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**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:**

NavySchoolLiaison\_Gulfport.fct@navy.mil [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com)

MWR Building 352 [www.navymwrgulfport.com](http://www.navymwrgulfport.com)

1706 Bainbridge Avenue [www.cnic.navy.mil/GULFPORT/](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/GULFPORT/)

Gulfport, MS 39501 [www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com](http://www.ncbcgulfporthomes.com)

228-871-2117 office Hours: 0730-1530

228-323-6105 cell Fax: 228-871-2967

**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/**](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 28th 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**](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 Address Phone**

Waveland Elem. (K-2) 1101 St. Joseph Street, 39576 467-6630

North Bay Elem. (3-5) 602 Pine Street, 39520 467-4052

Middle School

Bay-Waveland Middle sch (6-8) 602 Pine Street, 39520 463-0315

High School

Bay High School 750 Blue Meadow Road, 39520 467-6611

Crossroads Learning Center 750 Blue Meadow Road, 39520 467-4536

**Biloxi School District:** [**http://www.biloxischools.net**](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 Address Phone**

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/**](http://www.gulfportschools.org/)

**District Office: 2010 15th 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 Address Phone**

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 15th St., 39501 870-1025

28th Street Elem . 3136-46th Ave., 39501 867-2140

Middle Schools

Central Middle 1310 42nd Ave., 39501 870-1035

Bayou View Middle 212 43rd Ave., 39507 865-4633

High School

Gulfport HS (9th) 100 Perry St., 39507 896-1475

Gulfport High School 100 Perry St., 39507 896-7525

The Learning Center 1215 Church St., 39507 897-6045

HS GED Program 2507 21st St., 39501 896-4633

**Hancock County School District:** [**http://www.hancock.k12.ms.us/new**](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

**Elementary Schools Address Phone**

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**](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

**Elementary Schools Address Phone**

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 1st St., Saucier, 39574 832-2440

Three Rivers Elem. 13500 Three Rivers Rd., Gulfport, 39503 831-5359

West Wortham Elem. 20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier39574 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 8th Middle 4715 Illinois Ave., Gpt. , 39503 864-5326

North Gpt 7th 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](https://www.google.com/search?q=west+harrison+middle+school+ms)

West Wortham Middle 20199 West Wortham Rd., Saucier39574 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 29th Street, Gulfport, 39503 863-0583

**Jackson County Public School District:** [**http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us/**](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**](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 Address Phone**

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

High School

Long Beach Senior HS 300 East Old Pass Rd., 39560 863-6945

**Moss Point School District:** [**http://www.mp.k12.ms.us/**](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 Address Phone**

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

High School

Moss Point HS 4913 Weems Street, 39563 475-5721

**Ocean Springs School District:** [**http://www.ossd.k12.ms.us**](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 Address Phone**

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

High School

OS High Old Spanish Trail & Hwy 57, 39564

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/**](http://www.psd.ms/)

**District Office: 1006 Communy 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 Address Phone**

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 6th 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**](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

**Elementary Schools Address Phone**

Delisle Elem. 6303 West Wittman Road, 39571 255-6211

Pass Christian Elem. 270 West 2nd 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

**Stone County School District:** [**http://www.stone.k12.ms.us**](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

**Elementary Schools Address Phone**

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 (k-12th) Biloxi/228-392-6279

Christian Collegiate Academy/www.ccagulfport.org (prek3-12th) Gulfport228-832-4585

Coast Episcopal/http://school.passchristian.net/coastepiscopal.htm (prek-6th) Long Beach/228-452-9442

Grace Baptist Academy/www.graceibc.org (prek3-12th) Ocean Springs/228-875-2093

Hope Academy/www.hopeacademyfg.org (prek2-6th) Ocean Springs/228-396-9096

Our Lady of Fatima/www.fatimafalcons.org (preK3-6th, Biloxi)

St. John’s Episcopal/www.stjohnsoceansprings.org (pre-k) Ocean Springs/228-872-3343

Temple Christian Academy/www.templebaptistgulfport.com (k2-12th) 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 9th 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](https://governorreeves.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/Executive-Order-1561-Military-Star-School-Program.pdf) 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.

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.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0)<http://www.cnic.navy.mil/ffr/family_readiness/fleet_and_family_support_program.html>

<https://m.facebook.com/ffsc.gulfport.7/info/?entry_point=page_nav_about_item&ref=page_internal>

**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).