

School Guide



Keesler AFB 2013-2014

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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, 2013.

Students entering first grade must be 6 on or before Sept 1, 2013.

*Kindergarten is not a mandatory requirement in Mississippi.

Registration Requirements for New Students:

Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance Form 121 (KAFB Med Ctr, Health Dept, etc)
Certified copy of birth certificate (not a hospital certificate)
Report cards and /or other records of grade placement
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 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. In addition, you must provide transportation to the out-of-district school. Transfer information is provided under each individual school district below.

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.

Base Housing (Biloxi School District)

Keesler Housing Area	Elementary School	Junior High School	High School
Bay Ridge	Jeff Davis	Biloxi Jr. High (6 th - 8 th)	Biloxi Senior High School (9 th -12 th)
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-5347

Military-approx 700

Accountability Status- A

QDI/*-206

Grad rate-85.7%

Out-of-district transfers-yes

Tuition fee-\$500.00/\$1200.00

Elementary Schools *-QDI

Gorenflo Elem. *187 771 Elder St., 39530 -- 436-5145

Jeff Davis Elem. *216 340 St. Mary Blvd., 39531 -- 436-5110

North Bay Elem. *223 1825 Popps Ferry Rd., 39532 -- 435-6166

Popps Ferry Elem. *194 364 Nelson Rd., 39530 -- 436-5135

Junior High School

Biloxi Jr. HS (6-8) *206 1424 Father Ryan Ave., 39530 -- 435-1421

High School

Biloxi Sr. HS (9-12) *210 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-6013
 Military-approx 250
 Accountability Status-“Excellence for All” program
 QDI/*-
 Grad rate-71.2%
 Out-of-district transfers-yes
 Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary *-QDI

Anniston Elem*	2314 Jones St., 39507 --	896-6309
Bayou View Elem.*	4898 Washington Ave., 39507 --	865-4625
Central Elem.*	1043 Pass Rd., 39501 --	865-4642
Gaston Point Elem*	1526 Mills Ave., 39501 --	865-4656
Pass Road *	37 Pass Road, 39501 --	865-4659
West Elem. *	4051 15 th St., 39501 --	870-1025
28 th Street *	3136 – 46 th Ave., 39501 --	867-2140

Middle Schools

Central Middle *NA	1310 42 nd Ave., 39501 --	870-1035
Bayou View Middle*	212 43 rd St., 39507 --	865-4633

High School

Gulfport HS (9 th)	100 Perry St., 39507 --	896-1475
Gulfport HS*	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-14,037
 Military-approx 650
 Accountability Status-B
 QDI/*-185
 Grad rate-75.8%
 Out-of-district transfers-yes
 Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary Schools *-QDI

Bel Aire Elem.*158	10531 Klein Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-7436
Crossroads Elem.*166	10453 Klein Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-6711
D'Iberville Elem.*	4540 Brodie Rd., D'Iberville, 39532 --	392-2803
Harrison Central Elem	51 Dedeaux Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-2701
Lizana Elem.*189	15341 Lizana School Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-1592
Lyman Elem.*171	14222 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport, 39503 --	832-2257
North Woolmarket Elem.	16237 Old Woolmarket Rd., Biloxi, 39532 --	396-3674
Orange Grove *175	11391 Old Hwy 49, Gulfport, 39503 --	832-2322
Pine Ville Elem.*147	5192 Menge Ave., Pass Christian, 39571 --	452-4364
Saucier Elem.*193	24052 1 st St., Saucier, 39574 --	832-2440
Three Rivers *170	13500 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	831-5359
West Wortham	20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier, 39574 --	831-1276
Woolmarket Elem*186	12513 John Lee Rd., Biloxi, 39532 --	392-5640

Middle Schools

D'Iberville Mid (5 th -8 th)*191	3320 Warrior Dr., D'Iberville, 39540 --	392-1746
NGport(7 th -8 th)180/186	4715 Illinois Ave., Gulfport, 39503 --	864-5326/8944
N Woolmarket Mid*212	16237 Old Woolmarket Rd., Biloxi, 39532 --	396-3674
W. Wortham Mid*195	20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier, 39574 --	831-1276

High Schools

D'Iberville HS*203	15625 Lamey Bridge Rd., Biloxi, 39532 --	392-2678
Harrison Central *181	15600 School Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-2610
Harrison County Vo-Tech	15600 School Rd., Gulfport, 39503 --	832-6652
West Harrison HS*206	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-9518

Military-approx 250

Accountability Status-B

QDI/*-188

Grad rate-81.0%

Out-of-district transfers-Yes, HB 879-military housing only

Elementary Schools *-QDI

Vancleave Lower (K-2 nd)	12602 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565 --	826-5982
Vancleave Upper (3 rd -5 th)*185	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)*190	10910 Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs, 39564 --	818-2849
East Central Lower Elem.(K-2 nd)	5621 Hwy 614, Hurley, 39555 --	588-7060
East Central Upper Elem.(3 rd -5 th)	5400 Hurley-Wade Rd., Hurley, 39555 --	588-7019

Middle Schools

Vancleave Mid(6-8)*185	4725 Bulldog Ln., Vancleave 39565 --	826-5902
St. Martin Mid(6-8)*186	10900 Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs, 39564 --	818-4833
East Central Mid*181	5404 Hurley-Wade Rd., Hurley, 39555 --	588-7009

Jackson County High Schools

Vancleave HS(9-12)*217	12424 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565 --	826-4701
St. Martin HS (9 th -12 th)*192	10800 Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs --	875-8418
East Central HS*209	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-2956

Military-approx 450

Accountability Status-A

QDI/*-198

Grad rate-84.3%

Out-of-district transfers-yes

Tuition fee-waived for military

Elementary School *-QDI

Harper McCaughan *190	301 Jeff Davis Ave., 39560 --	863-0478
Quarles Elem.	111 Quarles St., 39560 --	864-3946
Reeves Elem.	214 St. Augustine Dr., 39560 --	864-9764

Middle School

Long Beach Middle*207	204 North Cleveland Ave., 39560 --	864-3370
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High School

Long Beach HS*214 300 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 500

Accountability Status-A

QDI/*-198

Grad rate-86.3%

Out-of-district transfers-Yes, HB 879-military housing only

Elementary Schools *-QDI

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) *191 406 Holcomb Blvd. 39564—

875-0333

Ocean Springs Middle School (7th-8th)

Ocean Springs Middle*199 3600 Hanshaw Rd., 39564 --

872-6210

High School

Ocean Springs HS(9-12)*221 Old Spanish Trail & HWY 57

Elizabeth Keys Tech Ctr (10th-12th) 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-1864

Military-Unk

Accountability Status-A

QDI/*-214

Grad rate-86.9%

Out-of-district transfers-Yes

Tuition fee-\$600.00

Elementary School *-QDI

Delisle Elem (K-5th)*227 6303 West Wittman Rd., 39571 --

255-6211

Pass Christian(K-5 th)*213	270 West 2 nd St., 39571 --	452-5200
Pass Christian Middle School		
Pass Christian Middle*209	6303 W. Wittman Rd., 39571 --	255-6219
High School		
Pass Christian HS*223	720 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 (preK3-6th, Biloxi)
 Cedar Lake Christian Academy/ www.cedarlake.net (K-12th, Biloxi)
 St. Patrick High School/ www.stpatrickhighschool.net (7th-12th, Biloxi)
 Nativity BVM Academy/ www.nativitybvm.org (preK3-6th, Biloxi)
- St. Alphonsus Catholic School/ www.stal.org (preK-6th, Ocean Springs)
 Grace Baptist Academy/ www.graceibc.org (preK3-12th, Ocean Springs)
 Hope Academy/ www.hopeacademyeagles.com (K-12th, Ocean Springs)
 St. John's Episcopal/ www.stjohnsoceansprings.org (pre-K, Ocean Springs)
- Westminster Academy/ www.westminster-academy.org (K-7th, Gulfport)
 Temple Christian Academy/ www.templebaptistgulfport.com (K2-12th, Gulfport)
 St. James Elementary School/ www.stjamesgulfport.com (preK3-6th, Gulfport)
 Christian Collegiate Academy/ www.ccagulfport.org (preK3-12th, Gulfport)
- St. Stanislaus College/ www.ststan.com (7th-12th, Bay St. Louis)
 Holy Trinity Catholic School/ www.holytrinitycatholic.net (preK3-6th, Bay St. Louis)
 Our Lady Academy/Resurrection Middle/HS / www.ourladyacademy.com (7th-12th, Bay St. Louis)
- Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School/ www.sacredheartelementary.org (preK3-6th, D'iberville)
- Coast Episcopal/ http://school.passchristian.net/coast_episcopal.htm (preK-6th, 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 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

Performance Classifications:

A
B
C
D
F

Enrollment-MS Dept Of Ed/Enrollment
Military-Attendance Office/ Impact Aid Report
Accountability Status-MS Dept of Ed/Accountability
QDI-MS Dept of Ed/QDI
Grad Rate-MS Dept of Ed/Accountability
Out-of-District-District Office
Tuition Fee-District Office

QDI:

A Quality of Distribution Index (QDI) value is calculated using data from the MCT2 language arts and mathematics tests; SATP data from the Algebra I, Biology I, English II, and U.S. History tests; and results from the language arts and mathematics sections of the MAAECF.

QDI (Quality of Distribution Index) represents an overall measure of student performance on statewide assessments during the previous school year.

