Hagerty - **Ph:** (803) 469-8536, **ext.** 130

Checklist for Parents/Students Leaving a School District

- Notify the school when you will be leaving
- Ask for copy of transcripts/records
- Sign a request to have official copy of transcripts sent to new school
- Ask for copy of IEPs for students with special needs
- Find out the latest date your child can check out of school & receive full credit
- Ask if child can work on independent studies to complete a credit
- Ask if child can complete credits after he/she has left school district
- Ask if school district can provide class work to allow students to finish a class at his/her new school & earn credit at the previous school
- Request work that your child can do to keep current during a transfer
- Ask school about tips on transitioning from one school to another
- Get names and good contact information of POCs within district/school

Checklist for Parents/Students Entering a New School

Before arriving at your new assignment:

- Contact new school district
- Check the Internet to see if the school district has a web site
- Ask for general information about the school district
- Ask for information about what school your child will be attending
- Ask for a copy of the school calendar
- Check to see if you can register your child prior to arriving at your new assignment
 - Register on-line through the school district web site
 - Register with forms the school district sends you
- Ask the school district what they do if you arrive at your new assignment & do not have a permanent address
 - Will the school district register your child & place him/her in a school immediately

- Once you have a permanent address, will you have to move your child or can your child stay at the same school for the entire assignment
- What can you take care of prior to arriving at your new school
 - Physical examinations
 - Immunizations

Specific questions about the school program:

- What is the relationship between the school district & military installation
- Is your School Board & leadership team dedicated to quality education
- What is your parent participation in the educational process
- Do you have clearly defined & measured learning standards
- What are elements of a quality instructional program
- What is your accreditation level - state or regional - and is this for all your schools
- Do you have a comprehensive set of educational options for students with disabilities & special needs
- What are your district test scores
- What is your average class size
- Do you have differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners - regardless of their learning style
- How do you develop productive, good citizens
- How do you use technology
 - Do you use it to drill students or to enhance instruction
- Do you offer an ability learner program
- Do you offer a special educational program
- Do you have remedial programs for students who do not qualify for special education
- Do you have counselors available for all grade levels
- Do you offer a summer school program
- How safe are your schools

- What do your facilities look like
 - Are they handicap accessible
 - Are they clean & up-to-date
- Is transportation available

Elementary:

- What is the entrance age for children in kindergarten
- Do you have full-day kindergarten
- Do you offer a developmentally-appropriate early childhood program (i.e. hands-on approach to learning)

Secondary:

- Is the school on block or traditional scheduling
- What is the grading scale (4 point or 5 point)
- What are the graduation requirements
 - Is there a state-mandated test for students
 - Is there a state-mandated class, such as state history
- Do you offer:
 - JROTC
 - Advanced placement classes
 - Vocational education, college prep programs
- What is the policy on new student becoming valedictorian/salutatorian
- How does a child participate in programs that have early tryouts
 - Cheerleading, choral groups, sports teams, etc.
 - Does the school hold several positions so that students can try out late
 - Does the school accept videotaped auditions
- Ask about specific programs of interest for your child
- Do you provide any test preparation program for ACT/SAT

Hand carry the following information for each child:

- Birth certificate
 - Social security number
 - Child's military ID card
 - Immunization records
 - Report cards
 - Copy of school transcript
 - IEPs for students with special needs
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Before and Afterschool Care



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Phone: 895-2251 or 895-2252

Shaw AFB School Age Program offers care for youth ages 5-12 before school, after school and when youth are out of school. The program offers a stimulating environment where children can explore, develop, and learn in a safe and secure environment at their own pace. The philosophy is based on the belief that all children are strong, powerful and competent individuals who are constantly learning and growing. Additionally, it provides a child-centered program in a warm, secure environment with love and good physical care. Each child has unique abilities that will be recognized and nurtured. Meals are USDA approved and fees are based on total family income. Transportation is provided to and from some schools. Call for details.

Youth Recreation Program offers afterschool programs for youth ages 10-18 located in the 5,000 Area. The program is Boys and Girls Club and 4-H affiliated and has a chartered Keystone and Torch Club. Homework is encouraged daily along with several opportunities for the child to excel in character and leadership, arts, health and life skills, sports and recreation, and education and career development. Youth Employment Skills (YES) and the Congressional Award Program (CAP) are offered for youth ages 14-18 that are dependents of active duty Air Force. Transportation is provided to and from some schools. Call for details.

Sports Program offers league and recreational play in basketball, baseball, softball, T-Ball, soccer, cheerleading, Fit Factor and summer camps for ages 4-18. Call for more information.

Family Programs offer monthly and annual events. Information is posted on the website and publicized throughout various programs on the base. Give Parents a Break (GPAB) and Kids Night Out (KNO) are typically offered the first Friday of every month. Family Bingo, Game Night, dances, Kids Day, base wide Easter Egg Hunt and other recreation programs are offered throughout the year. Annual events such as the base wide Easter Egg Hunt and Kids Day are typically free. Some events require a small fee. Call for more information.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Airman and Family Readiness Center Commercial: (803) 895-1252
DSN: 965-1252

Child Development Center Commercial: (803) 895-2247
DSN: 965-2247

Family Child Care Commercial: (803) 895-1212
DSN: 965-1212

Family Advocacy Commercial: (803) 895-6201
DSN: 965-6201

Hospital Appointments Commercial: (803) 895-2778
DSN: 965-2778

DoD Child Abuse & Safety Violation Hotline 1-800-336-4592

EFMP & SNIAC Coordinator Commercial: (803) 895-6776
DSN: 965-6776

Youth Programs Commercial: (803) 895-2252
DSN: 965-2252
