



SCHOOL INFORMATION PACKET

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TO EDWARDS AFB



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About Us

Dept of the Air Force School Liaisons (SLs) are the central point of contact for commanders, military families, and school districts on Preschool-12th grade school matters. They advocate for military connected students at the local, state and national level.



Our Mission

The School Liaison Program is committed to outreach, advocacy and partnership initiatives that generate real-time solutions for military-connected students as they face global educational challenges and transitions.



Who We Serve

- ✓ Active Duty
- ✓ DOD Civilians
- ✓ Retirees
- ✓ Guard and Reserve
- ✓ Eligible family members to include NOAA, USPHS, foreign national employees and contractors assigned to the installation



Education Community Partnerships



Local School Navigation



Special Education Navigation



Deployment Support



College, Career and Military Readiness



Grants and Scholarships



Professional Development



Transition Support

Get in touch!

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Student Focused...Partnership Driven

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ON-BASE SCHOOLS

William A. Bailey Elementary

Home of the Bailey Bears!

Grades served: TK–2nd

Principal: Dr. Sergey Orloff

School Phone: 760-306-4991

Email: baileyrecords@muroc.k12.ca.us

Website: bailey.muroc.k12.ca.us



Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

TK is the first year of a two-year kindergarten experience. Eligibility is as follows:

- In 2024–25, children are eligible for TK if they turn 5 between September 2 and June 2,
- In 2025–26, children are eligible for TK if they have their fourth birthday by September 1 of the school year.
- Early Enrollment:
 - For the 2024–25 school year, any child whose fourth birthday falls on or between June 3 and September 1 during the summer preceding that school year may be admitted as an early enrollment TK student. Students who qualify for early enrollment will begin school in January 2025. Early enrollment is contingent on space available, and not guaranteed.

Irving L. Branch Elementary

Home of the Mustangs!

Grades served: 3rd–6th

Principal: Dr. Tirsa Tovar

School Phone: 760-306-4966

Email: branchrecords@muroc.k12.ca.us

Website: branch.muroc.k12.ca.us

Special Programs*: Anchor4Life, AVID

Please contact the school for a comprehensive list of programming



Desert Junior-Senior High

Home of the Scorpions!

Grades served: 7th–12th

Principal: Mr. John Siercks

School Phone: 760-306-4964

Email: registrardhs@muroc.k12.ca.us

Website: desert.muroc.k12.ca.us

Programs*

Desert offers the following educational programming:

- Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Concurrent and Dual Enrollment
- Three Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways
- AVID
- JROTC

To find out more information about this programming, as well as about athletics, and clubs, please visit their website or call their front office.

*Programs and courses are subject to change, contact the school for up-to-date, comprehensive list of offerings.



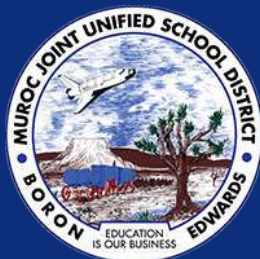
Muroc Joint Unified School District

The schools located on Edwards AFB are apart of the Muroc Joint Unified School District which is a public school district. They are non-DoDEA schools.

Superintendent: Mr. Kevin Cordes

District Phone: 760-769-4821

Website: muroc.k12.ca.us



OFF-BASE SCHOOL DISTRICTS



Palmdale

palmdalesd.org Palmdale

Grades served: Preschool-10th

Number of Schools: 40

List of Schools: palmdalesd.org/domain/2089

Special Programs:** Gifted Services, Magnet Academies, Dual Immersion, Virtual Learning, AVID, Alternative Schools, Special Education Preschool, DHH/ASL School

Eastside Union

eastsideusd.org Lancaster

Grades served: TK-8th

Number of Schools: 6

List of Schools: eastsideusd.org/Page/129

Special Programs:** English Learner Program, AVID



Southern Kern Unified

skusd.k12.ca.us Rosamond

Grades served: TK-12th

Number of Schools: 6

List of Schools: skusd.k12.ca.us/domain/65

Special Programs:** Alternative Schools, Early College Campus, Independent Study, Cadet Corps, AVID

Mojave Unified

mojave.k12.ca.us Mojave

Grades served: TK-12th

List of Schools: mojave.k12.ca.us/district/schools

Number of Schools: 6

**Please Note

Lists of Special Programs may not be comprehensive, and are subject to change. Please reference the districts' websites, or contact the schools directly for the most accurate and up to date information.

Lancaster

lancsd.org Lancaster

Grades served: Preschool-8th

Number of Schools: 8

Special Programs:** STEAM Academy

Westside Union

westside.k12.ca.us Lancaster, Palmdale

Grades served: TK-8th

Number of Schools: 13

List of Schools: westside.k12.ca.us/schools

Special Programs:** AVID, Project Lead the Way, Honors Academies

Muroc Joint Unified

muroc.k12.ca.us Edwards AFB, Boron

Grades served: TK-12th

Number of Schools: 5*

*Two Schools located off-base: West Boron Elementary and Boron JRSR High

Special Programs:** Concurrent and Duel Enrollment, CTE Pathways,

Tehachapi Unified

tehachapiusd.com Tehachapi

Grades served: TK-12th

Number of Schools: 5

List of Schools: tehachapiusd.com/en-US/schools

Special Programs:** CTE Pathways, AVID

Antelope Valley Union High

avdistrict.org Lancaster, Palmdale

Grades served: 7th-12th

Number of Schools: 16

List of Schools: avdistrict.org/schools

Special Programs:** Early College Campus, JROTC, Academies, Independent Study, CTE Pathways, Alternative Schools, AVID, Project Lead the Way

Additional districts in the Edwards AFB housing zone:

- **Wilsona** - wilsonasd.org | TK - 8th | ~30 miles from Edwards AFB
- **Keppel Union** - keppelunion.org | Preschool-8th | ~40 miles from Edwards AFB
- **Hughes Elizabeth Lakes Union** - helus.org | TK-8th | ~50 miles from Edwards AFB
- **Gorman** - gormanschool.com | TK-8th | ~65 miles from Edwards AFB
- **El Tejon** - el-tejon.k12.ca.us | TK-12th | ~75 miles from Edwards AFB



ON-BASE CHILDCARE



Child and Youth Programs

Child Development Center

edwardsfss.com/child-development-center

- Childcare for six weeks - 5 years
- Monday - Friday | 6:15am - 6pm

To register, visit militarychildcare.com, create a Family Profile, and submit a request for care. For questions, call 661-275-TOTS

School Age Care

edwardsfss.com/school-age-care



- Childcare for kindergarten - 12 years (Children are eligible once they start Kindergarten)
- School year hours:
 - M - Th | 6:15am - 7:30am, 2:15pm - 6pm
 - F | 6:15am - 7:30am, 12:50pm - 6pm
- Summer hours:
 - M - F | 6:15am - 6pm

To register, visit militarychildcare.com, create a Family Profile, and submit a request for care. For questions, call 661-275-PLAY

Open Recreation

edwardsfss.com/main-youth-center

- After school program for 9 - 12 years
- School year hours:
 - M - Th | 2:00pm - 6pm
 - F | 12:30pm - 6pm
- Summer hours:
 - M - F | 12:00pm - 6pm

To become a member and for questions, call 661-275-KIDS

Teen Center

edwardsfss.com/teen-center

- After school program for 13 - 18 years
- School year hours*:
 - M - Th | 2:00pm - 6pm
 - F | 12:30pm - 6pm

(During the summer the Teen Center closes and teens may attend the Open Recreation summer program)

To become a member and for questions, call 661-275-TEEN

School Site After School Program

After School Care at Bailey & Branch

To register:

muroc.k12.ca.us/district_information/expanded_learning_opportunities_program

- Expanded learning opportunity for kindergarten - 6th grade
- Monday - Friday | 2:15pm - 5:30pm

Family Child Care

In-Home Childcare

edwardsfss.com/family-child-care

- Childcare for two weeks - 12 years
- Hours vary depending on home and provider

To register, visit militarychildcare.com, create a Family Profile, and submit a request for care. For questions, call the Community Child Care Coordinator at 661-277-1595

Important Notes

Child Development Center/School Age Care Registration:

After submitting a request for care on militarychildcare.com, you will be placed on a priority-based waitlist, which is subject to change. To learn more about eligibility and Priority, please visit:

public.militarychildcare.csd.disa.mil/mcc-central/mcchome/family-eligibility-priority-guidelines

Child and Youth Programs Closures:

Child and Youth Programs is closed all family days and federal holidays





DAF School Liaison Program

Moving with a Military-Connected Student Checklist

As you transition, please use this checklist to ensure that you have all the required information and documents to help make your student's educational transfer smooth! Please remember to **HAND CARRY** all documents with you.

TO DO PRIOR TO LEAVING:

If you have any issues with obtaining records from your losing school, contact your current [Installation School Liaison](#).

1. Provide current school your official withdrawal date.
2. Request an unofficial copy of all of your records. Ask for a pick-up date, if not given.
3. Ensure records include the following documentations with clear annotations, if applicable.
 - a. State, Standardized, or Special Program Testing
 - b. Advanced Placement Courses/Dual Credit (1 or 0.5 credits)
 - c. IEP (be aware of expiration date and request a team meeting if applicable)
 - d. 504 Plan
 - e. Gifted & Talented Testing/Classes
 - f. Working outside of grade level (e.g., taking 8th grade math but in the 6th grade)
4. On the day of withdrawal – obtain an unofficial transcript/records (listed above) with grades closed out as of that day. If departing during summer break, ensure copy states passed/promoted. Call ahead and confirm registrar or administration duty hours during breaks. Make an appointment, if possible.
5. Other documents that are good to obtain or have, if applicable
 - a. Report card or course schedule
 - b. Course history, course description, title of textbooks, or syllabus
 - c. Counselor recommendations for special placement or college admissions
 - d. JROTC records
 - e. Listing of academic recognitions or competition participation
 - f. Academic grading system overview - weighted grade system (e.g., Scale 5.0, 4.0 – this can sometime be found on the back of official transcripts or found online – important for middle and high school)
6. If you are currently overseas and enrolled in a DoDEA Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) School – please obtain a duplicate transcript from DoDEA that will transfer correctly into the U.S. public school system. DoDEA will pay for this transcript translation if you have not exhausted your funds. This will be particularly important if your student is in a secondary school.
7. Contact your School Liaison at your gaining and losing installation if there are any issues during the transition.



CHECKLIST FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION:

You will need some or all the items listed and will vary greatly with each school district. Please contact your local School Liaison for local requirements and assistance.

Needed for Registration at Your New Gaining School (with Registrar)

- Student's Birth Certificate (Original Certified Copy)
- Student's Social Security Card/Number
- Student's Current Health Record (Immunization, physical, etc.)
- Legal Documents (e.g., custody/guardianship, power of attorney)
- Military Orders with student's name listed as a dependent
- Parent & Student's Military ID Card or other picture ID
- Two Local Emergency Contact's Information
- Proof of Residency – Stating Physical Address
 - Light or Water Bill
 - Landline Phone Bill (certain districts will accept)
 - Property tax statement
 - Lease agreement or Buyers Contract
 - Intent to Reside Letter (on base housing within 30 days)
 - TLF (On base)/Fam Camp Receipt (On base schools only)
 - TLF (Off base) Receipt (must register in attendance zone for hotel/living arrangements)
- Withdraw paperwork from previous school
- Proof of Wounded Warrior Status (if using for Pre-K Determination – VA Status Letter)
- Prior Losing School Information
 - Address, Phone Numbers
 - Name and Contact Information for Counselor and Registrar
 - School Web Page (URL)

Needed for Course Selection or Placement at Your New School (with Counselor or Administrator)

- School Records (see 'Prior to Leaving' section on page 1)
 - Unofficial Copy of Cumulative Folder/Transcripts (*only the copy mailed between schools is considered official*)
 - Current Schedule
 - Report Cards, Withdrawal Grades or Progress Reports
 - Test Scores (Standardized or Special Program Testing, etc.)
 - JROTC Records
- Special Programs Records (if appropriate)
 - Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Individual Accommodation Plan (504 plan)
 - Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP)
 - Gifted & Talented Program Description and Information
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education
 - Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)
 - At-Risk or Other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications
- Other Documents and Examples
 - Writing Samples and Other Work Examples with Teacher Comments and Grades
 - Activities Records (co-extracurricular)
 - Community Service or Service Learning
 - Other Work or Performance Examples
 - Academic Recognitions and Competition Participation

TRANSITION SUPPORT PROGRAMS



So you're moving! Are you nervous? Scared? Excited? Would you like to get to know someone your age, with similar interests at your new base?

A youth sponsor can provide you with info about schools, shopping, and culture & maybe even become your bestie!

The Youth Sponsorship Program is a way to connect with youth and teens at Edwards through Open Rec and the Teen Center!

Would you like a sponsor?

Fill out the Youth Sponsorship request form and our Youth Programs and/or School Liaison will match you up according to gender, age/grade, and interests/hobbies.

Find the form at:

edwardsfss.com/school-liaison-office/
or in your welcome packet



Anchored4Life is a comprehensive transition and resiliency program that makes a significant difference in children's lives by offering positive support, encouragement, and life skills.

Goals:

1. Teach and reinforce life skills to better connect with their peers and community during transitions.
2. Provide growing opportunities to increase competency and character by positively addressing setbacks.
3. Build confident leaders who inspire others by contributing to a caring and supportive environment.

If you would like the Anchored4Life team at your child's school to support your child with a transition including deployment, moving, divorce, or grief, or if your child is interested in being part of their school's A4L Club, please contact one of the Club Advisors at your child's school or reach out to your School Liaison.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1** **TWO PROOFS OF RESIDENCY***
- 2** **PROOF OF AGE OF MINOR***
*For specific information about which documents will be accepted, please visit your school district's enrollment webpage.
- 3** **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS**
For vaccine requirements visit www.shotsforschool.org/k-12
- 4** **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**
- 5** **DENTAL SCREENING**
- 6** **IEP, 504, ESL, GIFTED, AT-RISK, OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS IF APPLICABLE**

IF AVAILABLE/APPLICABLE:

- Copy of Cumulative Folder
- Current Schedule/Report Cards
- Test Scores
- Course Descriptions/Grading Scale if available for 6th grade and above

MIC3

MILITARY INTERSTATE
CHILDREN'S COMPACT
COMMISSION



WHAT IS THE COMPACT?

The Compact deals with specific educational challenges of military children due to their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states.

Note: The Compact applies to public schools, and through a Memorandum of Agreement, to U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools located within states and foreign countries.

To learn more about the Compact visit the Interstate Commission's website at www.mic3.net.



STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Active-duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders (Title 10)

- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who perish while on active duty, for a period of one year after death.
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

STUDENTS NOT COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired or veterans other than those covered above
- Other Department of Defense personnel, federal agency civilians and contract employees not defined as active duty
- Members other than the uniformed personnel of NOAA and USPHS

OUR MISSION

Through the Interstate Compact, MIC3 addresses key educational transition issues encountered by children of military families.

What are some of the specific educational issues that the Compact addresses?

Enrollment

- Educational Records
- Immunizations
- Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

Placement & Attendance

- Course & Educational Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- Placement Flexibility
- Absence Related to Deployment Activities

Eligibility

- Eligibility for Student Enrollment
- Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation

Graduation

- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

Who do I contact in my state or school district to learn more about what is and is not covered in the Compact?

For a listing of State Commissioners visit mic3.net/interactive-map or scan the QR code.



Is there a person at the military installation who can help me understand the Compact issues and requirements for local school districts?

For a listing of School Liaisons visit www.mic3.net/school-liaisons/ or scan the QR code.



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Homeschooling IN CALIFORNIA



Online Resources

CA Department of Education
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp>

Homeschool Association of California
<https://www.hsc.org/>

California Homeschool Network
<https://www.californiahomeschool.net>

Edwards AFB Homeschoolers on Facebook



Getting Started

In California, there are several ways to homeschool:

- Through an existing private school
- Through a public charter or independent study program
- By opening a private home-based school and filing the Private School Affidavit (PSA) with the California Department of Education (CDE)
- A parent with a valid California teacher's license may teach their child only for the grades their credential covers. Parents may also hire a credentialed tutor to teach their child.



Knowing the Law

Children ages 6 and up must be enrolled in a legal school and are subject to compulsory education laws.

Home-based private schools must file a Private School Affidavit (PSA) to begin homeschooling.

Students attending school at home must receive instruction in the branches of study required to be taught in public schools.

Helpful Information To Know

Selecting Curriculum

Parents who file the PSA to home school must select and provide all curricular and instructional materials. The California Department of Education offers information on Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Materials: www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/index.asp

Extracurricular Activities

California does not have a law granting homeschool students the right to participate in public school classes or activities. Individual school districts have authority to decide homeschool participation in public school activities. Homeschool students are not eligible to play on public school teams in California. Please contact Edwards AFB Youth Programs at 661-275-5437 to see what services and programs they can offer homeschooling families.

Withdrawing from a Public School

If your child is currently enrolled, or enrolled to start the next school year and you wish to withdraw, you will need to either call or visit the school to formally withdraw your child. Failing to do so may result in the school marking your child absent or assuming they are truant. After withdrawing, contact the school to request your child's records. If your child has never attended public or private school, you do not need to withdraw.

Returning to a Public School

Your child may enroll in public school at anytime. Please contact your School Liaison Program Manager to receive enrollment information for the district you are interested in attending.

Private School Affidavit (PSA)

You must file a PSA each year you homeschool. Directions regarding how to file a PSA can be found here: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/psainstructions.asp

Record Keeping

The following records are required to be kept by all California private schools:

- Private School Affidavit (EC §33190)
- Attendance Records (EC §48222)
- Courses of Study Offered (EC §33190)
- Faculty Qualifications (EC §33190)
- Criminal Record Summaries (EC §33190 and EC §44237) (Not required when the teacher is the parent.)
- Immunization Records or Waivers (Health and Safety Code §120335)
- Health Exam Form for Children Entering 1st Grade (Health and Safety Code §124085)

High school Graduation & College Admissions

Home-based private schools can issue a diploma once the requirements for graduation are complete. You may also earn the equivalent of a public-school diploma by taking the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). Homeschooling does not prevent college admission. Please check with specific colleges, technical schools, and prospective employers to learn more about their specific requirements for admission or eligibility.

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RESOURCES

- **Base Map**
- **On-Base School Calendar**
- **Federal Calendar**
Family Days and Federal Holidays
- **Tutor.com**
Free tutoring for U.S. military-connected families
- **Scholarship Information**
- **Force Support Squadron**
- **Helping Agencies**
- **Child and Youth Behavioral Military and Family Life Counselors**
- **Youth Sponsorship Request Form**