

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK NCBC, GULFPORT



TEAM GULFPORT



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Handbook for Parents of School-Age Children

NCBC School Liaison Office

Welcome to Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Harrison, Hancock, and Jackson counties make up the Mississippi Gulf Coast region, which is home to the longest man made beach. The three coastal counties are comprised of 11 public school districts operating 108 different schools, 13 of which have earned the Blue Ribbon School Award. There are also numerous private and parochial schools.

The school system serving NCBC housing is the City of Gulfport School District. If you do not live in base housing your school and school district will be determined by your residence address.

We have an excellent relationship with all of our local school districts and have developed partnerships with Gaston Point Elementary, West Elementary, Gulfport Central Middle School, 28th Street Elementary, and Pineville Elementary. Currently, we have school based sponsor programs (S2S) at six local high schools. These programs, which also assist in deployment support, will greatly help smooth school transitions for incoming and outgoing students. We also have four Military Family Life Consultants working in 19 schools supporting our military children and youth and those supporting them. MFLCs are available to talk to children and youth, facilitate group activities, outreach to parents, and work with staff to process interactions and concerns. Our commitment to community and education is very strong and we ask for your help to expand this relationship. We encourage you to take an active role in volunteering at schools your children attend and at the school sponsored by your battalion, regiment, etc. Parental involvement is the key to a positive school experience. Research shows that parental involvement can improve student achievement, reduce absenteeism, improve behavior, and restore confidence among parents in the child's schooling.

Again, welcome to NCBC and South Mississippi. If you have any questions concerning our schools please contact the NCBC School Liaison Office at (228)871-2117 or DSN 868-2117.

School Liaison Officer

MWR CBC
Building 352
1706 Bainbridge Avenue
Gulfport, MS. 39501
Phone: 228-871-2117
Fax: 228-871-2539

The School Liaison Officer's main objective is to serve as a link between parents, educators, and the command so the military-connected child can have a smooth school transition. Other duties include fostering partnerships in education; home school linkage; post secondary preparations; special education system navigation; and serving as a subject matter expert for education related issues.

Checklist for Enrollment into a Mississippi Public School

1. A Mississippi Compliance Form. Take your child's shot record to the Harrison County Health Department (228)863-1036, a community physician, or to the CBC Branch Medical Clinic immunizations section (228)871-2810 to obtain a compliance form.
2. Child's social security card.
3. Certified copy of child's birth certificate.
4. Two proofs of residency. Acceptable items include: deed, lease agreement, parent/guardian drivers license with Mississippi address, and/or utility bills.
5. Report cards, progress reports, withdrawal documentation from previous school, and standardized test scores if possible. Samples of your child's work may also be helpful.

Special Needs (SPED) In Addition To Above Items

1. Copy of current IEP
2. Copies of all comprehensive-assessment-eligibility reports
3. Student work and/or report card
4. Each state may have different assessments and terminology. Please contact the LSC (local survey chairperson) at your child's new school.

School and District Information Resources

1. www.schoolmatters.com
2. www.greatschools.com
3. www.schoolquest.org
4. www.mde.k12.ms.us

Mississippi Gulf Coast Public School Districts

Harrison County

Harrison County School District

(20-Schools)

11072 Highway 49

Gulfport, MS 39502

Phone: 228-539-6500

Fax: 228-539-6507

www.harrison.k12.ms.us

Gulfport Public School District

(10-Schools)

2001 Pass Road

Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone: 228-865-4600

Fax: 228-865-4718

www.gulfportschools.org

Biloxi Public School District

(7-Schools)
160 St. Peters Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39531
Phone: 228-374-1810
Fax: 228-435-6289
www.biloxischools.net

Long Beach School District

(5-Schools)
19148 Commission Road
Long Beach, MS 39560
Phone: 228-864-1146
Fax: 228-863-3196
www.lbsd.k12.ms.us

Pass Christian Public Schools

(4-Schools)
6457 Kiln Delisle Road
Pass Christian, MS 39571
Phone: 228-255-6200
Fax: 228-255-6204
www.pc.k12.ms.us

Jackson County

Pascagoula School District

(18-Schools)
1006 Communiy Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39581
Phone: 228-938-6552
Fax: 228-938-6528
www.psd.schoolwires.com

Moss Point Separate School District

(9-Schools)
4924 Church Street
Moss Point, MS 39563
Phone: 228-475-5721
Fax: 228-474-3302
www.mp.k12.ms.us

Jackson County School District

(17-Schools)
12210 Colonel Vickery Road
Vanceleave, MS 39565
Phone: 228-826-1757
Fax: 228-826-1765
www.jcsd.k12.ms.us

Ocean Springs School District

(6-Schools)
2300 Government Street
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Phone: 228-875-7706
Fax: 228-875-7708
www.OSSDMS.org

Hancock County

Hancock County School District

(7-Schools)
17304 Highway 603
Kiln, MS 39556
Phone: 228-255-0376
Fax: 228-255-0378
www.hancock.k12.ms.us

Bay St. Louis-Waveland

(5-Schools)
201 Carroll Ave.
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Phone: 228-467-6621
Fax: 228-466-4895
www.bwsd.org

Additional Public School Districts (Non-Coastal Counties)

Stone County School District

(4-Schools)
214 Critz Street
Wiggins, MS 39577
Phone: 601-928-7247
Fax: 601-928-5122
www.stone.k12.ms.us

Picayune School District

(9-Schools)
706 Goodyear Boulevard
Picayune, MS 39466
Phone: 601-798-3230
Fax: 601-798-1742
www.pcu.k12.ms.us

Pearl River County School D

(4-Schools)
7306 Highway 11
Carriere, MS 39426
Phone: 601-798-2864
Fax: 601-798-3527
www.prc.k12.ms.us

Poplarville Municipal School D

(4-Schools)
302 South Julia Street
Poplarville, MS 39470
Phone: 601-795-8477
Fax: 601-795-0712
www.poplarvilleschools.org

George County School District

(7-Schools)
5152 Main Street
Lucedale, MS 39452
Phone: 601-947-6993
Fax: 601-947-8805
www.gcsd.us

Private and Parochial Schools

Catholic Diocese

Diocesan Department of Education
1790 Popp's Ferry Road
Biloxi, MS 39532
Phone: 228-702-2130
Fax: 228-702-2178
www.biloxidiocese.org

www.templebaptistgulfport.org

Coast Episcopal

5065 Espy Avenue
Long Beach, MS 39560
Phone: 228-452-9442
Fax: 228-452-9446

Christian Collegiate Academy

12200 Dedeaux Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
Phone: 228-832-4585
www.ccagulfport.org

www.cesadmissions@cablone.net

Cedar Lake Christian Academy

11555 Cedar Lake Road
Biloxi, MS 39532
Phone: 228-392-9389
Fax: 228-396-2006

Temple Christian Academy

14190 Dedeaux Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
Phone: 228-832-4504

www.cedarlakeacademy.com

Westminster Academy

5003 Lawson Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39502
Phone: 228-868-1312

Fax: 228-868-1320
office@westminsteracademy.org

Northwood Christian Academy

14281 O'Neal Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
Phone: 228-831-4961
Fax: 228-831-8797

www.northwoodchristianacademy.com

Mississippi Department of Education

Website:

www.mde.k12.ms.us

Physical Address:

Education State Department
359 North West Street
Central High Building
Jackson, MS 39201

Mailing Address:

Mississippi Department of Education
P.O. Box 771
Jackson, MS. 39205
Phone: 601-359-3513

Home Schooling

Can I home school in Mississippi? Yes, any parent is permitted by law to teach his or her own children in a home instruction program. Please call the local School Attendance Officer (228)539-5582 to submit a certificate of enrollment.

Home school Resources:

www.hslida.org
www.mhea.net
www.homeschool-life.com
www.homeschoolcentral.com
www.keeslerchristhomeeducators.com
www.cedarlakehomeeducators.com

Base Resources

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) aboard NCBC Gulfport is the go to agency for all questions. In addition to a variety of other services, FFSC offers courses at FFSC and, upon request, at command General Military Training Sessions. These training sessions include topics such as financial readiness, deployment, communication, relationships, parenting, stress and anger management, job search skills, and Baby Boot Camp. Babysitting classes are periodically offered to youth ages 11 and up. FFSC staff members frequently go to commands and Family Readiness Groups to provide

Track+ training- classes that are completed within 15 minutes. For more information about FFSC classes, call Paula Ingram at (228)871-3000.

Child Development Center Program offers:

- The Child Development Center (CDC) NCBC Gulfport and CDC Stennis Space Center both offer the following programs:
- Care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- Developmentally appropriate programs
- Creative Curriculum implemented with all ages
- Content of curriculum: Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Arts, Technology, and Processing Skills

The Child Development Home Programs offers:

- Care for ages 6 weeks to 5 years
- Developmentally appropriate programs for all ages
- Providers trained and monitored by Navy Child Development Program Staff
- Flexible hours
- Convenient locations on and off base
- Nurturing home environment
- Weekend care and after hours
- For information contact (228)871-2323

The Youth Activities Center School Age Care Program

Youth Activities Center School-Age Care Programs are age-appropriate childcare services for youth ages kindergarten-12 years and enrolled in elementary school. These programs include:

- Before-School Care
- After-School Care
- Drop In Care
- Holiday Camps (Summer, Winter and Spring)
- Homework Assistance and Tutoring
- For more information please contact (228)871-2251

Youth Recreation Program

Youth Activities Center Recreation Programs are age-appropriate services for youth and teens ages kindergarten-17 years. These programs include:

- Dances
- Lock-Ins
- Pool Parties
- Field Trips
- Supervised Computer Time
- Arts & Crafts
- Movie Nights

Youth Sports Program

The Youth Sports Program covers a wide variety of sports and instructional classes and clinics for youth ages 3-17 years. These programs include:

- Mighty Mite Basketball (3-4 yrs)

- Iddy Bidy Baseball (3-4 yrs)
- Passers Soccer (3-4 yrs)
- Navy All America Kids Run
- Aquafina Pitch Hit & Run
- Jr. Olympics Program
- Navy Fit Factor

The Child Development Centers and the Youth Activities Center are nationally accredited programs.

Families Over Coming Under Stress (FOCUS)

The FOCUS program is a unique family resiliency training program for service member families and children that has been established to enhance family strengths and resilience. FOCUS is a skill building program concentrating on problem solving, goal setting, emotional regulation and communication. FOCUS can offer multi-session family training as well as skill building groups to adults and children. The Gulfport FOCUS team consists of three staff members located on base who are able to schedule appointments at family friendly times. For more information please go to the FOCUS website at www.focusproject.org.

SOAR

Soar is a program for military families and the school districts that serve them along with the civilian students in the same classroom. Soar Home is an internet-based application, which is easily accessible worldwide.

Parent components include:

- Easy access to their children's accounts
- Links to military installations, transition resources and school websites
- Resources for at-home learning activities
- Message board
- State-specific resources, such as state learning standards
- Links to Department of Education and other resources websites

Student components include;

- Assessments aligned with state standards to identify their strengths and weaknesses in reading and mathematics
- Tutorial lessons to reinforce and review skills not mastered

SOAR School provides assessment and remediation tools, as well as professional development for teachers and staff. For more information, go to <http://www.soarathome.com/>.

Naval Construction Battalion Center Phone Numbers

NCBC Gulfport's DSN prefix is 868-xxxx. Commercial number is (228) 871-xxxx.

Chaplains	(228)871-2454 or 2455
Child Development Center	(228)871-2323
Child Youth Activities Center	(228)871-2251
Commissary	(228)871-3378

Exchange Retail	(228)871-1514
Fleet and Family Support Center	(228)871-3000
FOCUS	(228)224-3457
Housing	(228)871-3029
Human Resources	(228)871-2301
Medical	(228)871-2810
Branch Medical Clinic	1-877-879-1621
Keesler Medical Center	1-800-700-8603
Morale-Welfare-Recreation	(228)871-2538
Navy Lodge	(228)864-3401
School Liaison Officer	(228)871-2117

Important City Phone Numbers

City Hall

Bay St. Louis	(228)466-8951
Biloxi	(228)435-6254 or 1-800-245-6943
Diberville	(228)392-7966
Gautier	(228)497-8000
Gulfport	(228)868-5700
Long Beach	(228)863-1556
Moss Point	(228)475-0300
Ocean Springs	(228)875-4236
Pascagoula	(228)938-2362
Pass Christian	(228)422-3311
Waveland	(228)467-4134

Important County Phone Numbers

Hancock County

Health Department	(228)467-4510
Sheriff	(228)467-5101
Tax Collector	(228)467-4425

Harrison County

Health Department Biloxi	(228)435-3641
Gulfport	(228)863-1036
Sheriff	(228)865-7095

Tax Collector Biloxi	(228)435-8241
Gulfport	(228)865-4039
Courthouse Info	(228)865-4000

Jackson County

Health Department Ocean Springs	(228)872-4861
Pascagoula	(228)762-1117
Sheriff	(228)769-3063
Tax Collector Pascagoula	(228)769-3074