



Incoming Family Transition Support for Fort Leavenworth Child & Youth Services and Fort Leavenworth School Support Services

Welcome to the Fort Leavenworth community! As you prepare for your arrival, we want to share some important information regarding child care, youth activities, and schools for your family. Fort Leavenworth experiences a high volume of military family transitions each year. We encourage you to use the information provided to guide you through the process and ease potential challenges. As we continue to navigate current health conditions, please understand that there may be limited access to some programs.

Child and Youth Services – Child Care

If your family has a need to enroll your child in a full-day, part-day CDC program, or before/after school program, please ensure you have logged into your www.militarychildcare.com account and completed a request for care as soon as possible. You are not required to wait until arrival to place your child on a waitlist. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the most updated and accessible contact information and to reply to the auto-generated emails from www.militarychildcare.com to avoid automatic removal from the waitlist. Your request for care will place your child on the current waitlist, but does not guarantee a child care space will be available. Please remember that the information provided will determine your priority level for placement. All information is verified at registration via the required documentation.

Note: If your child is facing a transition within preschool or school age programming, please ensure you use the grade your child has completed when requesting summer care. Upcoming school year requests are made separately using the new age/grade level. The Program Profile provides information to assist you in selecting the correct care option for your needs. You may contact Fort Leavenworth CYS Parent Central and Outreach Services to verify the correct care option has been requested. They can be reached by calling 913-684-5138.

Fort Leavenworth CYS hourly care is currently unavailable. Announcements will be made on the [Fort Leavenworth CYS Facebook Page](#) as programs continue to re-open. Once available, CYS Registration and an Hourly Care Orientation must be completed prior to reservations.

Child and Youth Services – Registration

Global Data Transfer is available for the transfer of CYS records between Army Installations utilizing a consistent patron email address. It is recommended that you contact your current Parent and Outreach Services Office to request this process and/or obtain a copy of your current files and bring them with you to Fort Leavenworth. Please use the checklist provided to help you prepare required documents. This can help reduce the duration of your registration appointment.

Children & Youth must be fully registered before enrollment in any CYS programs, reserve/use Hourly Care, or attend Open Rec time at the Youth Center. CYS accommodates appointment needs for a large number of families arriving over the summer months. It is recommended that you contact the CYS Parent Central Office at 913-684-5138 to schedule your registration appointment in advance of your arrival to Fort Leavenworth (up to 30 days prior).

If your child requires a special diet or administration of rescue medication accommodation, it is recommended that you visit [WebTrac](#) (Forms Tab) to print the required medical documents for your Health Care Provider to complete prior to your CYS registration appointment (Special Diet Statement, MAP Respiratory, MAP Allergy, MAP Diabetes, MAP Seizure). CYS Registration cannot be activated until the Multi-disciplinary Inclusion Action Team (MIAT) review is complete. CYS Medical Action Plans and Special Diet Statements are preferred; however, other similar documents may be accepted with CYS nurse approval.

**To begin uploading registration documents prior to arrival, please use your WebTrac account.

**If you are NOT using GDT, you may create your Fort Leavenworth CYS WebTrac account and complete the 'Start New Registration' process. Patrons are still required to complete a registration appointment to finalize documents, etc.

Child and Youth Services – Health Assessments/Sports Physical Requirements

- A Health Assessment, signed by a Health Care Provider within 1 year of CYS registration, is required for children in grade 5 and younger. Health Assessments may be requested for grades 6-12 when special needs are indicated.
- A well-child/physical completed in another state may be attached to the CYS Health Assessment/Sports Physical Statement (HASPS). Parent will be required to complete sections A and C for all children grade 5 and younger.
- *All Health Assessments/Sports Physicals that contain errors or missing information will not be accepted.*
- A Sports Physical is required prior to participation in team sports offered by CYS Youth Sports & Fitness.
- The HASPS for CYS, or comparable physical, completed in the last 365 days may be used as a Sports Physical when there is an indication of 'Cleared for Sports' and it will not expire during the enrolled season.
- Sports Physicals are valid for ONE year from the physician signature date.

NOTE: If you are in need of a new CYS Health Assessment/Sports Physical Statement, forms can be downloaded via WebTrac. Health Assessment/Sports Physicals completed prior to arrival will only be accepted if all required information is present on the form. HASPS for CYS Form can serve as both the required Health Assessment and Sports Physical.

Child Care Aware of Kansas

Additional options are available for childcare in our surrounding communities. [Child Care Aware of Kansas](#)® can provide you with further assistance to locate care based on your family's needs.

Child and Youth Services – Youth Sponsorship Program

The Youth Sponsorship Program connects youth to their new community prior to arrival by providing information, a sense of belonging, and an opportunity to make friends. Incoming Sponsees are paired with a current Youth Sponsor that can answer questions to help ease their transition to Fort Leavenworth!

If you are interested in connecting with a Youth Sponsor, please contact Harrold Youth Center at 913-684-5118 or the School Liaison Officer at 913-684-1655/913-547-4802. The attached **CYS Transition Referral Form** can also act as a request for a Youth Sponsor, by checking the box on the second page.

Completed forms may be emailed to:

- fortleavenworth_schoolliaison@army.mil
- usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.slo@army.mil

Child and Youth Services & School Support Services – Documents to Review

Attached to this letter, you will find the following documents for review/reference:

- SLO Garrison Info Sheet
- PCS Checklist
- Reading the Report Card
- MIC 3 One Pager CYS Registration Requirements
- Fort Leavenworth CYS Care Options & Waitlists
- MCC Brochure
- Child Care Aware of Kansas ®
- CYS Transition Referral Form

Information Links

Fort Leavenworth CYS (Info & Parent Handbook): <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services>

Fort Leavenworth CYS Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/cys.ftleavenworth>

Harrold Youth Center Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/cys.ftlvntecenter>

WebTrac: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac103/wbwsc/Leavenworthcym.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1>

Local Public Schools

Fort Leavenworth is situated along the Kansas and Missouri border. This unique location opens up a wide range of public, private, and home school opportunities for military families.

Kansas Age of Entry (State Law):

- Kindergarten: Must be age 5 on or before August 31 of the school year.
- First Grade: Must be age 6 on or before August 31 of the school year.

Missouri Age of Entry (State Law):

- Kindergarten: Must be age 5 on or before July 31 of the school year.
- First Grade: Must be age 6 on or before July 31 of the school year.

Families may choose to live on or off the installation and attend schools in their zoned district. A number of public school options are available in both Kansas and Missouri. It is important to remember that the only way to guarantee enrollment in a school district is to live within the school district boundaries. Kansas currently allows out of district enrollment following specific eligibility requirements, whereas, Missouri does not.

Local Public Schools – Physical Requirements

Kansas:

- Students age 8 or younger and new to a Kansas school are required to provide a physical as part of registration. Physicals completed in another state are accepted if completed in entirety and are current (within the last year).
- Students participating in Middle School and High School athletics must have a physical form completed after May 1, but before participation in practices. Physicals completed in another state are accepted if completed in entirety and must notate the student is cleared for all activities. Parents will be required to sign Kansas documentation to attach to the physical. ([KSHSAA](#))
- *Physicals that contain errors or missing information will not be accepted. Kansas physical forms can be located on school district websites.*

Missouri:

- Students participating in athletics must have a completed physical every two years. ([MSHSAA](#))
- Students participating in athletics must have a parent complete a concussion form and insurance verification each year.
- Physicals completed in another state are accepted if completed in entirety, are current, and notate the student is cleared for all activities. Parents will be required to sign Missouri documentation to attach to the physical.
- *Physicals that contain errors or missing information will not be accepted. Missouri physical forms can be located on school district websites.*

Local Schools – Individualized Support

Completion and submission of the attached **CYS Transition Referral Form** will begin the individualized process for school transition support. The information provided on the form allows the School Liaison Officer to connect you with the appropriate contacts and resources. You may also reach out with questions using the following contact information:

- Fort Leavenworth School Support Services
- 913-684-1655 (Office), 913-547-4802 (Government Cell)

Completed forms may be emailed to:

- fortleavenworth_schoolliaison@army.mil
- usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.slo@army.mil

Fort Leavenworth SSS: <https://leavenworth.armymwr.com/programs/school-support-services>

Local Private School Resources

Military Families have access to private schools in the community. For a listing of local private schools, please visit the following link: <https://www.privateschoolreview.com/kansas/leavenworth-county>

Home School Information – Kansas and Missouri

Military Families may choose to home school their children. Fort Leavenworth has an active community of home schooling families. An annual Home School Meet and Greet is held in August to allow families the opportunity to meet one another and gain information about local resources/co-ops.

- In the state of Kansas, homes school families must register the name of their home school with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) as a Non-Accredited Private School. Required forms and guidance can be found on the [KSDE](#) website under the topic ‘Home Schools’.
- In the state of Missouri, the State Department of Education does not regulate or monitor home schooling. Refer to Missouri State Statutes [167.031](#) & [167.042](#) for current guidance on record keeping, hours of instruction, and declaration options.

Virtual School Information

Many local school districts have partnered with educational centers to provide a virtual option for students in their district boundaries. If you are interested in this mode of instruction, contact your zoned district for more information.

- Leavenworth USD 453 offers a state accredited virtual school for grades K-8. [Leavenworth Virtual School](#) is a free internet-based school that utilizes Calvert Learning Curriculum. Enrollment is open through September 1 of each year and can be completed online.

For a complete listing of Kansas Virtual Schools, visit the [KSDE](#) website under the topic ‘Virtual Schools’.

For more information regarding Virtual Schools in Missouri, visit the [Missouri Department of Education](#) website.

Fort Leavenworth Army Community Services – EFMP

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) works together with other military and civilian agencies to provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach for community support which includes, housing, medical, and educational services to Families with medical and educational needs. ACS EFMP offers non-clinical case management to include information, referrals, and systems navigation. In addition, ACS EFMP also provides educational workshops, recreational activities, respite care (for those meeting eligibility criteria) and transition support.

- Jessica Brushwood, EFMP Coordinator
- 913-684-HELP/913-684-2871

Additional Links Referenced

- Child Care Aware of Kansas: <https://ks.childcareaware.org/>
- Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA): <https://www.kshsaa.org/public/pdf/form-ppe.pdf>
- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE): <https://www.ksde.org/>
- Leavenworth USD 453 Virtual School: <https://www.usd453.org/domain/256>
- Missouri Department of Education (MODESE): <https://dese.mo.gov/parents-students>
- Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA): <https://www.mshsaa.org/SportsMedicine/prepartPhysEvalForm.aspx>
- Missouri State Statute 167.031: <https://dese.mo.gov/governmental-affairs/freqaskques/Attendance#:%7E:text=Section%20167.031%2C%20RSMo%2C%20states%20that%20any%20parent%2C%20guardian,for%20the%20full%20term%20of%20the%20school%20year.>
- Missouri State Statute 167.042: <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=167.042>

ARMY CHILD & YOUTH SCHOOL SERVICES (CYS) Registration Checklist

CYS Parent Central & Outreach Services: Resiliency Center, Room 121, 600 Thomas Ave, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
Hours: Monday-Friday 0800-1700,
Phone: 913-684-5138 or 913-684-4956 Fax: 913-684-9371
(After hours appointments by request due to mission support)

Children & Youth must have active CYS registration in order to enroll in any CYS Programs, Sports, or Classes. Complete registration thru the Parent Central Services Office, please call to schedule an appointment to start the process. Ask about CYS GLOBAL DATA TRANSFER option.

Upon completing all requirements, Parent Central will **ACTIVATE** the child/youth's registration, set-up your WebTrac access, & may assist with enrollments. Login to your WebTrac access 24 hours a day/7 days a week to enroll in non-childcare activity/class, make childcare payments, update household info, etc.

All Registrations

Proof of Child Eligibility: Military ID, Legal Guardianship papers, DEERS enrollment, etc. *The Civilian Employee Sponsor must be present with CAC ID at Registration Appointment.*

Parent(s) Home & Work Information: Local address & mailing address if different, military unit or employer name, primary & alternate phone numbers.

Email Address: Email address of sponsor and any non-military email accounts checked regularly.

2 Local Emergency Contacts Other than Sponsor & Spouse: Provide a minimum of 2 full names & phone numbers of who CYS can contact in an emergency situation when unable to reach parent(s). All contracted care programs require this information NLT the start date of your child/youth. A 30 day grace period can be provided **ONLY** when **NOT** in care programs. *You may designate a "Contact" as an approved Child/Youth Release Designee.*

Influenza Immunization Record: Proof of INFLUENZA vaccination (or a submitted Waiver Request) will be **required for ALL current and new registrations 1 Dec thru 30 June of each year** or until the vaccines are no longer available. **Refer to the FTLVN Parent Handbook for complete information on immunizations & Waiver Request process.**

Accepting a Childcare Offer

Proof of Parent(s) Income: This step is completed when you have ACCEPTED space in Full-time Childcare, Part-Day Classes, School Year Before/After Program, or Full-time Camp Weeks as a final validation of eligibility/priority level. It also determines your Total Family Income (TFI) to determine your program fees. **Provide documents showing ONE FULL MONTH'S proof of income.** A full explanation is in our CYS Parent Handbook and will be reviewed with you upon accepting a childcare offer. **Current documents due at Re-registration.**

Family Care Plan: Single/dual military are required to submit portion DA Form 5305 of their FCP that has been **signed & certified by soldier(s) and their LOCAL Commander(s) within the last 365 days of starting care.** Other military service branch equivalents will be accepted or use of the Army form is allowed if you branch does not have one. CYS maintains the Short-term release designee for emergency purposes; *which cannot be the soldier.* **Due NLT 30 days after start date in CDC, SAC, FCC or MST camp, then annually based on Commander signature or as changed are made.**

Sports Physicals (ages 5-18)

Required for CYS TEAM SPORTS. A valid Sports Physical (SP) is required to be on file prior to participation in all team & individual sport opportunities. Enrollment may be allowed without a SP on file; with agreement to provide prior to first practice. **A SP is considered valid for 365 days from date of Health Care Provider signature/date & must remain current throughout the season.** The **CYS HASPS Form** may also be used as a Sports Physical & alternate health assessment forms may be used as a SP when an indication of "Cleared for Sports" is included & it will not expire during the season enrolling in.

An SP is not required for Youth Sports Start Smart, Youth Sports Sport Instructional Camps, or CYS SKIES classes.

Infants-Kindergarten

"All Registrations" items & these forms/documents.

Health Screening Tool #1: Any questions answered "Yes" may require additional Special Needs documentation. See "Special Needs Documentation" box below.

Official Immunization Record: Please have immunization records translated to English prior to appointment. CYS follows the US Centers for Disease Control immunizations protocols. Immunization Waiver requests must be submitted in writing. (Medical signed by DR / Religious signed by Sponsor.) Doctor approved & signed adjusted schedules will be accepted; they must include all adjusted dates.

Health Assessment/Well-Child Check-up: "CYS HASPS Form" Dated/signed/ stamped within 365 days of Registration. Parent sections must be completed at registration; a 30 day grace period can be provided for completion of Doctor sections.

Grades 1-5

"All Registrations" items & these forms/documents.

Health Screening Tool #1: Any questions answered "Yes" may require additional Special Needs documentation. See "Special Needs Documentation" box below.

Official Immunization Record: Any 1st-5th grade children not currently attending a Stateside Public School; or registrations during summer, did not complete the school year at a Public School. See "Infant-KG" box for more information.

Health Assessment/Well-Child Check-up: "CYS HASPS Form" Dated/signed/ stamped within 365 days of registration. Parent sections must be completed at registration; a 30 day grace period can be provided for completion of Doctor sections.

Grades 6-12

"All Registrations" items & these forms/documents.

Youth Registration & Sponsor Consent Form: When Special Needs are indicated on this form a **Health Screening Tool #1** is required & additional Special Needs documentation required. See "Special Needs Documentation" box below.

Health Assessment (CYS HASP): Only when requested as part of Special Needs documentation.

Special Needs Documentation

Medical Action Plan (MAP) and/ or Special Diet Statement (SDS) forms: **Required** for a child/youth diagnosed with allergies, diabetes, asthma/respiratory, or seizures that may require staff to give rescue medication. Also, any IEP, IFSP or 504 Plans may need to be submitted. CYS MAP & SDS forms are preferred; *special circumstances may allow alternate forms accepted as determined by the CYS Nurse.* Any forms submitted **MUST** include the same information, Health Care Provider's Stamp, Signature, & Date. CYS Registration CANNOT be activated the same day of your appointment due to the required MIAT review process. A full explanation of process is in our FTLVN Parent Handbook.

Print Registration Forms & Special Needs Documents at home: Access the FORMS Tab as a guest at: <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil>.

These forms are provided during registration by the Parent Central Office as required:

USDA Income Eligibility Enrollment Form: Allows CYS to receive additional funding to support meals/snacks provided.

DOD Child Care Fee Application: Required to calculate Total Family Income for eligibility of reduced childcare fees.

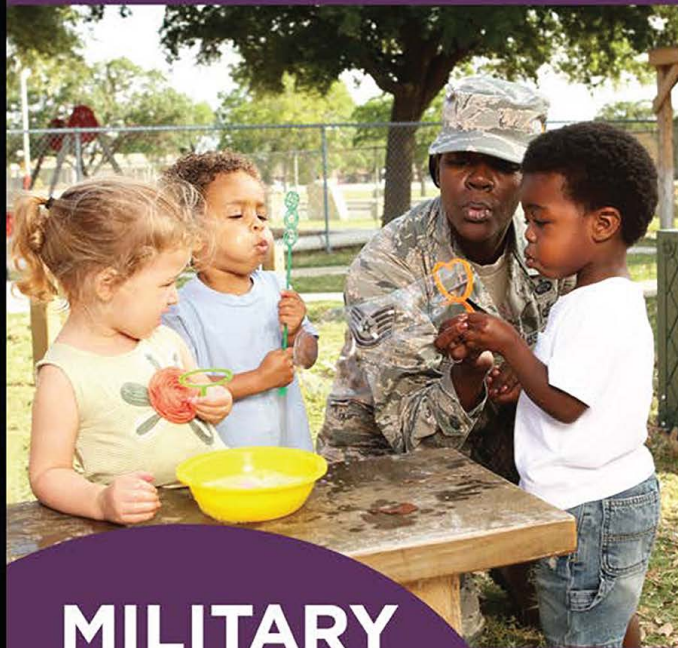
Download our **Fort Leavenworth CYS Parent Handbook** to read more detailed information on all things CYS.

Access this in any CYS section at: www.leavenworth.armymwr.com.



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- STEP 2 SEARCH *and* REQUEST CARE**
Search the system for the child care options that best fit your needs and submit your requests for care.
- STEP 3 MANAGE MY REQUESTS**
You can manage your requests for care from anywhere in the world.
- STEP 4 UPDATE MY PROFILE**
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To get started, visit:
[MilitaryChildCare.com](https://militarychildcare.com)
For questions/support,
call: 855.696.2934

Fort Leavenworth CY5 Care Options & Waitlists on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM

CYS eligible patrons create or use your current account on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM

Submit a Request for Care (RFC) for each child in each Child Care Option listed below that fit your needs

Facility Program & Care Option descriptions for ages 6 weeks-5th grade available on MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM



Offers are managed by the Fort Leavenworth CY5 Parent Central office using the contact information (phone & email) listed in your MILITARYCHILDCARE.COM household profile. To facilitate a successful offer process, ensure the Sponsor & Spouse work status & contact info are current (and accessible during travel).



Visit CY5 website & Facebook pages

www.leavenworth.armymwr.com

www.facebook.com/cys.ftleavenworth

www.facebook.com/cys.ftlvnteencenter

CYS Parent Central: 913-684-5138 or 4956

MAIN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER:

FULL-DAY CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Open 5:30 am-6:00 pm

(!) Request Full-Day Preschool when care needed the Summer prior to Kindergarten. (!) Request KG School Year Care as needed if attending USD 207 (or applied to attend).

(!) This program is **NOT** affiliated with the USD 207 Preschool/Pre-K Program. Transportation is **NOT** available.

Hourly care is offered at another CY5 facility & does not use of the waitlist website.

CYS is recruiting on-post Family Child Care providers.

**FULL-DAY
6 WEEKS
THRU
5 YEARS**

**COMPLETED
KG & 1st-5th
Grade**

*6th-12th Grade
see below

OSAGE FACILITY:

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER CAMP WEEKS

Full-Day Program Open 5:30 am-6:00 pm

**REQUEST MUST BE BASED ON GRADE COMPLETED
IN MAY 2022.**

- KG & School-Age Care Options are listed separate.
- Request the camp weeks needing care.

(!) Current School Year 21-22 contract holders will need a MCC request when the deadline to request Continuity Care directly with Osage has passed.

OSAGE FACILITY:

CYS PART-DAY PRESCHOOL CLASSES

September thru May Class Options (all are 3 hour classes)

2-Day AM (T/TH) / 3-Day AM (M/W/F) / 4-Day PM (M-TH)

- Must turn 3yrs on or prior to first day of class.
- Request multiple classes to increase chances for placement.
- No "Toilet Trained" restriction.
- Under 3? Choose a Need Date on/after child turns 3 years old.

(!) This program is **NOT** affiliated with the USD 207 Preschool/Pre-K Program. Transportation is **NOT** available.

**PART-DAY
3-5 years
3 CLASS
OPTIONS**

**ENTERING
KG & 1st-5th
Grade**

*6th-12th Grade
see below

OSAGE FACILITY:

SCHOOL AGE SCHOOL YEAR CHILDCARE

Before/After School Open 5:30am - 6:00pm

Transportation to/from FTLVN schools included. (USD 207 only)

**REQUEST MUST BE BASED ON GRADE ENTERING
IN AUGUST 2022.**

- KG & School-Age Care Options are listed separate.
- (!) Make additional Full-Day Preschool request when care is needed the Summer prior to KG.

Before Only, After Only, & BEF/AFT care options include USD 207 No-School Days & Early-Out Fridays.

**PART-TIME
4-5 YEARS
(PRE-K)**

REFER TO AGE
CUT-OFF

**ATTENDING
KG & 1st-5th
Grade**

*6th-12th Grade
see below

OSAGE FACILITY:

SCHOOL AGE WINTER & SPRING BREAK CAMP WEEKS

Full-Day Program Open 5:30 am-6:00 pm

- KG & School-Age Care Options are separate.
- Make request based on grade currently enrolled.
- USD 207 Calendar determines care weeks.
- **CYS will be closed on Federal Holidays.**
- Request is not required for children on the current School Year contract.

OSAGE FACILITY:

CYS PART-TIME PRE-K STRONG BEGINNINGS

September thru May (M-F for 5 hours)

(!) Following Kansas age cut-off guidelines for Pre-K/KG enrollment, eligible children must be 4yrs on or prior to 31 August 2022.

Requests can be made for this class & the Part-Day Options listed above to increase chances for placement.

(!) This program is **NOT** affiliated with the USD 207 Preschool/Pre-K Program. Transportation is **NOT** available.

**COMPLETED/ATTENDING
6TH-12TH GRADE**

Enrollment into a Middle School & Teen program is first come-first serve for **CYS eligible & registered patrons.**

Check out the Facebook page for details on: Summer Camp Weeks, Open Recreation time, & the Free After School Program that includes pick-up at on-post & off-post middle/high schools, & Winter/Spring Break Camp Weeks.

Call **877-678-2548** for **FREE** information and a list of local child care providers!



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Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. For more than twenty-five years, Child Care Aware® of Kansas has helped families just like yours, understand how to determine the best child care setting for their child. Our statewide network of child care resource and referral (CCR&Rs) agencies works together to connect families across Kansas to child care in their area.

Call **877-678-2548** to speak with one of our knowledgeable Resource Specialist. They will assist you in your child care search — providing you with a list of licensed child care providers in your area, as well as personalized information that will help you choose the right child care provider for your family.





Making the best choice

The interview and selection process is unique for everyone. Read this page for tips to help you make the best decision for your family and establish a lasting partnership with your child care provider.

Finding the right program

Explore. Know your options. Start looking for child care as soon as you can. Finding the right child care setting may take some time.

Evaluate. Consider your preferences. For example, think about the individual learning style of your child (does he/she prefer small groups or large groups?), your family needs, the location and the hours of care.

Observe. Visit at least three programs before making your final decision. Interview prospective providers and talk to everyone who will be involved in your child's care. Plan to spend 30 to 60 minutes at each interview. Take your child with you to see if the program is a good fit for him/her. To help guide you through the interview, use the Child Care Aware® of Kansas Checklist for Choosing Quality Child Care (in your packet).

Decide. Think about what you saw at each visit. Refer to your notes and trust your instincts. Pay attention to any uneasy feelings you may have.

Be Involved. You and your child care provider are partners now. You have the right to visit your child's program any time your child is there. Making such visits are one way to monitor the quality of care your child is receiving.

Ten Tips for Success

1. Keep all scheduled appointments when meeting with child care providers. If you need to cancel, call.
2. References should be provided upon request. It is *your responsibility* to interview the references.
3. Make sure you read and agree to the provider's contract and policies. Keep a copy for your records. If you feel that the child care provider is not adhering to their own policies, mention it. Small issues can quickly become big issues.
4. Pay on time. Your child care provider is operating a business and *depends on you*.
5. You will need the provider's tax I.D. number (W-10 form) for taxes. It is the parent's responsibility to ask for this information.
6. Pick up your child on time. If an emergency prevents you from being on time, call.
7. Plan to make unannounced visits to your child at the facility often to see what goes on throughout the day.
8. Communicate openly with your provider about your child and his/her progress, as well as any concerns you may have.
9. Find ways to get involved. Working together is key to making the partnership work.
10. Talk to or read your child(ren)'s cues to know if they are happy!

About licensed child care in Kansas...

All facilities that provide child care are licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KDHE administers the child care licensing laws and issues licenses for child care facilities to protect the health, safety, and welfare of children receiving care away from home.

Provider Compliance History

Check: Before selecting a child care facility, families can do a provider compliance history check using the Child Care and Early Education Portal at www.kdheks.gov/bccr/capp.htm

KDHE Licensing Requirements:

Below are a few Kansas requirements for regulated child care. For a complete list, visit the KDHE website at www.kdheks.gov/bccr/index.html

- The licensee must be 18 years of age, have an understanding of children, complete certified first aid and CPR, as well as child care related training.
- Each new applicant applying for a license to maintain a child care facility must be a high school graduate or the equivalent, such as having a GED.
- A Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check is processed on all persons living, working or volunteering in the licensed day care home. (National background checks are not required.)
- Facilities are inspected to check compliance with regulations to protect the health, safety and well-being of the children in care at least once every 12 months.

Examples of child care arrangements when a license is NOT required:

- When child care is provided in the child's own home. For example, a nanny or other caregiver that comes to your home to care for your child.
- When child care is provided in the home of the child's relative.
- A residential facility or hospital that is operated and maintained by a state agency. For example, facilities operated by school districts.

Source: www.kdheks.gov

What types of licensed

Family Child Care (FCC)

Licensed Day Care Home (one provider):

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of ten children under 16 years of age (includes children under 11 years of age related to the provider). The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care.

Group Day Care Home (two providers):

A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of 12 children under 16 years of age (includes children under 11 years of age related to the provider). The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care.

License Capacity: One Provider

Maximum Number of Children Under 18 Months	Maximum Number of Children at Least 18 months but Under 5 Years of Age	Maximum Number of Children at Least 5 Years of Age but Under 11 Years of Age	License Capacity
0	7	3	10
1	5	4	10
2	4	3	9
3	3	2	8

Source: www.kdheks.gov

License Capacity: Two Providers

Maximum Number of Children Under 18 Months	Maximum Number of Children at Least 18 months but Under 5 Years of Age	Maximum Number of Children at Least 5 Years of Age but Under 11 Years of Age	License Capacity
1	8	3	12
2	7	3	12
3	6	3	12
4	4	2	10

Source: www.kdheks.gov



child care are available?

Quality counts

Child Care Center (CCC)

A child care facility in which care and educational activities are provided for 13 or more children two weeks to 16 years of age for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day including day time, evening, and night-time care, or that provides before and after school care for school age children.

CCC & Preschool Staff to Child Ratios

Age of Children	Minimum Staff/Child Ratio	Maximum Number of Children per Unit Size
Infants (2 weeks to 12 months)	1 to 3	9
Infants to 6 years	1 to 4 Maximum 2 Infants	8 Maximum 4 Infants
Toddlers (12 months to 2 years if walking alone)	1 to 5	10
2 to 3 years	1 to 7	14
2 1/2 years to School Age	1 to 10	20
3 years to School Age	1 to 12	24
Kindergarten Enrollees	1 to 14	28
School Age	1 to 16	32

Source: www.kdheks.gov

Preschool

A child care facility which provides learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten and who are 30 months of age or older; that conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session; that does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and that does not serve a meal. The term "preschool" shall include education preschools, Montessori schools, nursery schools, church-sponsored preschools, and cooperatives. A preschool may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a preschool if the program and facility meet preschool regulation.

The license for the preschool states the maximum number of children that can be in care at any one time, and also states the maximum number of children than can be in care in any one unit by age group. Staff to child ratios must be maintained at all times.

Provider Credentials

Research clearly shows that education and specialized training in early childhood practice positively impacts the quality of an early learning program. Ask about the provider's credentials.

The National Child Development Associate (CDA) credential qualifies providers who work with children birth to age five. Child care providers who earn a CDA complete:

- Hands-on experience with a specific age group
- Formal child development training and education
- Observation of skills and knowledge by a qualified advisor
- A professional resource file
- Gathering of parent questionnaires
- An oral interview and written test

Accreditation

Accreditation indicates that a program meets nationally recognized guidelines for high-quality early care and education. Child care centers may be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Family child care providers may be accredited through the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). School-age programs may be accredited through the National Afterschool Association (NAA).

NOTE: People in the process of becoming licensed as a family child care provider may be issued a temporary permit, valid for 90 days. A person with a temporary permit will have attended an orientation session, submitted their written application to KDHE, and passed the DCF and KBI registry check. They may not have had their inspection visit and may still have corrections to complete before receiving a permanent license. A provider with a temporary license must follow all of the same regulations, including license capacity.



Questions you should ask...

Are you licensed by the state of Kansas?

Look for a posted Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) state license which will show the capacity of the facility based on space and the ages of children in care.

What steps do you take to keep my child healthy and safe?

Poisons, medications, weapons, and other dangerous substances should be locked up. All children and adults in the facility should wash their hands frequently. Look for working smoke detectors and that electrical outlets are covered. There should be no smoking during business hours. Ask to see the provider's most current CPR and First Aid certificate.

What is your adult/child ratio?

It is important that the level of supervision is appropriate to the age group and their needs. In general, younger children need to be more closely supervised and will require a higher adult/child ratio.

How do you supervise the children?

Children need to be actively supervised at all times, even when the children are sleeping. Ask how often children are visually checked while napping, and where the infants sleep.

What types of learning activities are in your daily routine?

A daily schedule with a balance of indoor and outdoor, active and quiet, and age-appropriate activities should be followed. There should be enough games, blocks, dress-up clothes, books, etc., to allow children to select activities that interest them. The outdoor area should be safe, with space to play freely. Ask the provider for a tour of the indoor and outdoor space used for play and learning activities.

How do you partner with families?

The facility should allow you to visit your child at any time and should be accepting of your family's cultural values. Ask the provider about family nights, conferences, or volunteering opportunities that are available.



What will child care cost?

The cost of child care will vary depending on the age of your child, the activities of the program, the provider's qualifications, and the geographic location of the facility.

Federal Assistance: You may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Call 1-800-829-1040 or visit www.irs.gov for more information.

State Assistance: The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has funding available to help income-eligible families pay for child care in a regulated facility, or by a relative or in-home caregiver. Call 1-888-369-4777 or visit www.dcf.ks.gov for more information.

Military Subsidies: You may qualify for child care subsidy assistance if you are an Active Duty military family or Active Duty National Guard (AGR) serving under Title 10 or Title 32, United States Code (U.S.C.). Visit www.usa.childcareaware.org for information on how to apply.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA): This tax-advantaged financial account allows an employee to set aside earnings to pay for care. Money deducted from an employee's pay into an FSA is not subject to payroll taxes, resulting in substantial payroll tax savings.

Local Assistance: A facility may give you a discount for having multiple children enrolled or offer a sliding fee. Some businesses and communities have programs to help families pay for child care.

Need further assistance?

If you need further assistance in your child care search, contact a Resource Specialist for additional referrals and creative options that will help in your search. We are committed to helping you find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in your community.

Additional Resources

Child Care Aware® of America: Child Care Aware® of America has a monthly column, *Are You Aware?*, and a bimonthly newsletter, *The Daily Parent*, that are freely available in both English and Spanish. As a subscriber to *Are You Aware?* or *The Daily Parent* you will receive emails notifying you when a new issue is available online. Your email address will be used by Child Care Aware® only and will not be sold or otherwise

distributed. To subscribe, go to www.childcareaware.org and enter your email address.

Local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies: Contact your local Child Care Aware® of Kansas CCR&R agency for information about trainings and workshops for families. Visit www.ks.childcareaware.org for a state map with your local CCR&R contact information.

Education & Action Center: Join our Education & Action Center to learn more about local, state and federal legislation, regulation and policies that may affect children and families and the child care and educational programs that serve them. Visit www.ks.childcareaware.org to sign up for regular notifications on changes that may impact you.



About Our Services

While we are pleased to provide a free referral service, Child Care Aware® of Kansas cannot legally endorse or recommend any one program. The list of facilities you receive are referrals, not recommendations. Every effort is made to supply you with up-to-date information. Your referral list will contain the child care program:

- contact information
- location
- days and times care is available
- rates

We maintain confidentiality of all information we receive from you. Your email address will be used only by Child Care Aware® of Kansas and our agencies, and will not be sold or otherwise distributed. You will receive information about the Kansas Education & Action Center, an online newsletter helping families obtain the latest information on child care issues, as well as other helpful information.

www.ks.childcareaware.org



Toll Free: 855-750-3343

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YOUTH SPORTS & FITNESS

SUMMER CAMPS

Fitness Camp

Camp Dates: Dates: June 13-16

Age Group	Time	Cost
5-8yrs.	0900-1000	\$40
9-14yrs.	1000-1100	\$40

Basketball Camp

Dates: July 25-28

Age Group	Time	Cost
5-8yrs.	0900-1000	\$40
9-10yrs.	1000-1100	\$40
11-14yrs.	1300-1400	\$40

Challenger Sports International Soccer Camp

Camps run: Monday – Friday

Camp Dates: June 6 - 10 • July 11 - 15 • Aug 1 - 5

Age Group	Time	Cost
Ages 3-4	0900-1000	\$110
Ages 4-5	1000-1200	\$125
Ages 6-8	0900-1200	\$165
Ages 9-14	1300-1600	\$165

\$10 late fee applies to participants registered after the deadline.

Baseball Camp

Dates: July 18-21

Age Group	Time	Cost
5-8yrs.	0900-1000	\$40
9-10yrs.	1000-1100	\$40
11-14yrs.	1300-1400	\$40

All participants are encouraged to bring their own water and equipment for baseball camp (helmet, bat gloves)



Enroll online!

Enroll online via webtrac or by calling Parent Central 684-5138. Enrollment required current CYS registration, sports physical NOT required for camps.

For more info call, CYS Youth Sports at 683-1362/2050.



YOUTH SPORTS SUMMER GOLF LEAGUE



JUNE 14 - AUGUST 4
TUE & THURS // 4PM - 7PM
TRAILS WEST GOLF COURSE

Enrollment dates:
April 18 - June 14
Open to kids 8-17 years old

\$65 for the first child
\$55.25 for each additional child

**Enroll your child in a sport they can play their
entire life! 100% parent participation required.**

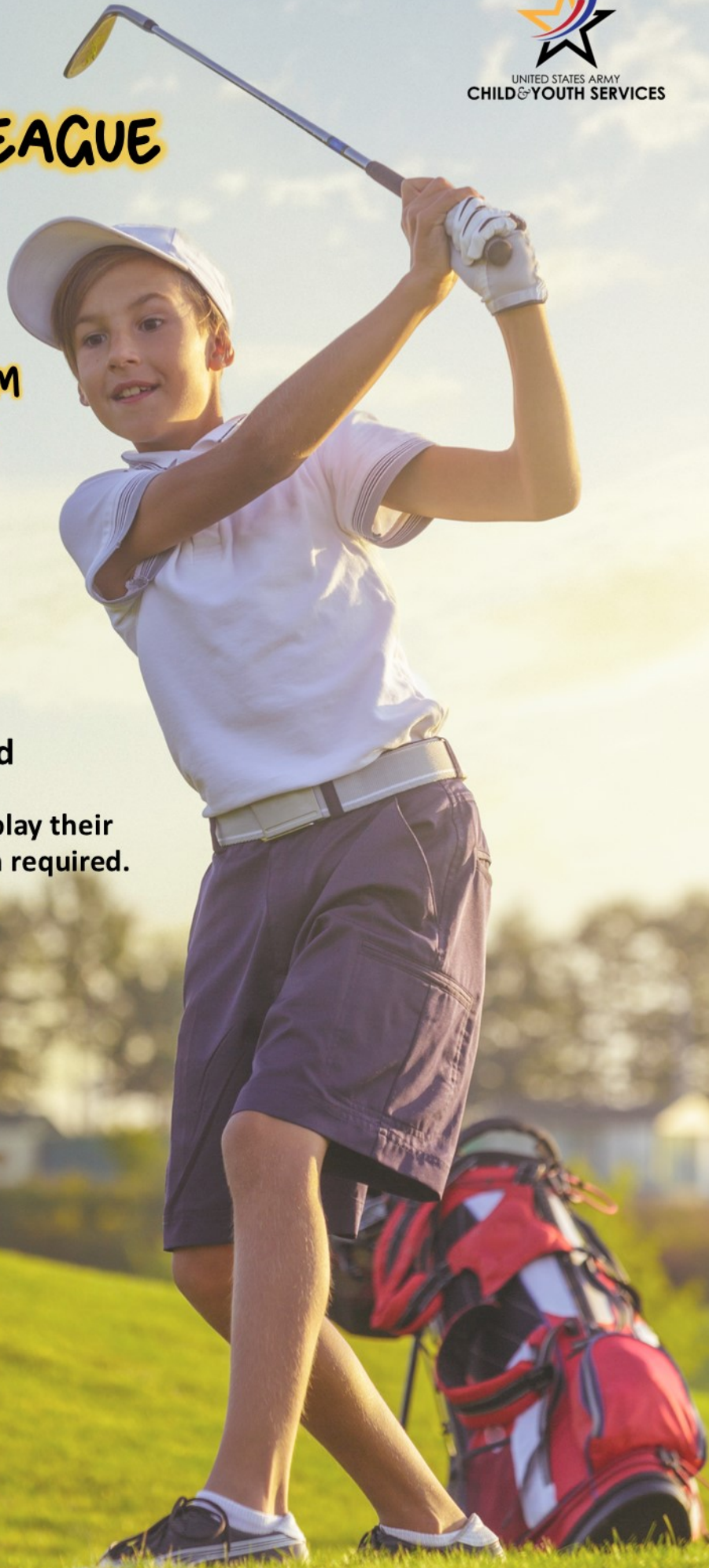


First time youth golfers are recommended to go through SKIES Instructional Golf clinic prior to starting the Summer Golf League.

To begin, please complete enrollment online via Webtrac, or by calling Parent Central at (913) 684-5138/4956.

Enrollment requires current CYS registration. Sports physicals are required for this program.

Info: (913) 684-7525/7526





The largest soccer camp company in North America.



Fort Leavenworth Youth Sports

3 Weeks to Choose From!

June 6-10; July 11-15; August 1-5

Single Soldiers Quarters Field

Tiny Tykes Cubs	Ages 3-4	09:00 - 10:00	\$110
Tiny Tykes Lions	Ages 4-5	10:00 - 12:00	\$125
Half Day Program	Ages 6-8	09:00 - 12:00	\$165
Half Day Program	Ages 9-14	13:00 - 16:00	\$165

- USA - SMALL-SIDED
- FRANCE - POSSESSION
- BRAZIL - CREATIVITY
- BRITAIN - SPEED, POWER & FITNESS
- SPAIN - PASSING & MOVING

Challenger's International Soccer camp combines the best practices from around the world in a fun and upbeat program of skill building exercises, challenges, and games!

With different programs for all ages and abilities, the Challenger International Camp will help your child improve the most essential soccer skills and become more confident on the ball.

All registrations through CYS

\$10 fee for late registrations

June 7-11 Late fee deadline = FRI 5/20

July 12-16 Late fee deadline = FRI 6/24

August 2-6 Late fee deadline = FRI 7/15

Each camper receives soccer ball, T-shirt and replica jersey!

Camper Name _____ Male _____ Female _____ D.O.B. _____ Age _____

Camp Program _____ Time _____ Date _____

T-shirt Size: YS _____ YM _____ YL _____ AS _____ AM _____ AL _____ XL _____ Ball Size: Size 3 (U8) _____ Size 4 (8-12) _____ Size 5 (13+) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Email _____

Home Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone(s) _____ Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Contact: Patrick Shelton
Phone: 913-684-7525
Email: patrick.e.shelton.naf@army.mil
Weather Line: 913-683-1362 or
913-683-2050

I hereby release Challenger Sports and any hosting organization from any and all claims and liability of any kind of personal injury or property damage due to participation in this camp. I understand that participation in sports camps include physical contact and certify that my child is in good health and able to participate in all activities. I agree to notify the coaching staff of any preexisting medical or psychological conditions. If attention is required for illness or injury, I give my permission to a staff member for such care. I give my consent for my child to be photographed or videotaped while participating in camp activities and for the resulting images to be used by Challenger Sports for promotional purposes

 Signature Date Release Waiver

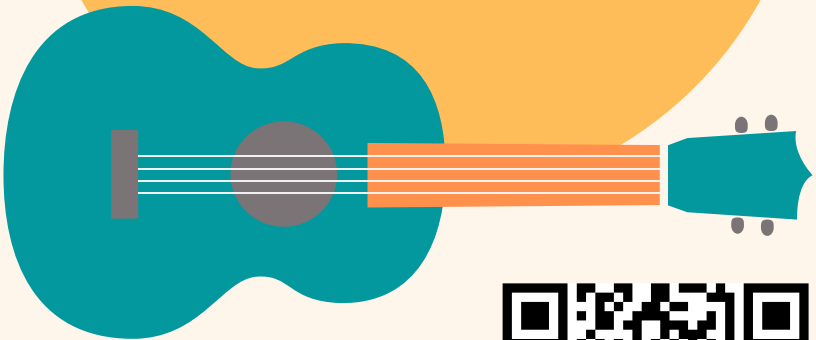
*If signing up less than 10 days prior to camp, please include an additional \$10 late fee

Enrollment Open

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

SKIES

**SUMMER LESSONS
GYMNASTICS, TUMBLING,
PRIVATE GUITAR, UKULELE OR PIANO**



CALL 913-684-3207

TEXT 913-704-7595





TEEN SUMMER ADVENTURE 2022



Sessions	Dates	Theme	Special Event/Activities
Session 1	May 31 - June 3 No Camp May 30	Great Outdoors	Cave Springs, Outdoor Adventure Rope Course, and Lake Trip
Session 2	June 6-10	Sports Spectacular	Sports Tours, Royals Game, and KC Baseball Museum
Session 3	June 13-17	Animal Planet	Zoo, Cedar Cove Wild Cat Sanctuary, and Deana Rose Farm
Session 4	June 21-23 No Camp June 20 & 24	Blast from the Past	Roller Skating, Missouri Town 1855, Fishing, and Toy Museum
Session 5	June 27- July 1	Water World	Lake Trip, Water Parks, and Sea Life Aquarium
Session 6	July 5-8 No Camp July 4	Spirit Week	Game Week, Power Play, Picasso's, and College Basketball Experience
Session 7	July 11-15	Wild Wild West	Jesse James and Patee House Museum, Shatto Milk Tour, Fishing, Swimming, and Horse Back Riding
Session 8	July 18-22	Mission Impossible	Escape Room, Rock Climbing, and Ice Skating
Session 9	July 25-29	Wild and Crazy	Trampoline Park, Evil Knievel Museum, and Laser Tag
Session 10	August 1-5	Imaginarium	Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Nelson Atkins Museum, and Corterie Theatre
Session 11	August 8-12	Weird Science	Union Station, Glore Psychiatric Museum, and Steam Boat Arabia

Day Trips: Worlds/Oceans of Fun - June 17, July 15, and August 5 from 9:00am-6:00pm Cost- \$45

HYC Special Event: Youth-to-Youth Sponsorship Dashboard Tour - July 29 from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Join us for our annual tour and meet & greet at the Harrold Youth Center. Then stay for a BBQ, games, and music from 6:00-9:00pm

Teen Fest: CYC and Harrold Youth Center Back to School Teen Fest will be held on August 19 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Fort Leavenworth and DOD civilian family members in 6th-12th grade are invited to attend. Music, Inflatables, Games and Ninja Obstacle Course

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES PLEASE CALL 913-684-5118



FORT LEAVENWORTH School Support Services

Resiliency Center: 600 Thomas Avenue, 2nd Floor - Room 203
usarmy.leavenworth.imcom-fmwrc.mbx.slo@army.mil

School Support Services
600 Thomas Avenue
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
W: 913-684-1655

Families with school-age children residing on Fort Leavenworth are zoned to attend Fort Leavenworth USD 207 through grade 9 and Leavenworth USD 453 for grades 10-12. Free busing to Leavenworth High School is available for those in grades 10-12 and can be arranged by calling 913-651-7373.

The children of families which reside off the installation attend school in their local district. Many Kansas school districts allow out of district enrollment if certain criteria is met. Non-resident enrollment policies and applications are available on district websites.

Families are encouraged to visit local schools and research choice options prior to selecting a place to live. Please double check with the school district's central office to determine your school assignment prior to finalizing your permanent residence.



Fort Leavenworth (KS)

T: 913-651-7373
W: www.usd207.org
Sponsorship Programs

Leavenworth (KS)

T: 913-684-1400
W: www.usd453.org
Sponsorship Programs

Lansing (KS)

T: 913-727-1100
W: www.usd469.net
Sponsorship Programs

Easton (KS)

T: 913-651-9740
W: www.easton449.org

Platte County (MO)

T: 816-858-5420
W:
www.plattecountyschool
district.com
Sponsorship Programs

West Platte (MO)

T: 816-640-2236
W: www.wpsd.net
Sponsorship Programs

Park Hill (MO)

T: 816-359-4000
W:
www.parkhill.k12.mo.us

REGISTRATION



At what age can my child start school?

According to state law, children must be five years old on or before August 31st of the year he/she is presented for enrollment to be eligible for Kindergarten in Kansas.

What is required for enrollment?

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Physical Exam (New students under age 9)
4. Proof of Parent/Custodian address
5. Report Cards from previous school
6. Any Special Education/504 Records

How do I enroll for school?

Enrollment is handled at the local level. Please contact your school district for further details. If you have special concerns you wish to discuss, it is recommended you make an appointment to speak with appropriate school personnel.

Remember, where you live is where your child will attend school. Please contact School Support Services for more information.

CHOICE OPTIONS

- **Public School Choice:** Students attend the district school for which they are zoned. It may be possible in Kansas to attend an out of district school by completing a non-resident request.
- **Private Schools:** There are several private schools around Fort Leavenworth. Please visit PrivateSchoolReview.com to view available educational options.
- **Home Schools:** Families can elect to home school their children. Home School Families must register through the Kansas State Department of Education. For more information, please visit: www.ksde.org, under the topic 'Home Schooling'. For Missouri, refer to State Statutes: 167.031 & 167.042.
- **Charter Schools:** There are no charter schools available in the Fort Leavenworth area.

REMINDERS

- Communicate with your school prior to arrival, when possible.
- Avoid delaying child enrollment during transitions. After you enroll, provide the school with updated contact information as necessary.
- Contact your school administrators before withdrawing your child from school.
- Your child may qualify for gifted services in one state, but not another. Gifted services in Kansas are provided through Special Education and require an IEP.
- Fort Leavenworth School Support Services cannot supersede school policies or state laws.



STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Kansas School Data:
<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

Missouri School Data:
<https://dese.mo.gov/school-data>



Uniforms: Private Schools Only
Grade Structure: Varies by District

Virtual Public School Options Available
Active Home School Groups Available



Child & Youth Services Transition Referral Form

Please type requested information

Sponsor:	
Preferred Email:	
Preferred Phone Numbers:	
Current Duty Station:	
New Duty Station:	Arrival Date:
Residence Location Installation Housing:	Other City/Town & County:
Preferred School District <i>(if applicable)</i> :	
Or Home School:	
Or Private School:	
Current School Liaison Officer: Email/ Phone: <i>Pre-fill by each Army installation:</i>	
*New Duty Station School Liaison Officer: Email/Phone:	

* To be completed by Current School Liaison Office; listing of all military school liaison officers:
www.dodea.edu/Partnership/schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm

PCS Checklist

Communicating with Schools During Transition

Before you move:

- Can you register your child prior to arriving?
- What forms and documents are needed to register?
- Is it possible to register on-line?
- Will my child be able to remain in their school if registered with a temporary address?
- Do they conduct a youth sponsorship program?
- What are the requirements for special education services?
- Are there deadlines for extracurricular try-outs? (sports, theater, etc.)
- What are the immunization requirements?
- Are there specific graduation requirements?
- What is the school schedule/cycle?
- What are the beginning and ending dates for the school year?
- High School – are they on a block schedule?
- High School – compare graduations requirements of your current and new school to identify any conflicts
- Research zones for schools and bus routes

Once you arrive at your new duty station:

- What is the daily schedule?
- What are the grading periods (6wk, 9wk, 12wk, or 18wk)?
- Does the school participate in a grading system parents can access?
- What is the attendance policy?
- What are the standardized testing procedures and requirements?
- Communicate with the new school regarding any course substitutions that might be needed to meet course graduation requirements.

Other Transition Considerations:

- Let the school know of upcoming deployments or additional transitions
- Discuss concerns about transition that both your child and you might have with school personnel
- Provide the school behavioral changes they should be aware of indicating challenges with transition



School Support Services
School Report Cards
What it means and what to look for

REPORT CARDS

DO NOT INDICATE HOW SUCCESSFUL YOUR CHILD WILL BE AT THAT SCHOOL



A school report card is a tool for promoting state, local education agencies and school accountability. It is also a tool for engaging parents and communities in meaningful discussions about the academic challenges and opportunities facing a school.

READING THE REPORT CARD

When looking at Student Achievement LOOK FOR:

Words such as "Met / Not Met" or "Basic, Proficient, Advance": The more students with Met and Proficient/Advanced scores indicate the school is meeting state and federal education standards.



Look for how many students are at each achievement level. The more students scoring at a higher proficiency level the better.

When looking at School Accountability LOOK FOR:



Did the school meet the State **Annual Measurable Objectives**?

What percentage of students in the school met **proficient levels**? The higher the better.

How many students graduated compared to how many students were enrolled in the senior class?



Graduation rates help indicate *how well schools work with at risk youth* and keep students motivated.

Military impacted schools may appear to have a higher non-graduation rate due to students who PCSed out in their senior year.

Is the school identified as one needing *corrective action, improvement, or restructuring*? You may also see words such as: *Priority, Focus, or Needing Intervention.*



These schools have been identified as needing additional resources and assistance to bring up student achievement.

Demographics Break Outs can help you determine the *diversity* of the school and how the school works with different groups to ensure *achievement*.

Schools are required to provide Achievement and Accountability scores based on the following demographics:
Race, Gender, Disability, Economically Disadvantaged and English Proficiency

DATA REQUIRED ON REPORT CARDS



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- State assessment scores
- Testing participation rates
- Percentage of students at each achievement level



ACCOUNTABILITY

- School Achievement Levels compared to the State Annual Measurable Objectives for Reading/Language Arts
- Percentage of students determined to be proficient
- Graduation rates
- Identify schools that require improvement, corrective action and/or restructuring
- Data on student performance on other academic indicators
- Annual Yearly Progress if applicable.



TEACHER QUALITY

- Number of professionally qualified teachers
- Percentage of teachers with emergency or provisional licenses





School Support Services
School Ratings and Grades
What do they mean and do they matter?

Online school ratings don't necessarily indicate which schools are better than others. There are better ways to find out what you need to know.

LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



WEBSITE	WEB Rating	COMMUNITY Rating
State Performance Grade	C	n/a
Greatschools	5/10	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
Zillow	5/10	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆
Schooldigger	739th/1414	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆
Niche	B-	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

- There are discrepancies between website and community ratings.
- Each website looks at different things, and some even include food and sports.
- Anyone can submit community ratings, which may affect scoring.
- The State Performance Grade is the only *official* grade for schools. It's the US Department of Education evaluation tool.

DON'T MAKE A SNAP JUDGMENT

School grades are affected by demographics, teacher licenses, and the performance of all students in the school.



- Talk to other parents who know the schools first-hand.
- Visit the school.
- Contact your School Liaison Officer.

OTHER RESOURCES

Even websites like Greatschool.com offers this advice that is often missed.

<https://youtu.be/yhRHnXZGG3M>

Highly rated schools translate into higher housing values. Studies confirm this and even put a dollar figure on it: an average premium of \$50 a square foot in areas of higher rated schools.

The ability for a student to succeed in any school is different for every family. Look for what a school offers, similar to shopping for a college.





WHAT IS THE COMPACT?

The Compact deals with the challenges of military children and their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states. Note: The Compact only applies to public schools.

STUDENTS COVERED

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 die 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

Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired not covered above
- Veterans not 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

SOME OF THE ISSUES COVERED

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

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

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

CONTACT US AT

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859.244.8133 | www.mic3.net | mic3info@csg.org

