



## MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST SCHOOL GUIDE



NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER

2023 - 2024

## Welcome:

On behalf of the Naval Construction Battalion Center, I welcome you to the beautiful Gulf Coast of Mississippi. The School Liaison Officer serves as the primary liaison between community schools, commanders, and military parents.

The School Liaison has seven core functions:

- School Transition Services/Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Cycle Support
- Deployment Support
- Special Education System Navigation
- Installation, School, and Community Communications
- Partnerships in Education
- Homeschool Linkage
- Postsecondary Preparation

## School Guide:

This guide contains valuable information on our local public schools, private/parochial schools, and home schools. As your NCBC School Liaison, I remain neutral and strongly support all of our school districts. The data and information provided comes from web pages listed in this guide, and is available to the public. There are approximately 3500 DOD children attending school along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

## School Liaison Officer:

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[www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com)

[www.navymwrgulfport.com](http://www.navymwrgulfport.com)

[www.cnic.navy.mil/GULFPORT/](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/GULFPORT/)

[www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com](http://www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com)

## Resource Web pages:

[www.mde.k12.ms.us](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us)

[www.greatschools.com](http://www.greatschools.com)

[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

[www.schoolmatters.com](http://www.schoolmatters.com)

[www.schooldiggers.com](http://www.schooldiggers.com)

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

[www.schoolquest.com](http://www.schoolquest.com)

[www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

[www.publicschoolreview.com](http://www.publicschoolreview.com)

[www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/](http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/)

If you are going overseas and your children will be attending a Non-DODEA private school please open this website for further directions: <http://www.dodea.edu/nonDoD/>

## MS Age Requirements:

Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before Sept 1.

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

\*Kindergarten is not a mandatory requirement in Mississippi.

## Pre-K:

Some of the Gulf Coast school districts offer limited pre-k classes funded privately or by parent fees. Please check with the district where you are zoned for more information. You can also call United Way at 896-2213 ext 7112.

[www.prek4ward.org](http://www.prek4ward.org)

**Registration Requirements for new students:**

- Mississippi Certificate of Immunization form 121 (NCBC Medical Clinic, KAFB Med CTR, Health Dept, etc)
- Certified copy of birth certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Student's Social Security Number
- Verification of Residency (must provide 2 forms of proper documentation: utility bills, driver's license listing present address, automobile registration, filed Homestead Exemption application form, mortgage documents or property deed, apartment or home lease, housing assignment form, letter from housing director verifying residency-NCBC, etc.)
- Report cards and/or other records of grade placement
- IEP documents if special services required
- GUARDIANSHIP: Legal guardian must provide a copy of the most recent court order, signed by a judge, appointing them as legal guardian.

**HB 879-Allows military parents residing on base school district choice:**

Effective 1 July 2013 parents residing on Naval Construction Battalion Center have the option of enrolling their children in adjacent school districts (Long Beach, Harrison County, Biloxi). Parents must provide transportation to the out-of-district school with the exception of Long Beach. Both Gulfport and Long Beach run bus service on CBC. Gulfport buses transport to 28<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary, Gaston Point Elementary, Central Middle, and the High School. Long beach buses transport to Quarles Elementary, Harper McCaughan 4-6, the Middle and High School. Please remember that this law allows an on base parent to choose a school district not a school.

**Senate Bill 2050:**

Effective 1 July 2019 An act to require school districts to accept an application for enrollment and course registration by electronic means for any pupil whose parent is transferred to, or is pending transfer to, a military installation within this state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order; and for related purposes.

**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children:**

In 2009, the Military Interstate Compact was signed into Mississippi law. The compact provides for uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. The Compact has specific articles that deal with: enrollment, immunizations, placement, graduation, and many other areas of importance. Please familiarize yourself with the Interstate Compact at [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net).

**Residency & Enrollment:**

It is very important that you understand the importance of home residency and school enrollment. Where you live MAY determine where your child will attend school. While several of our districts allow outside transfers, some do not. There may also be a tuition fee associated with outside transfers. Transferring your child involves an approval process from the losing and gaining school districts. In addition, you must provide transportation to the out of district/zone school. Transfer information is provided under each individual school district below.

## Special Education:

Special Education (SPED) is a complex and sometimes emotional subject. Communication is the key when dealing with school districts and SPED. I recommend to our parents to become familiar with federal and state law.

Federal law information can be found at <http://www.2.ed.gov/policy/speded/guid/ided/idea2004.html>. or [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com). MS state law can be found at [www.mde.k12.ms.us/specialeducation.html](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/specialeducation.html). or [www.mde.k12.ms.us/special-education/special-education-policies-and-procedures](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special-education/special-education-policies-and-procedures). Information ranging from initial evaluations to mediation can be found here. If you have a special needs child and are attempting to register at a school please remember to ask for the Local Survey Chairperson (LSC). This faculty member will help you with special services.

**ESA**-The Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act enacted by the Mississippi Legislature during the 2015 Session created the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) program (Senate Bill No. 2695). It is a program designed to give those parents with special needs children the option of withdrawing their child from the public school system and receiving a designated amount of funds to help defray the cost of private school tuition or other specific allowable activities to educate their child. The administration of this program has been designated to be performed by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). For more information, and to apply go to [www.mde.k12.ms.us/ose/esa](http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/ose/esa).

## Letter Grades (Performance)

	References
A	Enrollment-MS Dept of Ed
B	Military Attendance-Office/Impact Aid Report
C	Performance Class-MS Dept of Ed
D	Letter Grades-MS Dept of Ed Statewide Accountability
F	Grad Rate-MS Dept of Ed
	Out of District-District Office
	Tuition Fee-District Office

Letter grades are based on a point system using three different scales. For more information go to <http://reports.mse.k12.ms.us/report2016.aspx> MDE releases school, district performance labels for 2015-2016. 2016 Accountability Report-Final

**Bay St. Louis School District:** <http://www.bwsd.org/Index.html>

**District Office:** 201 Carroll Avenue Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 (228) 467-6621

Enrollment-1952

Military-Unknown

Graduation rate-82.8%

Out of district transfer-yes

Tuition fee-\$500.00-must be board approved

State rank out of 146 Districts-29

## Elementary Schools

Waveland Elem. (K-2)

North Bay Elem. (3-5)

## Middle School

Bay-Waveland Middle sch (6-8)

## High School

Bay High School

Crossroads Learning Center

## Address

1101 St. Joseph Street, 39576

602 Pine Street, 39520

602 Pine Street, 39520

750 Blue Meadow Road, 39520

750 Blue Meadow Road, 39520

## Phone

467-6630

467-4052

463-0315

467-6611

467-4536

**Biloxi School District:** <http://www.biloxischools.net>

**District Office:** 160 St. Peter Ave. Biloxi, MS 39530 (228) 374-1810

Enrollment-6,202

Military-700+

Graduation rate-82.3%

Out of district transfers-yes

Tuition fee-\$500.00/\$1200.00

State Rank out of 146 Districts-9

**Elementary Schools**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Gorenflo Elem.	771 Elder Street, 39530	436-5145
Back Bay Elem.	340 St. Mary Blvd., 39531	436-5110
North Bay Elem.	1825 Popp's Ferry Road, 39532	435-6166
Popp's Ferry Elem.	364 Nelson Road, 39530	436-5135
Biloxi Upper	1424 Father Ryan Ave., 39530	435-1421
Junior High School		
Biloxi Jr. HS (7-8)	1921 Tribe Drive, 39532	423-3700

High School

Biloxi Sr. HS (9-12)	1845 Tribe Dr., 39532	435-6105
Lopez Alternative School	140 St. John Ave., 39530	432-7783

**Gulfport School District:** <http://www.gulfportschools.org/>

**District Office:** 2010 15<sup>th</sup> St., Gulfport, MS 39507 (228) 865-4600

Enrollment-6300

Military-165

Graduation rate-88.7%

Out of district transfers-yes

Tuition fee-waived for military

State rank out of 146 Districts-19

**Elementary Schools**

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

Middle Schools

Central Middle	1310 42 <sup>nd</sup> Ave., 39501	870-1035
Bayou View Middle	212 43 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., 39507	865-4633

High School

Gulfport HS (9 <sup>th</sup> )	100 Perry St., 39507	896-1475
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Gulfport High School	100 Perry St., 39507	896-7525
The Learning Center	1215 Church St., 39507	897-6045
HS GED Program	2507 21 <sup>st</sup> St., 39501	896-4633

**Hancock County School District:** <http://www.hancock.k12.ms.us/new>

**District Office:** 17304 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556 (228) 255-0376

Enrollment-4486  
Military-Unknown  
Graduation Rate-79.9%  
Out of district transfer-yes  
Tuition fee-\$1500.00  
State rank out of 146 Districts-54

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
East Hancock Elem.	4221 Kiln-Delisle Rd., 39556	255-6637
Hancock North Central Elem.	6122 Cuevas Town Rd., 39556	255-7641
South Hancock Elem.	6590 Lakeshore Rd., 39520	467-4655
West Hancock Elem.	23350 Highway 43, 39466	586-6054
 Middle School		
Hancock Middle School	7670 Stennis Airport Rd., 39556	467-1889
 High School		
Hancock High School	7070 Stennis Airport Rd., 39556	467-2251
Hancock County Career Tech	7180 Stennis Airport Rd., 39556	467-3568
WIN Zone	7060 Stennis Airport Rd., 39556	466-6563

**Harrison County School District:** <http://www.harrison.k12.ms.us>

**District Office:** 11072 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503 (228) 539-6500

Enrollment-14,904  
Military-650  
Graduation rate-85.4%  
Out of district transfers-yes  
Tuition fee-waved for military  
State rank out of 146 Districts-28

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Bel Aire Elem.	10531 Klein Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-7436
Crossroads Elem.	10453 Klein Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-6711
D'Iberville Elem.	4540 Brodie Rd., D'Iberville, 39532	392-2803
Creekbend Elem.	16121 Highway 15, Biloxi 39532	392-9760
Harrison Central Elem.	15451 Dedeaux Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-2701
Lizana Elem.	15341 Lizana School Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-1592
Lyman Elem.	14222 Old Highway 49, Gpt., 39503	832-2257
North Woolmarket Elem.	16237 Old Woolmkt. Rd., Biloxi, 39532	396-3674
Orange Grove Elem.	11391 Old Highway 49, Gpt., 39503	832-2322
Pineville Elem.	5192 Menge Ave., Pass Christian 39571	452-4364
River Oaks Elem	14111Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport, 39503	831-1660

Saucier Elem.	24052 1 <sup>st</sup> St., Saucier, 39574	832-2440
Three Rivers Elem.	13500 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport, 39503	831-5359
West Wortham Elem.	20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier 39574	831-1276
Woolmarket Elem.	12513 John Lee Rd., Biloxi, 39532	392-5640

#### Middle Schools

Creekbend Middle	16121 Highway 15, Biloxi 39532	392-9760
D'Iberville Middle(5-8)	3320 Warrior Rd., D'Iberville, 39540	392-1746
North Gpt 8 <sup>th</sup> Middle	4715 Illinois Ave., Gpt. , 39503	864-5326
North Gpt 7 <sup>th</sup> Middle	4715 Illinois Ave., Gpt. , 39503	864-8944
North Woolmkt. Middle	16237 Old Woolmkt. Rd., Biloxi, 39532	396-3674
West Harrison Middle	21411 Landon Rd, Gulfport, 39503	831-8808
West Wortham Middle	20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier 39574	831-1276

#### High Schools

D'Iberville HS	15625 Lamey Bridge Rd., Biloxi, 39532	392-2678
Harrison Central HS	15600 School Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-2610
Harrison County Vo-Tech	15600 School Rd., Gpt., 39503	832-6652
West Harrison HS	10399 County Farm Rd., Gpt., 39503	539-8900
Harrison County Alternative	11072 Highway 49, Gpt., 39503	539-5956

Harrison County Child Development	94 29 <sup>th</sup> Street, Gulfport, 39503	863-0583
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**Jackson County Public School District:** <http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us/>

**District Office:** 12210 Colonel Vickery Rd., Vancleave, 39565-5096 (228) 826-1757

Enrollment-9279

Military-250

Graduation rate-88.1%

Out of district transfers-no

State rank out of 146 Districts-22

#### Elementary Schools

	Address	Phone
Vancleave Lower (K-2)	12602 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565	826-5982
Vancleave Upper (3-5)	13901 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39565	826-4581
St. Martin North (K-3)	16308 LeMoyne Blvd., Biloxi, 39532	392-1387
St. Martin East (K-3)	7508 Rose Farm Rd., Ocean Springs, 39564	875-3204
St. Martin Upper (4-5)	10910 Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs, 39564	818-2849
East Central Lower (K-2)	5621 Hwy 614 Hurley, 39555	588-7060
East Central Upper (3-5)	5400 Hurley-Wade Rd., Hurley, 39555	588-7019

#### Middle Schools

Vancleave Middle (6-8)	Bulldog Lane, Vancleave, 39565	826-5902
St. Martin Middle (6-8)	Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs, 39564	818-4833
East Central Middle	5404 Hurley-Wade Rd., Hurley, 39555	588-7019

#### High Schools

Vancleave HS	12424 Hwy 57, Vancleave, 39656	826-4701
St. Martin HS	10900 Yellow Jacket Blvd., Ocean Springs, 39564	875-8418
East Central HS	21700 Slider Rd., Hurley, 39555	588-7000

**Long Beach School District:** <http://www.lbsdk12.com>

**District Office:** 19148 Commission Road, Long Beach, MS 39560 (228) 864-1146

Enrollment-3231

Military-480

Graduation rate-87.1%

Out of district transfer-yes

Tuition fee-1,050.00 for military-1,500.00 for civilian

State rank out of 146 Districts-14

**Elementary Schools**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Harper McCaughan (4-6)	19200 Pineville Rd., 39560	863-0478
Quarles Elem. (K-3)	111 Quarles St., 39560	864-3946
Reeves Elem. (K-3)	214 St. Augustine Dr., 39560	864-9764

**Middle School**

Long Beach Middle (7-8)	204 North Cleveland Ave., 39560	864-3370
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**High School**

Long Beach Senior HS	300 East Old Pass Rd., 39560	863-6945
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**Moss Point School District:** <http://www.mp.k12.ms.us/>

**District Office:** 4924 Church Street, Moss Point, MS 39563 (228) 475-0691

Enrollment-2045

Military-Unknown

Graduation rate-74.7%

Out of District transfer-no

Tuition fee-

State rank out of 146 Districts-118

**Elementary School**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Moss Point West Kindergarten	3524 Prentiss Ave., 39563	475-5656
Moss Point Kreole Primary	6312 Martin Luther King Blvd., 39563	475-3719
Moss Point East Park Lower Elem.	4025 McCall Street, 39563	475-9866
Moss Point Escatawpa Upper Elem.	4208 Jamestown Road, 39563	474-3300

**Junior High**

Magnolia Junior High	6601 Orange Grove Road, 39563	475-1429
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**High School**

Moss Point HS	4913 Weems Street, 39563	475-5721
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**Ocean Springs School District:** <http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us>

**District Office:** 2300 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39501 (228) 875-7706

Enrollment-5796

Military-550

Graduation rate-88.6%

Out of district transfers-no

State Rank out of 146 Districts-5

**Elementary Schools**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Magnolia Park Elem. (K-3)	3500 Government Street, 39564	875-4263
Oak Park Elem. (K-3)	2230 Government Street, 39564	875-5847
Pecan Park Elem. (K-3)	504 Hanley Road, 39564	875-2851
OS Upper Elem (4-6)	406 Holcomb Blvd., 39564	875-0333

**Middle School**

OS Middle (7-8)	3600 Hanshaw Rd., 39564	872-6210
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**High School**

OS High	Old Spanish Trail & Hwy 57, 39564
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Elizabeth Keys Tech Ctr. (10-12)	2401 School St., 39564	872-3411
Alternative Education Center	2318 Government St., 39564	872-0031

**Pascagoula School District:** <http://www.psd.ms/>

**District Office:** 1006 Communny Avenue, PO Box 250, Pascagoula, MS 39568-0250 (228) 938-6491

Enrollment-7132

Military-Unknown

Graduation rate-86.7%

Out of district transfers-no

Tuition fee-

State rank out of 146 Districts-49

**Elementary Schools**

	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Arlington Elem.	3511 Arlington Street, 39581	938-6552
Beach Elem.	633 Market, 39567	938-6428
Central Elem.	1100 Dupont, 39567	938-6559
Cherokee Elem.	4102 Scovel Ave., 39581	938-6547
College Park Elem.	2617 Ladnier Road, Gautier, 39533	522-8829
East Lawn Elem.	2611 Ingalls Ave., 39567	938-6431
Gautier Elem. (K-5)	505 Magnolia Tree Dr., Gautier, 39533	522-8824
Jackson Elem.	3203 Lanier Ave., 39581	938-6554
Lake Elem.	4504 Willow Street, 39567	938-6422
Martin Bluff Elem.	1306 Roy's Road, Gautier, 39533	522-8850
Singing River Elem.	4601 Gautier-Vancleave Rd., Gautier, 39533	522-8835

**Middle Schools**

Trent Lott Academy (5-6)	2234 Pascagoula Street, 39567	938-6465
Gautier 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Academy	1920 Graveline Road, Gautier, 39533	522-8806
Gautier Middle (6-8)	1920 Graveline Road, Gautier, 39533	522-8806

Colmer Middle (7-8)	3112 Eden Street, 39581	938-6473
High Schools		
Gautier High	4307 Gautier-Vancleave Road, Gautier, 39533	522-8780
Pascagoula High	1716 Tucker Street, 39567	938-6449
Applied Tech School	2602 Market Street, 39567	938-6579
Opportunity Center	1520 Tucker Street, 39567	938-6222
Jackson County Exceptional Sch	4311 Hospital Street, 39581	762-1457

**Pass Christian Public School District:** <http://www.pc.k12.ms.us>  
**District Office:** 6457 Kiln-Delisle Rd, Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228) 255-6200

Enrollment-2008  
Military-Unknown  
Graduation rate-89.3%  
Out of district transfers-yes  
Tuition Fee-\$1200.00  
State rank out of 146 Districts-17

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Delisle Elem.	6303 West Wittman Road, 39571	255-6211
Pass Christian Elem.	270 West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, 39571	452-5200

Middle School		
Pass Christian Middle	6303 W Whittman Road, 39571	255-6219

High School		
Pass Christian HS	720 West North Street, 39571	452-5219

Early Childhood Center (6wks-4yrs)	205 Leovy Ave., 39571	452-5210
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**Stone County School District:** <http://www.stone.k12.ms.us>  
**District Office:** 214 Critz Street, Wiggins, MS 39577 (601) 928-7247

Enrollment-2637  
Military-Unknown  
Graduation rate-83.4%  
Out of district transfers-yes  
Tuition-\$400.00  
State rank out of 146 Districts-33

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Perkinston ES	40 Second Street, Perkinston, 39573	928-3380
Stone ES	1652 East Central Ave., 39577	928-5474

Middle School		
Stone MS	532 East Central Ave., 39577	928-4876

High School		
Stone HS	400 East Border Ave., 39577	928-5492

### **Private Schools**

There are many private and parochial schools in South Mississippi. Below is a list of some of them:

Catholic Diocese of Biloxi/<http://www.education.biloxidiocese.org/Coastwide/228-702-2130>  
Cedar Lake Christian Academy/[www.cedarlake.net](http://www.cedarlake.net) (k-12<sup>th</sup>) Biloxi/228-392-6279  
Christian Collegiate Academy/[www.ccagulfport.org](http://www.ccagulfport.org) (prek3-12<sup>th</sup>) Gulfport/228-832-4585  
Coast Episcopal/<http://school.passchristian.net/coastepiscopal.htm> (prek-6<sup>th</sup>) Long Beach/228-452-9442  
Grace Baptist Academy/[www.graceibc.org](http://www.graceibc.org) (prek3-12<sup>th</sup>) Ocean Springs/228-875-2093  
Hope Academy/[www.hopeacademyfg.org](http://www.hopeacademyfg.org) (prek2-6<sup>th</sup>) Ocean Springs/228-396-9096  
Our Lady of Fatima/[www.fatimafalcons.org](http://www.fatimafalcons.org) (preK3-6<sup>th</sup>, Biloxi)  
St. John's Episcopal/[www.stjohnsoceansprings.org](http://www.stjohnsoceansprings.org) (pre-k) Ocean Springs/228-872-3343  
Temple Christian Academy/[www.templebaptistgulfport.com](http://www.templebaptistgulfport.com) (k2-12<sup>th</sup>) Gulfport/228-832-4504

### **Home School Information**

Home school students must register by 15 September each school year, but parents can transfer children to home school at any time during the year.

[www.militaryonesource.mil/k12-and-college-education/homeschooling](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/k12-and-college-education/homeschooling)

Home School Legal Defense: [www.hslda.org/laws/default.asp](http://www.hslda.org/laws/default.asp)

Coast Christian Home Educators Association: [www.homeschool-life.com/ms/cchea](http://www.homeschool-life.com/ms/cchea)

To register, contact the school attendance officer assigned to the public school that your child would attend. You are required to fill out a Certificate of Enrollment for each child that will be home schooled. You will receive a Verification of Compliance from the attendance officer after you have completed the Certificate of Enrollment. The attendance officers for our area schools are:

Summer Premeaux-Biloxi, North Woolmarket, Woolmarket, BelAire, Crossroads, Harrison Central Elem., Orange Grove//228-435-7698

Courtney Christian-D'Iberville schools, Gulfport High, Gulfport 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, West Harrison High, West Wortham, Lizana, Learning Center//228-865-4426

Alison Pietrangelo-All Gulfport schools (except Gulfport High), Harrison Central High, Three Rivers//228-865-4708

Hancock County Schools, Bay-Waveland Schools//228-466-4166

Lauren Ricks-Long Beach Schools, Pass Christian schools, North Gulfport 7-8, Harrison Central Elem., Lyman, Saucier, Pineville//228-255-6200

## **Youth Sponsorship**

Are you and your family planning on moving to Mississippi soon? Have you just arrived at your new home and want to learn more about what's available in the area? The Navy Child and Youth Programs Youth Sponsorship Program will provide you the necessary information and tools to help you cope with your transition. Our goal is to provide services to eligible children and youth living on and off base.

The Youth Sponsorship Program is comprised of three elements: Youth Sponsors, Youth Sponsorship Clubs, and Student 2 Student.

**Youth Sponsors:** Helps with the relocation of youth so that they can become more familiar with their new home in MS. Sponsors are matched to youth according to their gender, age, and interests. The sponsor escorts incoming youth around the base, school area, and to the Youth and Teen Activities Centers and events. Newcomers can find a matching sponsor by filling out a Youth Sponsor form found at the Youth Center.

**Youth Sponsor Clubs:** Located in the Youth and Teen Centers and focus on relocation support and the transitions that military-connected youth and teens often encounter, while offering programs specifically tailored to the needs and interests participants.

**Anchored for Life/ Harper McCaughan (Long Beach)**

## **Military Star Program (Purple Star)**

The Military Star School program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready. Military-connected refers to children of service members on active duty, and in the National Guard and Reserves. The program awards public schools a Military Star designation if they have certain resources in place to accommodate children of a current or former member of the military. There are 31 states that have passed/issued legislation, executive order, or similar. Gov. Tate Reeves, signed [Executive Order NO. 1561- Military Star School Program](#) on February 21, 2022.

## **Exceptional Family Member Program**

The Exceptional Family Member Program, EFMP, was originally established to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in DODD Schools. It is used to coordinate PCS assignments to ensure the availability of services required to meet the family's special needs. Enrollment is mandatory for family member(s) experiencing physical, emotional, or intellectual disability or long term special education needs.

For more information on the Exceptional Family Member Program or for information on local resources, please contact the EFMP Liaison, Susan Smith, at the Fleet and Family Support Center at (228) 871-3000/3640 or e-mail [susan.smith2.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:susan.smith2.ctr@navy.mil).

Exceptional Family Member Program: Supports military families with special medical and educational needs. <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp?>

Department of Defense EFMP Policy:

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp/leaders?>

<http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/>

**Relocation Information call Fleet and Family Service Center at 228-871-3000**

**FFSC helpful website:** <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>

[http://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family\\_readiness/fleet\\_and\\_family\\_support\\_program.html](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family_readiness/fleet_and_family_support_program.html)

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**Military Family Life Counselors**-currently, there are 13 counselors working with our military students at 37 schools. A parent release form must be signed before a counselor can work with a student. Check with your child's school to see if one is assigned there. School adjustment, deployment, reunion, and behavior are some of the areas addressed by the Military Family Life Counselor's (MFLC).