

School Liaison Officer

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Office Location and Hours

Office located at the Community Services Building, Building 456

Office Hours are Monday – Friday, 0800 – 1630

*Scheduling an appointment is strongly encouraged as the School Liaison Officer is frequently out of the office visiting schools.

The School Liaison Officer's primary function is to serve as a conduit between parents, educators and the command so that military-connected children experience a seamless transition during the transfer between schools. Most military children move up to nine times in their PreK-12th grade years and consistency and retention of educational goals is a major focus for families when planning to PCS. The School Liaison Officers can offer information on area schools and help facilitate communication between the military family on matters relating to regional public and private schools as well as home school and alternative modes of education.

The School Liaison Officer can assist with:

- **School Transition Services (PCS Cycle):** School Liaison Officers assist families with school transfers and help "level the playing field" for military children and youth.
- **Deployment Support:** School Liaison Officers connect educators with the Navy deployment support system to inform them about the cycles of deployment and the tools available to assist educators in working with Navy children.
- **Command, School, Community Communications:** School Liaison Officers serve as subject-matter experts for installation commanders on K-12 issues, helping to connect command, school and community resources.
- **Home School Linkage and Support:** School Liaison Officers assist Navy families by gathering and sharing information on home schooling issues, policies and legislation from local school districts. They also help leverage Navy Child and Youth Programs resources to support these families.
- **Partnerships in Education (PIE):** PIE creates a volunteer network of resources to support installation and community members who have a vested interest in the success of all youth.
- **Post-Secondary Preparations:** School Liaison Officers leverage installation and school resources to provide graduating military students with access to post-secondary information and opportunities.
- **Special Needs System Navigation:** School Liaison Officers provide information about installation and community programs and services, make referrals to the Exceptional Family Member Program, and offer assistance in navigating the administrative systems within local education agencies.

School Liaison Officers are available to assist all service members and their families with school-related questions.

Why School Liaison Officers?

- Families move an average of every 2.9 years
- Children attend up to 9 different schools by graduation
- Families experience increased stress related to deployment during wartime

Local School Systems

Millington Municipal Schools

If you are planning on living in base housing your children will attend Millington Municipal Schools. Please visit <http://millingtonschools.org/> for more information.

Arlington Community Schools

ACS consists of four schools including Arlington High, Arlington Middle, Arlington Elementary, and Donelson Elementary. For more information please visit <http://www.acsk-12.org/>.

Bartlett City Schools

Bartlett City Schools is comprised of eleven schools and approximately 8,000 students. Please visit <http://www.bartlettschools.org/> for more information.

Collierville Schools

Collierville Schools consists of 5 elementary schools, a middle and a high school. For more information please visit <http://www.colliervilleschools.org/>.

Germantown Municipal Schools

The Germantown Municipal School District is a K-12 school system, located in the suburbs of Memphis, TN. They opened their doors in the fall of 2014, serving over 5,400 students. Students are served by five schools: two elementary schools, one K-8, one middle school, and one high school. For more information please visit: <http://www.gmsdk12.org/About.aspx>

Lakeland School System

Lakeland School System was established in December, 2013, and serves students living within the municipal boundaries of the City of Lakeland outside of Memphis in Shelby County, Tennessee. The City of Lakeland has approximately 12,500 residents and more than 2,200 school-age students. For more information please visit: <http://lakelandk12.org/>

Tipton County

If you are planning to live in Tipton County you can find information regarding all Tipton County Schools at <http://www.tipton-county.com/>.

Shelby County

For an overview of the Shelby County School District and links to all 229 schools please visit <http://www.scsk12.org>.

Homeschool

Connect with our local NSA Mid-South Homeschoolers group!

Facebook: NSA Mid-South Homeschoolers
Email: nsamidsouthhomeschoolers@gmail.com

For specific state level requirements go to the homeschool information page on the [Tennessee Department of Education](#) website. Families can also contact the School Liaison for additional resources and support.

Additional **Homeschool** resources can be found at www.homeschoolcentral.com.

NSA Mid-South Installation Resources

Child Development Center
Phone: (901) 874-5745
Facebook: [NSA Mid-South Parent Involvement Team](#)

Navy Youth Center
Phone: (901) 874-5155
Facebook: [Navy Mid-South Youth](#)

Teen Center
Phone: (901) 874-5494
Facebook: [Navy Teen Center](#)

To register for child care at NSA Mid-South CYP facilities please visit the [Military Child Care](#) website.

Installation Partners

Fleet and Family Support Center
Phone: (901) 874-5075

Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP)
Phone: (901) 874-6195

Chapel
Phone: (901) 874-5301

Ellison Recreation Center
Phone: (901) 874-5650

Joe Duggar Fitness Center
Phone: (901) 874-5497

Branch Medical Clinic
Phone: (901) 874-6100

Immunizations
Phone: (901) 874-6129

K-12 Special Needs Resources

Your child should be enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) if he or she has special needs. The EFMP Liaison office is located at the Fleet and Family Support Center and can be reached by calling (901) 874-6195. The number for EFMP Navy Headquarters is (866) 827-5672.

*This is a mandatory program for any family member who has special medical, educational, developmental, and/or emotional need or concern.

Special Ed Connection: Navy CNIC CYP currently provides installation-wide access to [Special Ed Connection®](#), a searchable legally compliant one stop reference center for special education. Please contact the School Liaison Officer for access to this resource.

LD On-line: The world's leading website on learning disabilities and ADHD, serving more than 200,000 parents, teachers, and other professionals each month.

CPIR: The Center for Parent Information and Resources serves as a central resource of information and products to the community of Parent Training Information (PTI) Centers and the Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRCs), so that they can focus their efforts on serving families of children with disabilities.

Local Relocation Information

NSA Mid-South Family Housing

Phone: (901) 872-8905

Website: <http://www.midsouthfamilyhousing.com/>

NSA Mid-South Navy Housing Office

(901) 874-5547

NSA Mid-South Navy Lodge

Phone: (901) 872-0121

State of Tennessee Resources

Visit the [Tennessee Department of Education](#) website. You will have access to a wide variety of information, including the Common Core State Standards, Accountability Reports Cards, State- and district-level data from the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP), and more.

There is also information on pending legislation in education, and education-related publications such as the [Report Card on Tennessee Schools](#) which are the best resources to obtain test scores and other data on each school in the state of Tennessee.

Youth Sponsorship

Youth Sponsorship is a program for K-12th grade students. Millington Elementary Schools currently offer the Trevor Romain Anchored for Life Program. <http://trevorromain.com/> Youth Sponsorship programs are also run through our base Youth and Teen Center. Please contact the School Liaison Officer for more information.

Organizations Devoted to the Military Family

The Interstate Compact for Military Children (MIC3) has been signed by the state of Tennessee and addresses the key issues of Eligibility, Enrollment, Placement and Graduation encountered by military families.

DoDEA: The Department of Defense Educational Activity instructional program provides a comprehensive pre-kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum overseas and at select locations in the continental U.S. **DoDEA NDSP:** A Department of Defense Educational Activity program for families moving to remote locations.

Military Youth on the Move: A one stop shop for advice and info on moving, school, social life, and more.

SchoolQuest.org: Includes school finder based on state or military installation, blog, library, state education resources and "Ask Aunt Peggie".

Plan My Move: Installation specific information to help families PCS.

MCEC: The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC®)'s work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

National Military Family Association: Founded 43 years ago, the National Military Family Association is the leading non-profit organization focusing on issues important to military families.

MISA: Military Impacted Schools Association is a national organization of school superintendents. Our mission is to serve school districts with a high concentration of military children.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a School Liaison Officer and how can they help me?

School Liaison Officers (SLO) help by providing you with educational information on your new area (based on residence) and can also connect you with a SLO at your next duty station. SLOs also offer resources on deployment support, are the liaison between command, schools and military families, work with commands and schools on the Partnership in Education program, can help families navigate the special needs programs in districts, and offer information and support for Home School and Post-Secondary preparation.

How do I choose a school?

We know the importance of choosing a school that best meets the needs of your military child(ren). Even though we are unable to make direct recommendations for schools, we are available to help you acquire information and research the schools in the NSA Mid-South area. We can provide overall information on districts as well as help you determine what schools you might be mapped to once you have a residence.

What are the health and immunization requirements?

Immunization and health checkup fact sheet for the Tennessee Dept of Education can be found at: <http://tn.gov/health/article/childcare-12th-grade-immunization-requirements>. Once you determine where you will live and what school your child will attend, you should also check with your school to be sure there are no additional district requirements.

What are the School Registration procedures?

This depends on what school district you are looking to enroll your child in. We recommend that once you establish residence, that you contact the school directly.

What do I do if I'm on a housing wait-list or am in temporary housing?

Most military housing areas and school districts within school boundaries of military housing are familiar with this situation. We recommend that you ask your local housing office for a letter that indicates that you are on the waitlist. Most times this is all the schools need to proceed with registration. If you have questions or issues, please contact your SLO.

What options are there for before and after school care?

We recommend that you start looking for care early! As soon as you arrive and have registered your child in school, begin by asking your school or district what they offer. This is many times the best option, particularly if they offer on-site care. If they don't, many times the school will know what is available close to the school or in your community. If you are still having difficulty, contact your School Liaison Officer and they will work with you to try to find other options. Also, if you are living on base the Child and Youth Programs offer before and after school child care services.

What is the Interstate Compact and what can it do for my family?

The Interstate Compact seeks to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. More information can be found at: www.mic3.net.

What do I do if I'm moving with a child with special needs?

In the Navy, your School Liaison Officer can help you with the special needs navigation of the school or district that you are planning to send your child(ren) to. You should also contact the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) to ensure that you are enrolled and that you have all information and resources that they offer.

Can School Liaison Officers advocate in an IEP for my child?

The Navy School Liaisons are not able to advocate on your behalf. In our program, we offer information, resources and help you find the right people to talk to at the school or district. If you ever have issues with

your IEP or school, please call your School Liaison since we also have many community resources that can offer guidance and direct assistance.