

US Army Garrison-Miami SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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SUMMARY:

Florida is now a School Choice State. Families with school-age children residing in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties have the option of sending their children to any school in the county and across county lines as long as the receiving school is not at full capacity. Both school systems have established processes to request school re-assignments, with military connected children receiving special consideration. United States Southern Command has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with both counties. Fl. State Statute 1003.05 provides military connected children with preference in special programs such as magnet school programs as long as they meet eligibility criteria. Military connected children can apply to magnet schools after deadlines. Selected charter schools in both counties offer military preference as well.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Miami Dade County Public Schools
305-995-1000
www.dadeschools.net
<http://www.dadeschools.net/parents.asp>

Broward County Public Schools
754-321-2610
www.browardschools.com
<http://browardschools.com/parents-students/parents>

FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities For Military Children Member State
Website: <http://laws.flrules.org/node/4694> Adequate Yearly Progress Reports: http://www.fldoe.org/cie/pdf/annual_report.pdf

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

At what age can my child start school?

The child must be five years old on or before September 1st of the year he/she is applying for enrollment into public schools.

What is required for enrollment?

1. Birth Certificate/Proof of Age
2. Certificate of Immunization/HRS Form 680
3. Student Physical Examination/HRS Form 3040
4. Proof of Parent/Custodian address
5. Copy of orders (to claim military preference)
6. Custody or guardian papers filed through the court. (if applicable)

How do I enroll for school?

Public Schools:
Registration handled at the school site. Please, contact the school Registrar for further details.
Charter Schools:
Registration forms available online at charter school website. Contact Registrar for more details.
Private Schools:
Please, contact the private school of your choice directly.

SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS:

- **Public School Choice:** Children attend the local school based on their address. Parents can request re-assignments. Active duty military connected children have preference for transfers as long as space is available at the school site. Applications for magnet schools are due by January 15 in Miami-Dade and March 15 in Broward County. In Miami-Dade Public Schools military connected children can apply after established deadlines.
- **Private Schools:** There are several private schools in Miami-Dade and Broward County. Please, visit: www.privateschoolreview.com for further information.
- **Home Schools:** Parents may choose to home school their children. Please, visit: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/> for more information.
- **Charter Schools:** Charter schools are another option. For information about a specific county please, visit: http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org/Information/charter_schools/ Selected charter schools in Miami-Dade and Broward county provide military preference.

REMINDERS:

- Enroll your child as soon as possible
- Provide your boundary school with all the required information before the first day of school
- Become familiarized with local school Policies and Procedures. Please visit school website listed above.
- Contact your School Liaison Officer for additional information and assistance, 305-437-2633.

OTHER SCHOOL DATA:

Uniforms-Mandated in both Counties Year Round: Limited Maximum Unexcused Absences: 5+ days
Pre-K-Not provided in Broward County Public Schools/Private Run Virtual Public School: <http://www.flvs.net>