



2024-2025
Kings Bay
Education Handbook

Helping you make informed educational decisions for your military family

Child and Youth Education Services

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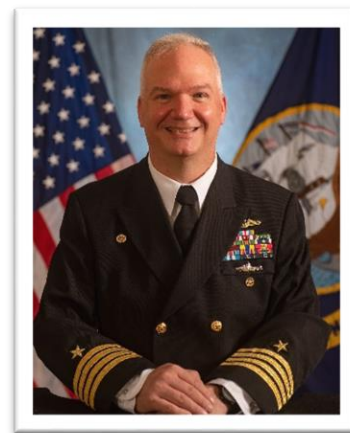
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Welcome Aboard!
Commanding Officer,
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



Welcome to Kings Bay – the east coast home to Trident nuclear powered submarines. Whether you are preparing to transfer to Kings Bay or planning a visit to the base, you will discover that our award-winning base is one of the Navy’s premier duty stations. Lifestyles exist here for a variety of tastes. Whether you prefer living in the country, a small-town environment, or the faster lanes of metropolitan and city life, it is all near Kings Bay.

Off base, you can visit historic sites, national parks and preserves, tourist attractions, and other exciting points of interest all along the Georgia and Florida coasts or inland. You can explore shops and restaurants in Saint Mary’s – the gateway to Cumberland Island – and Kingsland. In less than an hour, you can reach beaches, malls and a multitude of services and amenities in Jacksonville, Fernandina, Brunswick and Jekyll Island. Area residents and visitors boast about the fresh and saltwater fishing, and the host of water activities available to families living in this area.

No matter your preferences, you are in the correct place to learn about relocating to Kings Bay. Moving can be especially challenging and stressful for the youngest members of military families – school-aged children. Early and thorough research, prudent planning, and maintaining a positive mind set can help ease the burdens. The School Liaison is available to assist you in addressing the educational needs of your family by providing information about local schools and answering questions about support programs and services available for children including those with special needs. Maintaining early and consistent contact with the School Liaison is just one way to make the move to Kings Bay easier for every member of your family.

Share information from this handbook with your family and if you have youngsters or teens, get them involved early and often. If you have questions about educational services that cannot be answered by the sponsor or are not addressed in this Handbook, call or e-mail the School Liaison Officer for assistance.

We look forward to your safe arrival and to welcoming you aboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. You will enjoy living here, being part of our family, and working with our professional, award-winning team. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me at CNISEKNGSCOFB@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

CAPT Christopher Bohner

Commanding Officer
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



Welcome!

**Camden County School Central Office
311 South East Street
Kingsland, Georgia
(912) 729-5687**

On behalf of the members of the Camden County Board of Education, just over 1,400 employees, and approximately 9,700 students, it is an honor to welcome you to our community and our school system. We're glad you're here and look forward to our family becoming an integral part of the wonderful learning community that is Camden County Schools. There is a great deal of pride in our schools and we hope that pride spills into the homes of even our newest community members. Our students routinely surpass expectations because of the efforts of our teachers and those who support them in our schools and the community. Stakeholders in Camden County contribute to a highly effective school system that invests in a common mission to ensure educational excellence in a safe and nurturing environment where all students reach their potential and become productive citizens.

The responsibility we all share as a community to ensure students reach higher and achieve more dictates a relentless approach to continuous improvement. I hope as a new member our community you will become involved in your child's school and join efforts to develop and implement strategies that improve student success. Our pursuit of excellence and the changes that may accompany it require the trust, confidence, and support of our parents. We plan to earn that trust by exposing you and your children to teachers who prove their compassion and competence every day to help students succeed.

As I began, it is truly an honor to welcome you. My commitment to you as the chief learner in Camden County Schools is to work every day so that the children fortunate enough to pass through the halls of Camden County Schools will be motivated, challenged, and inspired to reach their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracyla Green

Superintendent
Camden County Schools



Welcome Aboard

Child and Youth Education Services Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

Welcome aboard! Whether you have just transferred to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay for the first time or have lived here before, you will find that our award-winning base is one of the Navy's premier duty stations. Here in Camden County you can experience small-town living yet still access the faster pace of a major metropolitan city like Jacksonville, Florida. Whatever you prefer, it is all near Kings Bay!

As your School Liaison, I am available to assist you in addressing the educational needs of your military school-age children. By providing information and answering questions on a host of topics such as registration, immunization, homeschooling, graduation requirements, special education services and so much more, I can help you make informed educational choices for your family. For more details about upcoming base events and recreational programs, be sure to stop by the Connections Club ***Military Family "Welcome Aboard"*** kiosk located at the entrance of each Camden County school.

We are glad you are here and look forward to your family becoming an important part of Team Kings Bay. I believe you will enjoy living here and working with service providers both on the installation and in the community. If you have any questions or require my services, do not hesitate to contact me at kingsbaysl@us.navy.mil or (912) 573-8986. **Again, welcome aboard!**

Sincerely,

Clainetta T. Jefferson

Clainetta T. Jefferson
School Liaison
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

School Liaison Directories

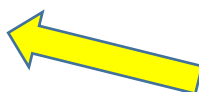
There is a global network of School Liaisons available to assist military families no matter where they are in the world. As educational consultants, School Liaisons are prepared to provide information about schools, districts, college admissions, homeschool requirements, etc. Whether you are relocating in the near future or have some time to make plans, look for the School Liaison at the duty station who can best serve your family's needs. Visit <https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/> for contact information.



School Liaison

To locate the School Liaison for your installation, please access the directory in the link provided for transitioning student assistance, by location, arriving or departing.

[Military OneSource School Liaison website](#) 



Contacts

We stand ready to support military families, educators, and students themselves! Stay in touch: [✉ **hq.partnership@dodea.edu**](mailto:hq.partnership@dodea.edu). Helping you to succeed is our favorite thing to do for military-connected students and families.



DISCLAIMER

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MILITARY PARENTS A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. **THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE ADVISED **TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR REFER TO STATE AND LOCAL WEBSITES** BEFORE MAKING OR FINALIZING EDUCATIONAL CHOICES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

Introduction to Education Handbook



The Education Handbook has been prepared as an immediate and centralized resource for information about schools serving military and federally-connected children living on or near Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. While educational needs may vary from family to family, this handbook answers most of the basic questions about public schools in Camden County and surrounding areas.

The schools in the local area have worked closely with installation personnel to offer quality educational services to children in the military community. School administrators and office staff are best suited to answer questions about specific programs or services. However, should you find that the information provided in this handbook or by school officials does not address your family's needs, please do not hesitate to contact the School Liaison for assistance.

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General Information

County Map



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located in Camden County, Georgia just minutes from the Georgia/Florida state line and metropolitan Jacksonville, Florida. Located in a part of the state the School Liaison calls “Flor-gia,” it is bordered by four other counties – three in Georgia (Glynn, Charlton, and Brantley counties) and one in Florida (Nassau). The close proximity to these counties offers military families many housing options. The School Liaison is available to assist families from all branches of service living within a one-hour driving radius of the installation. Updated information about Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is available at www.militaryINSTALLATIONS.dod.mil.

Surrounding School Districts

Many military families and contractors assigned to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay choose to live outside of Camden County. Families living in the following counties should take comfort in knowing that the Superintendents, administrators, and faculties of those school districts are eager and ready to serve your educational needs.

Glynn County Schools (30 minutes north of Camden County):

Dr. Scott Spencer, Superintendent
1301 Egmont Street
Brunswick, Ga. 31520
Phone: (912) 267-4100
Web: www.glynn.k12.ga.us
E-mail: support@glynn.12.ga.us

Nassau County Schools (30 – 40 minutes south of Camden County):

Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent
1201 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, Florida
Phone: (904) 491-9900
Website: www.nassau.k12.fl.us
NOTE: Serves Yulee, Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach,
Hilliard, and Callahan addresses

Charlton County Schools (35 minutes west of Camden County):

Dr. Thomas Brent Tilley, Superintendent
500 S. Third Street
Folkston, Georgia 31537
Phone: (912) 496-2596
Website: www.charlton.k12.ga.us

Childcare Options – Militarychildcare.com

Military members routinely PCS every 2 to 3 years, resulting in unique challenges for families who need child care. Moving abroad or to a community without extended family to ease the child care burden makes child care decisions that much more important.

MilitaryChildCare.com (MCC) was designed to help you make informed child care choices. Here, you can find a variety of military child care resources. You can learn how to request and manage care in MCC, read about military child care and fee assistance programs, learn about your family's priority and how this impacts waitlist sequencing, and browse family resources. From here, you can explore family resources, create an account, or log in to search for and request child care and Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) fee assistance.

Create Account

Log In



Access to child care directly affects mission readiness, morale, and retention of defense personnel worldwide. For this reason, the Department of Defense is committed to connecting military and DoD-affiliated families to quality, affordable child care programs.

Child Care and School Programs

Military families like yours can access a range of child care and school programs. Click on a program name to learn more about the program and how it is designed to support military families.

[Military-Operated Child Care Programs](#)

Facility-based programs and family child care providers

[Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood \(MCCYN\)](#)

Fee assistance for families using community-based care

[Child Care in Your Home \(CCYH\)](#)

Fee assistance for full-time child care in your home

[School Liaison Program \(SLP\)](#)

Services for students and their families

[Navy Weekend Drill Child Care Pilot](#)

Fee assistance for child care on drill weekends

Long before you arrive at your next duty station (NSB Kings Bay), you can set up your household and let make your needs known – childcare for infants to four years of age, and School-age Care (SAC) for before- and after-school care. Registration for the Teen Program must be done on-site at the Youth Center or Teen Center. The cost of childcare services (excluding the Teen Program) is based on the family's total gross income as documented by the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) and other current proofs of income. Additionally, parents should be prepared to present birth certificates, proof of immunization (on Georgia forms), and other documents confirming parent custody and/or guardianship.

For more specific information about childcare services, feel free to contact the Child Development Center at (912) 573-3888 or the School Liaison at (912) 573-8986.

School Choice



When it comes to a child's education, perhaps nothing causes parents more anxiety than having to choose the “*right*” school. Parents have a responsibility to research schools in a given area to determine if the schools can meet the needs of both the family and/or the child.

When choosing a school, parents must consider several factors, including but not limited to, the following: price (if private schools are preferred), extra-curricular activities, location, the special learning needs of the child, school size, class size, academic rating, and facilities.

In the end, parents are the first and primary advocates for their children and their children's education. It is particularly important for military parents to take the time find out all they can about schools serving each duty station.

The simplest way to access information about Camden County Schools is to visit the district website at www.camden.k12.ga.us and click on the “Strategic Plan” tab at the top of the district's website. Scroll down to “Governor's Office of Student Achievement K-12 Report Card” or you may click on the icon shown to the right to get more detailed information about the schools serving students in Camden County.



Mission

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement collaborates with education agencies to improve student achievement and conducts research, evaluations and audits to ensure that programs and schools are having positive impact on student achievement. Very specific information can be reviewed by visiting <https://gosa.georgia.gov>.

Once on this page you can click on the names of any school and find information related to a host of topics depending on grade level: student demographic profile, student performance in core content areas (English, mathematics, science and social studies), graduation rates (high school), college and career readiness (high school) and so much more.



Remember, students are “zoned” to attend neighborhood schools. Take the time to review this information before finalizing your home or neighborhood decision. While there may be options available to seek an out-of-zone placement (see page 19), it is best to decide on a school and then live in that neighborhood.

Camden County School System



All Camden County schools are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Georgia Accrediting Commission. Camden County Schools, as a district, has been named a SACS "Super District" for several years. More detailed information is available at www.camden.k12.ga.us.

Nine Elementary Schools:

- **Crooked River Elementary School (serves base housing)**
- David L. Rainer Elementary School (just west of I-95)
- Kingsland Elementary School (farthest west in the county)
- Mamie Lou Gross Elementary School (located in the northern part of county)
- **Mary Lee Clark Elementary School (third closest to base)**
- Matilda Harris Elementary School (high military population)
- **St. Mary's Elementary School (downtown St. Marys area)**
- Sugarmill Elementary School (second closest to base)
- Woodbine Elementary School (farthest north in county)

Two Middle Schools:

- St. Mary's Middle School (closest to installation; serves base housing)
- **Camden Middle School (serves Kingsland)**

One High School:

- **Camden County High School** (one regional high school; 2,600+ students)



The schools highlighted in purple have received the **Georgia Military Flagship School Award** for going above and beyond to provide a supportive environment for military students and families. Military Flagship Schools provide specific outreach to military families and recognize and accommodate their unique needs. Schools are chosen through a yearly application process that is open to every school in the state.

School Start Dates



The State of Georgia allows local school boards to decide on school calendars including opening and closing dates, holiday schedules, and teacher workdays. Often military families relocating to the area are surprised by the early school start dates.

2024- 2025 School Year

School District Name	First Day of School	Last Day of School
Brantley County	August 6, 2024	May 23, 2025
Camden County	August 6, 2024	May 23, 2025
Charlton County	August 5, 2024	May 23, 2025
Glynn County	August 7, 2024	May 23, 2025
Nassau (Florida) County	August 12, 2024	May 28, 2025
Ware County	August 8, 2024	May 22, 2025



Camden County Schools 2024-2025 Calendar

JULY 2024						
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29-30 New Teacher Orientation
7/31-8/5 Pre-Planning

JANUARY 2025						
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6 Staff Day – No School for Students
7 First Day of Second Semester
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School Day

AUGUST 2024						
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6 First Day of School

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14 Staff Day – No School for Students
17 President's Day

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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2 Labor Day

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10 Staff Day – No School for Students
13 End of Nine Weeks

OCTOBER 2024						
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8 End of Nine Weeks
11 Staff Day – No School for Students
14 Columbus Day

APRIL 2025						
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3/31-4/4 Spring Break
18 Staff Day – No School for Students

NOVEMBER 2024						
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11 Veterans Day – No School for Students
25-29 Fall Break

MAY 2025						
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23 Last Day of School/Graduation
26 Memorial Day
27-28 Post-Planning

DECEMBER 2024						
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12/23-1/3 Winter Break
20 End of Nine Weeks

JUNE 2025						
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19 Juneteenth

CHARLTON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2024 - 2025 Calendar

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Jul. 4th-Independence Day Holiday
Jul. 28th - Aug 2nd Planning Days

Aug. 5th First Day of School
Sept. 2nd Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 5th Progress Reports
Oct. 4th End of 1st Grading Period
Oct. 7th Teacher Planning

OCT. '24				
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Oct. 8th Professional Learning
Oct. 9th-11th Fall Break
Oct. 16th Report Cards
Nov. 11th Veterans' Day Holiday
Nov. 14th Progress Reports
Nov. 25th - 29th Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 20th End of 1st Semester
Dec. 21st-Jan. 5th Christmas Holidays

JAN. '25				
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FEB. '25				
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MARCH '25				
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Jan. 6th Planning Day
Jan. 7th Professional Learning Day
Jan. 8th Report Cards
Jan. 20th M.L. King Holiday
Feb 10th Progress Reports
Feb. 17th Presidents' Day Holiday
Mar. 13th End of 3rd Grading Period
Mar. 14th Planning Day
Mar. 19th Report Cards

APRIL '25				
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MAY '25				
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April 7th - April 11th Spring Break
April 23rd Progress Reports
May 23rd End of 2nd Semester
May 23rd Last Day of School
May 23rd Graduation
May 26th Memorial Day Holiday
May 27th - 28th Planning Days
June 19th Juneteenth Holiday

Planning/
Professional Learning

Students/Teachers Out

Students Start/End School

Report Cards or Progress
Reports sent home

May 23rd - Graduation

Early Release Days

Early Release Days:
Dec. 20
May 23rd

**Nassau County School District
2024-2025 Calendar**

JULY				
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OCTOBER				
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Q1 = 44 Days

NOVEMBER				
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DECEMBER				
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Q2 = 43 Days, S1 = 87 Days

JANUARY				
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FEBRUARY				
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MARCH				
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Q3 = 47 Days

APRIL				
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Q4 = 46 Days, S2 = 93 Days


JUNE				
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16	17	18	19	C
23	24	25	26	C
30				

 Classes Resume

 Teacher Planning Day

 School Holiday

 End of Grading Period

 Staff Development Day

* Early Dismissal

 Half Day for Students

C Schools/District Office Closed

Glynn County School System

Glynn County Schools
 P.O. Box 1677
 Brunswick, GA 31521
 912-267-4100
 www.glynn.k12.ga.us
 Dr. Scott Spence
 Superintendent



Glynn County School System
2024-2025
School Year Calendar
 Approved by the Glynn County Board of Education

Legend

Teacher Planning (No school)
Professional Learning (No school)
Holiday (No school)
School In Session

August
 1-6 Professional Learning & Teacher Planning
 5 Open House - Elementary Schools/GICCA
 6 Open House - Middle Schools
 6 Open House - High Schools
 7 First Semester Begins (88 Days)

September
 2 Labor Day Holiday

October
 10 End of 1st 9 Weeks (46 Days)
 11 Professional Learning & Teacher Planning
 14 Holiday

November
 5 General Election Day
 11 Veterans Day Holiday
 25-29 Thanksgiving Holidays

December
 20 End of 2nd 9 Weeks (42 days) & 1st Semester
 23-31 Christmas Holidays

January
 1-3 Christmas Holidays
 6-7 Teacher Planning & PL
 8 Second Semester Begins (90 Days)
 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

February
 17 Teacher Planning & PL

March
 7 End of 3rd 9 Weeks (41 Days)
 10 Teacher Planning and PL
 31 Spring Break Holiday

April
 1-4 Spring Break Holidays

May
 23 End of 2nd 9 Weeks (49 Days) & 2nd Semester
 26 Memorial Day Holiday
 27-28 Teacher Planning

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Enrollment

This year, Camden County Schools rolled out a newly-formatted district website. Still, enrolling in Camden County Schools is simple! Visit the district website at www.camden.k12.ga.us and click the “Enroll Now” tab located on the right side of the homepage.



There you will find links for New Student Enrollment, Returning Student Enrollment, Zone Transfer Request and more. If you are a military family moving to the area, you will need to click the ‘New Student Enrollment’ link and open an account (set up your household) by providing an e-mail address and creating a password.

Sign In

Email Address

Password

Remember me on this computer

Sign In

[Forgot password?](#)

Create Account

With an account, you can...

- Complete forms online
- Save and return to forms in progress
- Print form history

Create Account

Once the account is created, you can begin entering information for multiple children in one household. Data must be completed for one student at a time. The system will not allow you to begin another student in the family if the first has incomplete data. The data entered may be saved if the required information cannot be entered in one sitting. However, once the registration has been submitted corrections or revisions may **ONLY** be made at the local school.

If you are beginning the enrollment **process prior to your arrival or prior to having a confirmed local address**, you may enter an *anticipated* address. This *anticipated* address must be supported by official documentation such as a lease/ rental agreement, or a builder contract specifying a lot location or street address. Feel free to redact any personal information from those documents e.g. home purchase price, interest rates, deposits, etc. If you plan to live in the Balfour Beatty Community (on-base housing), you may obtain a letter with an **administrative physical address** to use solely for school enrollment purposes.

Students enrolling in Georgia public schools for the first time are asked to **furnish a Social Security number**. However, the Social Security Number (SSN) is not required for enrollment in elementary or middle schools. Parents or guardians may sign a statement declining to provide the number without giving a reason. Parents must request this waiver in person at the local school. Students for whom Social Security numbers are not provided will be assigned a student identification number. Completing an on-line registration will not be possible unless a Social Security number waiver is on file. High school students are **REQUIRED** to provide SSN as records may be submitted to colleges or universities as part of the admissions process.



Change of Attendance Zone Request

Parents sometimes ask if it is possible to live in one school zone and have children attend a school(s) outside that zone. The short answer is, “Yes.” The longer answer is, “Yes, but there is a process.”

- **Complete the registration process** - No requests for change of zone can be reviewed until the child is **first** registered with Camden County Schools.
- **Submit the Request for Change of Attendance Zone** – Complete the form available on the district website at www.camden.k12.ga.us found under the “Enroll Now’ tab on the right side of the district’s homepage. Parents may submit a request for a change of zone including a reason for the request.
- **Principal Review and Approval** - Requests for out-of-zone enrollments are reviewed by both the “sending” and “receiving” principals. If approved by both principals, the request is submitted to the Board of Education.
- **Board Approval** – Any actions to enroll a student in a school other than the one for which he or she is zoned requires approval by the Camden County Schools Board of Education.

Parents wishing to submit a Request for Change of Attendance Zone should be mindful that these requests must be made *annually* and are granted on a space-available basis. These are not to be considered permanent placements. It is possible that an approval granted one school year may not be approved in subsequent years based on changes in student enrollment. Additionally, parents are responsible for providing transportation to the out-of-zone school. For more information, speak with the Student Information Officer (SIO) at your neighborhood school.

School Start Times

Camden County Schools has staggered school start and end times. Please review these times and plan your days around these varying times.

Grade Level	Start Time	End Time
Elementary	8:30	3:30
Middle	7:40	2:40
High	7:25	2:25



Entry Age Requirement

A child must be five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in public school Kindergarten. The child must be six on or before **September 1** to enter first grade. The local school system must verify age before enrollment. Parents should expect to present documentation that confirms a child's age.

Students who were legal residents of one or more states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to Georgia, were legally enrolled in either a public Kindergarten or first grade, or a private Kindergarten or first grade accredited by a state or regional association, are eligible to enroll in Georgia schools if that child will be five years old (Kindergarten) or six years old (first grade) by **December 31** of that school year.



As a member of the Interstate Compact, Georgia allows military students transferring from an **accredited** school to continue enrollment at the current level, be eligible for enrollment in the next higher grade, and continue participation in honors, gifted and talented programs regardless of age. The terms of the Interstate Compact DO allow the receiving school the right to verify the placement by **conducting separate academic assessments**. Relocating students are must meet the receiving state's standards in order to retain access to specialized programs and/or services.

Transfer & Admission Procedures

The Interstate Compact **allows local school districts to accept unofficial records from military families for registration purposes**. Local schools may enroll and place students in classes based on the information contained in the unofficial records pending validation by the official records from the sending school. Military parents should give the sending school written notification of withdrawal and request copies of the student's academic and discipline records to be hand carried to the new school. Although Camden County schools close during the summer, district office staff or administrators are available to answer questions. **Phone service to all Camden County Schools will be suspended until mid-July, 2023**. Parents needing assistance may contact the School Liaison at (912) 573-8986.

Attendance Policies

Georgia law requires that students attend a public or private school or a home study program from their sixth to sixteenth birthdays. Public Kindergarten is available in every school system, but it is not mandatory. The typical school year is 180 instructional days. For reporting purposes, schools maintain documentation on students who have missed **more than 10 days of school** and that information is reported to the State of Georgia.

Military students MAY be granted additional absences if a parent or legal guardian is an active duty military member and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a **combat zone** or combat support posting. Routine submarine patrols do not meet this standard. Please discuss planned absences with classroom teachers and/or administrators.

Medical Requirements



Georgia requires the following immunizations: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, measles, polio, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox).

FORM 3231 (Certificate of Immunization)

Georgia law requires children attending school (K -12) to be age appropriately immunized with all the required vaccines at the time of first entry in school. A new entrant is a child entering a school in Georgia for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than 12 months or one school year. Protection against these diseases **MUST** be documented **ON** the Form 3231. All students **MUST** have the Georgia Department of Public Health immunization certificate marked "COMPLETE FOR SCHOOL."

There are medical and religious exemptions available. Detailed information regarding these exemptions may be found on the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org.

SPECIAL NOTE: Vaccination Requirements – 7th graders and 11th graders: All students entering or transferring into 7th grade or 11th grade need proof an adolescent meningococcal (meningitis) vaccination. Visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section> for details regarding immunizations requirements or view information provided on the following pages.

Military families may present immunization records from other states to the Immunization Department at the Kings Bay Branch Medical Clinic where personnel will transfer the records onto the necessary Georgia forms. Once the forms have been prepared by Immunization personnel, parents are advised **NOT** to present the forms to local school for processing for at least 3 business days. This will allow clinic personnel time to input data into the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS).

FORM 3300 (Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental and Nutrition) – MEDICAL APPOINTMENT REQUIRED!

The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Form 3300 ensure that every child in Georgia is screened for possible problems with vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition. Any student, regardless of grade level, who has never been in a Georgia public school **MUST** provide certification of vision, hearing, dental and nutrition examinations on the Georgia DPH **Form 3300**. Military parents may contact the local health department or military primary care provider to have these screenings conducted. Once the examinations are completed, the Form 3300 will need to be signed by a Georgia physician and submitted to local schools as part of the registration process. Students who have had similar screenings within the last year may only have to have that information transferred onto this Georgia form. Consult with your primary care provider regarding what screenings may or may not be required. Military children admitted to school without this certificate but must present one within 30 calendars days of school entry.

For more information, **contact Della Poponea** in the Immunizations Department at the Branch Medical Clinic by **calling (912) 573-8250**.



7th Grade Vaccination Requirements

What is the pertussis booster requirement?

All students born on or after January 1, 2002 and entering or transferring into 7th grade need proof of an adolescent pertussis (whooping cough) booster immunization (called "Tdap"). Proof of Tdap immunization must be documented on the Georgia immunization certificate (Form 3231).

What is Tdap and what are the diseases that the Tdap vaccine prevents?

Tdap is a booster vaccine for older children, adolescents, and adults. It safely protects against 3 dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (also called whooping cough).

- Pertussis – also known as whooping cough is a contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. It spreads easily when someone with the disease coughs or sneezes. The cough can last for months. Pertussis is particularly dangerous for young babies.
- Tetanus – causes a severe, painful tightening (spasms) of muscles, including of the jaw ("lockjaw"), which can limit swallowing and breathing.
- Diphtheria – is a throat infection that can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure and death.

Do ALL 7th grade students need to get the pertussis immunization (Tdap)?

Yes. Unless they have an exemption, all students born on or after January 1, 2002 and entering 7th grade must have proof having received the Tdap booster shot. This includes current and new students in both public and private schools. Students who have already received the Tdap vaccine will need to show proof with a new Georgia immunization certificate (Form 3231), so check with your doctor or health care provider.

Why does my child need Tdap?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends Tdap for preteens at ages 11 or 12 years for protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Protection provided by the DTaP vaccine received in childhood wears off as kids get older, so preteens and teens need a booster shot known as Tdap. Getting this booster not only protects preteens and teens, but also the people around them.

When should my child get vaccinated with Tdap?

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends Tdap booster immunization for:

- Adolescents age 11-12 years
- Adolescents age 13-19 years, who have not yet received it

What if my child had whooping cough recently or in the past?

Any protection (immunity) developed after having pertussis disease wears off, leaving your child at risk for getting pertussis again. A pertussis booster shot is needed to protect your child in the future and to meet the school requirement.

Instead of getting a Tdap booster to meet the requirement, can my child get a blood test to check for protection (immunity) against pertussis?

No. Testing for immunity to pertussis is not reliable and will not meet the school requirement.

What if my child does not have proof of a Tdap shot before school starts?

Your child may not be able to attend school until you submit the documentation for the Tdap requirement to the school.

How long do you have to wait after your last tetanus shot (Td) before getting Tdap?

According to the CDC recommendations, the dose of Tdap required for the school law may be given at any time after the last tetanus shot.

Where can my child get vaccinated?

Your child can visit their doctor or health care provider to get their Tdap shot. Local Health Departments also offer the Tdap vaccine. To find a Health Department near you visit: <http://dph.georgia.gov/public-health-districts>.

Are there other vaccines recommended for adolescents and teens? Yes, CDC recommends a seasonal influenza (flu) vaccination to protect teens from the flu, and HPV vaccination to protect them from most of the cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. Although not required for school attendance in Georgia, they are strongly recommended. They can be given at the same time as other vaccines.

Where can I go for more information? For more information, visit the Georgia Department of Public Health, Immunization Office website at <http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section> or CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/pertussis/>.



MENINGITIS VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR RISING 11TH GRADERS

Important Notice for Parents/Guardians of Rising 11th Grade Students

Meningococcal disease is a serious bacterial illness that affects the brain and the spinal cord. Meningitis can cause shock, coma and death within hours of the first symptoms. To help protect your children and others from meningitis, Georgia law requires students to be vaccinated against this disease, unless the child has an exemption. Before starting the 2023-2024 school year, all students entering or transferring into the 11th grade will need to provide proof of a meningococcal booster shot (MCV4) to the high school unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday. Military high school students in need of this vaccine may receive it at the Branch Medical Clinic Immunization desk. **For information, call (912) 573-8250.**



The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission allows for uniform treatment of military children as they transfer between school districts. While the Compact is not exhaustive in its coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families: As part of the Official Education Records/Transcripts language, the Compact covers immunization **allowing eligible military students thirty (30) calendar days from the time of enrollment (physically reporting to the school) to demonstrate compliance with state medical requirements.** For immunizations given in a series, only the initial vaccination must be obtained within **thirty (30) calendar days** of enrollment. Military parents/guardians are advised to attend to these medical requirements as quickly as possible. If not met within the allowed time, school officials may administratively withdraw students from school. Visit www.mic3.net for information about the Compact.



MIC3 EASES TRANSITIONS
FOR MILITARY KIDS

Gifted/Talented and Special Education Services

Parents of children enrolled in gifted and talented programs or who have special needs should ensure that copies of necessary documentation are available upon or prior to arrival – copies of current Individualized Education Plans (IEP), Section 504 Plan documents, gifted assessments, etc. The School Liaison has partnered with Camden County Schools to have gifted and special education documents reviewed by the district prior to a family’s arrival in order to initiate discussions about a student’s needs and to make placement recommendations. The chart below identifies which Camden County schools serve various exceptionalities. **NOTE: This information is subject to change. Therefore, NO DECISIONS should be made solely on the chart below. Military parents are advised to consult with district special education personnel before finalizing any relocation or housing choices.**

2024 – 2025 Special Education Service Chart <i>(by school)</i>													
SPED Area	CRES	DLR	KES	MHES	MLCES	MLGES	SES	SMES	WES	CMS	SMMS	CCHS	Coastal Acad
ASD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
E/BD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HI & D	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
MIID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MOID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
PID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
SDD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SID	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
SE/BD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
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SLI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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TBI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
OHI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
E/BD – Emotional and Behavioral Disorder
HI & D – Hearing Impairment and Deafness
Intellectual Disability:
MIID – Mild (IQ 75-55)
MOID – Moderate (IS 55 – 40)
SID – Severe (IQ 40 – 25)
PID – Profound (IQ below 25)

SDD - Significant Developmental Delay
SE/BD – Severe Emotional/ Behavioral Disorder
SLD – Specific Learning Disorder
SLI – Speech and Language Impairment
VI & B – Visual Impairment and Blindness
DB – Deafness and Blindness
TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
OHI – Other Health Impaired

Questions about special education services in Camden County may be directed to the School Liaison or **Dr. Vannetta Melton**, Director of Special Education at **(912) 729-5687** or vmelton@camden.k12.ga.us.



Exceptional military families with school-age children requiring gifted and talented or special education services are required to enroll in Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). For information about EFMP enrollment or for assistance with updating existing EFMP records, contact one of the EFMP Case Liaisons at the Fleet and Family Support Center by calling (912) 573-4512.

Transportation



The Transportation Office of Camden County Schools and surrounding counties seek to provide students with bus services that are safe, dependable, professional, and cost effective. Camden County Schools offers transportation to students living on-base (middle school and high school only) and to those living outside a 1.5 mile radius of their neighborhood school. **Families living within the 1.5 mile radius of a school are required to provide transportation to and from school.**

NOTE: Crooked River Elementary School (CRES) is located along the fence line of the installation. **There is NO bus transportation for elementary students living on base.** Students are expected to walk or ride bicycles to school along the path leading from base housing to the school gate opened and closed by authorized school personnel each morning and afternoon. Parents may drop-off and pick-up in private vehicles, if they choose.

Riding the local public school bus is a privilege and students should obey bus rules regarding student behavior. Failure to do so could result in bus incidence reports made to local school administrators resulting in possible suspension. The rules that govern the buses promote safety for all students. The rules help to minimize distractions and obstructions for the driver and alleviate situations that could be potentially dangerous.

The school zoning map is available on the Camden County website at www.camden.k12.ga.us. To access transportation information, such the district map, click on the "Divisions" tab at the top of the page, select 'Safety and Operations' and then choose 'Transportation.' Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the "Frequently Asked Questions." The first question is "What is my School Zone?" There you will be able to type in a local address and identify which schools serves that neighborhood.

Bus riders should arrive at designated bus stop locations no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Students' early arrival helps ensure that the busses can run in a timely and orderly manner. Students may bring other items on the bus that fit in their laps and will not obstruct any emergency exits. For more information about transportation related issues, **please contact Mr. Mike White, Transportation Director at (912) 729-8374.**

Military Resources



EDDICIMAD! It is a sign you'll see all around Camden County. This acronym stands for **"Every Day in Camden County is Military Appreciation Day."** Camden County works to make your living experience here a positive one. The school district webpage at www.camden.k12.ga.us offers a special link to resources just for military families. By clicking on this icon you will find information about the School Liaison Office, Child and Youth Programs, transition services (Connections Club), MWR programs, and so much more.

School Nutrition and Lunches

Camden County Schools uses an electronic system known as **My School Bucks** to manage the financial component of its food service program. By setting up accounts, parents can view balances and purchase meals. Automatic payments may be made anytime from anywhere using the My School Bucks **downloadable app**. By following a few simple steps, parents may sign up for **My School Bucks**:



1. Go to 'myschoolbucks.com'
2. Create an account
3. Pay with your credit/debit card or electronic check

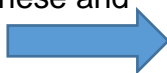
Parents of students with specialized medical or dietary needs are advised to work with the school nurse to ensure that documentation of medical, allergic or other dietary needs is provided and communicated to food services personnel. Making food substitutions for dietary **preferences** such as gluten-free, lactose-free or other diets is NOT required by school nutritionists. The school will NOT alter the prescribed menu, but will be respectful of students' and parents' preferences.

The cost of school lunch varies by grade level and is **subject to change** from year-to-year. The standard cost of a Camden County School lunch would normally be as follows:

- **BREAKFAST – FREE** to all students; Visitors - \$2.25
- **Elementary Lunch** - \$1.95 daily or \$9.75 weekly*
- **Middle School Lunch** - \$2.10 daily or \$10.50 weekly*
- **High School Lunch** - \$2.35 daily or \$11.75 weekly*
- **Visitor Lunch** - \$4.00 daily
- **Free and Reduced Lunch** - .50 daily (See program details below)

Depending on the family's total gross income (excluding combat pay), some military families may be eligible for the **Free and Reduced Lunch program**. The application for this program will be available starting 15 July at www.myschoolapps.com. Paper copies of this application will be sent home the first week of school, but parents are advised to **submit this online application as early as possible** to ensure access to nutritious and affordable lunches at school.

For information about school nutrition, visit www.camden.k12.ga.us and click on the 'Divisions' tab at the top of the page. Choose 'Safety and Operations' from the dropdown menu. There you will see the link to the School Nutrition program which will provide access to these and other related nutrition sites.



Should you have questions or concerns about school nutrition, contact **Marlene Acconcio** at **(912) 729-8340** or the toll free number **(844) 406-9320**.

Online Applications

The Free and Reduced Meal Applications link will be available at MySchoolApps.com after July 1st for the 2024-25 school year.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application

Pay For School Meals

Nutrition Education

Apply to Join The Nutrition Department

Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Standardized Testing)



Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive annual assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlines in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in each content area, while high school students will take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education.

Features the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include the following:

- open-ended (constructed response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses);
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment;
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison; and
- transition to online administration over time, with online administration considered the primary mode of administration and **paper-pencil as back-up** until the transition is complete

Students at the high school level will take an **End-Of-Course (EOCT)** assessment in the following **eight courses**:

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|--|-----------------------|
| ▪ Language Arts | Mathematics |
| ▪ Ninth Grade Literature and Composition | Coordinate Algebra |
| ▪ American Literature and Composition | Analytic Geometry |
| ▪ Science | Social Studies |
| ▪ Physical Science | United States History |
| ▪ Biology | Economics/ Business |

Middle school students in one or more of these courses will also take the end-of-course measure. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. These measures serve as the final exam for the course, and contribute **20% to the student's final course grade**. Each school district selects a local testing window, based on their local school calendar, from within the state-designated testing window.

Where possible, parents of students scheduled for state testing should try to complete testing in the sending state before moving to a new duty station. This affords students greater opportunity for success and provides the receiving faculty the most current information about a student's level of performance. **The 2025 Georgia Milestones are scheduled to begin May, 2025 in Camden County.**

SPECIAL NOTE: Georgia law required students in grade 3, 5 and 8, who relocate from another state, to take literacy tests up to 10 school days following the regularly scheduled Georgia Milestone testing – **possibly through the end of the school year 2025**. **PLEASE work with the School Liaison to plan relocations that minimize testing impact on incoming military students.** Remember, by law, students enrolled in a public school at the time testing is conducted are **REQUIRED** to take the state’s standardized tests even if they have studied or been tested in other states.

GEORGIA MILESTONES RESOURCES

- ▶ [Sample of Online Test and Testing Format](#)
- ▶ [Camden County Schools Testing Calendar](#)
- ▶ [Georgia Milestones Parent Q&A Brochure](#)
- ▶ [Understanding Georgia Milestones Learner Achievement Levels](#)
- ▶ [Parent’s Guide to EOG/EOC Student Report](#)
- ▶ [Georgia Milestones PowerPoint Presentation](#)

The Parent's Guide to New Tests in Georgia, created by the National PTA, is also available for review on the district’s website.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities are available to students at every grade level. The types and number of programs available vary from school to school. Depending on the age of the students being served, schools may offer programs either during or after-school. Information about these programs, registration deadlines, and eligibility requirements will be sent home with students at the appropriate times throughout the school year.

Secondary students wishing to continue participation in sporting or club activities that require auditions or try-outs are advised to contact the school prior their arrival to schedule times to meet with program directors. Athletes may consider making game tapes or other records of accomplishments available to the Athletic Director or sports coach for preliminary review.

The Interstate Compact states provides that “local school systems will **facilitate** the opportunity for transitioning military students to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of deadlines, to the extent they are “otherwise qualified.” While this is a great opportunity for our military community, schools are NOT required to hold a place for military children nor does the Compact guarantee that a military child will make the team. Therefore, early contact with local schools may facilitate a student’s eligibility for participation.

For more information on the Interstate Compact visit www.mic3.net.



Homeschool Access to Extracurricular Activities

After being approved by the Georgia House of Representatives and Senate, Senate Bill 42 became law when it was signed by Governor Brian Kemp on May 6, 2021. This new law allows homeschooled students in any school district to participate in public school athletics, effective July 1, 2021. Pursuant to Section 20-2-319.6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, home schooled students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and interscholastic activities in their districts if the following six requirements are met:

- 1) **At least 30 days before the first school day of the semester** in which a home study student will participate in activities, the parent or guardian of the student notifies the district that the student will be participating, provides a copy of the student's most recent annual progress report, and provides "written verification" that the student is "receiving a passing grade in each home study program course, is maintaining satisfactory progress toward advancement, and meets the requirements for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity,"
- 2) For each semester in which the home study student participates in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity, **the home study student enrolls in and attempts to complete one "qualifying course,"** which can be a class taken at a virtual instruction program, a dual-enrollment college course, or an on-site course that is required for participation in an athletic program,
- 3) The **student "meets established age, academic, behavioral, conduct, disciplinary, residence, zoning, and other rules and requirements** applicable to all students for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school,"
- 4) The **student "abides by the same student code of conduct and disciplinary measures** and transportation policies as students enrolled at the resident school who are participating in the same extracurricular or interscholastic activity as the home study student,"
- 5) The **student "completes the tryout process or the equivalent for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity applicable to all students** for participation in the specified extracurricular or interscholastic activity and provides any supporting documentation required by the resident school," and
- 6) If the student wishes to participate in an extracurricular or interscholastic activity which involves a competitive selection process, **the home study student must be selected.**

If these requirements are met, the school district "shall not deny a home study student the opportunity to try out and participate if selected in any extracurricular or interscholastic activities available at the resident school or in the resident school system." This information should NOT be taken as legal advice. If there questions, please consult with the appropriate district personnel or legal counsel.

NOTE: See **page 37** for details on how **homeschool students register** with the State of Georgia.

Youth Sponsorship Program – Connections Clubs

The Kings Bay Youth Sponsorship Program is available to elementary, middle school and high school students relocating to the Kings Bay area. Sponsorship allows military youth and teens a chance to 'meet' other military youth who are nearly the same age, possibly attend the same school, or share like interest.

Trained and enthusiastic Youth Sponsorship Program *Ambassadors* work to welcome youth and teens to Kings Bay and to make them feel "at home" long before they arrive. By hosting "Welcome Aboard" activities, offering school tours, and providing information about local activities, the Sponsorship Program connects military youth with others who understand the feelings and anxieties that often accompany military moves.



**Ask about the
Connections Clubs at YOUR child's school!**



Moving can be hard. We CAN help!

Kings Bay Teen Program

Students ages 13 – 18 will definitely want to check out this award-winning Teen Program. The Teen Program offers local military and civilian teens the opportunity to make new friends, travel, and learn important life skills. Through Boys and Girls Clubs of American and Georgia 4-H recreational and education events, teens participate in exciting and fun adventures. To learn more about how you or your teen can participate or to get a glimpse in the Kings Bay Teen Program, visit them on Facebook.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

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WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

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www.facebook.com/kbteens

Military and Family Life Counselors



Need to talk?

Helping you is our priority.

Child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors are here to listen and help you and your family cope with the challenges of military life. Child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors can help support your family on issues such as:

- School adjustment
- Deployment and separation
- Reunion adjustment
- Sibling and parent-child communication
- Behavioral concerns
- Fear, grief and loss

Non-medical counseling sessions are free and confidential* (no records kept). Available sessions include:

- After-hours and weekend appointments
- Group or off-site meetings
- Camps and summer youth programs

Call your local child and youth behavioral military and family life counselor to make an appointment.

Discover what the Military and Family Life Counseling Program offers at <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-help/mflc>.

Supporting military children and youth



*Exceptions to confidentiality include mandatory state, federal and military reporting requirements (including domestic violence, child abuse and duty-to-warn situations).

Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLCs -- pronounced “*em-fleks*”) are available at all schools in Camden County. These professional counselors are Masters or Doctorate-level licensed counselors specializing in child and youth issues. At no cost to military families, these counselors offer short-term, non-medical, problem-solving, solution focused counseling support to all active duty families. Services are private and confidential with the exception of child abuse/neglect, domestic abuse, and other ‘duty-to-warn’ situations.

MFLCs help military families by addressing issues such as school adjustment, deployment and separation, you are looking for additional assistance to help your family with difficult life circumstances, consider the services of the MFLC. Consent forms, available at local schools, may be completed by military parents to allow military children to speak with the MFLC and to participate in school-based programming. There can never be too many caring adults in your child’s life. Let the MFLCs support your military children as they “serve” the nation.

Military Family Resources – MWR, SLO, and CYP



Now that your family is moving to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, you will have access to one of the finest Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs in the U.S. Navy. The Navy recognizes this as a top rated, five-star program which is nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

You may visit the MWR website at www.navymwrkingsbay.com or click on the ‘Parent’ tab located at the top of the school district’s website at www.camden.k12.ga.us. Use the ‘Military Families’ link to gain access to information about the School Liaison, the Child Development Center (CDC), the Youth Center and Teen Program. Go ahead! Look at all of the fantastic programming available to you and your family.

High School Graduation Requirements



Camden County High School is a comprehensive, regional high school divided in to six distinct academies to serve the 2,700+ enrolled students:

- Freshman (Ninth Grade) Academy
- Engineering, Architectural and Industrial Academy
- Business Administration Academy
- Fine Arts Academy
- Government and Public Service Academy
- Health and Environmental Science Academy

Each academy has an Assistant Principal and guidance counselor to support students' academic performance. After completing Freshman Academy (9th grade), students must select one of remaining 5 academies in which to enroll. In addition to meeting the standard graduation requirements, students must complete a 'pathway' (three courses) in the academy of choice. Students should meet with academy school guidance counselors to determine what courses they should take to meet the "pathway" requirement.

Camden County High School graduation requirements are **HIGHER** than those required by the State of Georgia:

Requirements

English*	4 Units
Mathematics*	4 Units
Science*	4 Units
Social Studies*	4 Units
CTAE and/or Modern Language/or Fine Arts	3 Units
Health and Personal Fitness**	1 Unit
Electives	3 Units
Camden Co. High School Electives	<u>5 Units</u>

REQUIRED MINIMUM

28 Units**

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**Required courses and /or core courses, minimum 3.5 GPA graduates are named honor graduates, 3 units of credit in JROTC may be used to satisfy graduation requirements.

In order to facilitate an on-time graduation the local school district MAY waive specific course requirement (if similar work has been satisfactorily completed elsewhere), or MAY accept exit or end-of-course exams from a sending state. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. The guidance counselor assigned to each academy can answer specific questions about transcripts, course credit recovery, graduation and other academic matters.

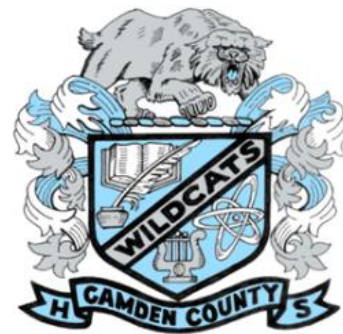
NOTE: Camden County High School operates on an A/B **BLOCK schedule**. Students complete courses and receive credits at the end of **each semester**. Students who relocate from a high school with a 'traditional' schedule (credits awarded at the end of the year) may have to **retake certain courses**. The ½ credits resulting from a mid-year moves may be prorated toward graduation credit requirements. However, the **course** requirements may still NOT be met for graduation purposes. Consult with a guidance counselor for details.

High School Course Guide

As a regional high school, Camden County High School offers a variety of courses to tailor learning to students' interest. School personnel serving each of the six academies are available to assist students in the selection of the courses that meet graduation requirements and support the student's expressed academic or career goals. The Camden County High School Course Guide is available as an on-line resource. Military students and their parents can get a preliminary look at the courses available at this high school by visiting the link below. Once you have accessed the Guidance Department page, simply click on "Guidance and School Counseling" tab at the top of the page. The dropdown menu will include the 2024-2025 Course Selection Planning Guide.

<https://wildcat.camden.k12.ga.us/o/cchs/page/guidance-school-counseling>

Camden County High School Course Selection Planning Guide 2024-2025



This Camden County High School Course Guide is full of valuable information to help military students and their parents make informed decisions about academy and course selections. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to engage the faculty, especially guidance counselors, advisors, and teachers, throughout the student's career to ensure that every opportunity is considered. Camden County High School has two semesters each academic year. Each student will choose eleven courses each year from this course guide when registering, three of which are alternates.

Students take four courses fall semester and four more courses spring semester, for a total of eight courses per academic year. This is called a "4x4 block" schedule. An A/B Block is offered for select courses. On an A/B Block two courses alternate days throughout the entire two semester school year. Typically, two core and two elective courses are taken each semester, although more than two core classes may be taken. A student can take 32 classes (may earn 32 credits) over their four years in high school. Availability of courses each semester is determined by student enrollment. A minimum of 28 credits is required to graduate.

The Course Guide also contains information about graduation requirements, early graduation opportunities, Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) pathway courses, HOPE Scholarship requirements, and dual enrollment college credits available through the school's partnership with Coastal Pines Technical College.

Take a moment to review this information and see just how many opportunities are available to your military high school student. For assistance, feel free to contact the school **Guidance Department at (912) 729-7318**.

Teenage and Adult Driving Responsibility Act (TAADRA)



Georgia's Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA) of 1997, requires that local school systems certify that a student's attendance pattern and discipline record permits him or her to have a Georgia learner's permit or driver's license. With the creation of the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 and several other House and Senate bills, the Department of Education (DOE) has the responsibility of collecting the non-compliance student data from the local school districts. DOE has worked with the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS), to provide a Web application as the means for local school districts to report non-compliant student data.

The law now makes any person under the age of 18 (a minor) ineligible to receive a learner's permit or driver's license **if the minor has more than 10 school days of unexcused absences in a semester**. The minor must have satisfied relevant attendance requirements for one academic year prior to applying for a learner's permit or driver's license. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS) may suspend a learner's permit or driver's license if the student:

1. Dropped out of school without graduating and has remained out of school for ten consecutive days;
2. has more than ten days of unexcused absences in any semester or combination of consecutive quarters;
3. has been suspended from school for one of the following:
 - a. threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel,
 - b. possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property; or
 - c. possession or use of a weapon on school property
 - d. any sexual offenses prohibited under Chapter 6 of Title 16; or
 - e. causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.

The local school district will be responsible for entering the noncompliance information from the schools on the form called the **Certificate of Non-Compliance**. Notice to the student of the suspension will come from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. Appeals must be made within 10 days of receipt of notice. The **suspension will be in effect for a period of one year** or shall end upon the date of such minor's eighteenth birthday. The Certificate of Attendance must be completed and notarized for each student to take when he or she goes to apply for a driver's license or permit.

"**Joshua's Law**" requires those who are 16 and 17 years old complete an approved driver education course (<https://dds.georgia.gov/joshuas-law-requirements>). Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) is an authorized provider in the Georgia Driver's Education Grant Scholarship Program.



High School Parking and Driving Privileges

Student parking is limited to the availability of spaces. The location of the assigned parking space determines the cost of a parking sticker. Full payment of all outstanding school fines is required before purchasing a parking decal. Purchasing a parking permit is required before parking on campus in one of the assigned areas.

A signed **Consent to Drug Screening** form, signed by the student AND parent, should be on file before a parking permit is issued to any student. The 'Drug Screening Program' packet, available from the Student Services Office at the high school, contains detailed information about the consequences related to drug use.

The school is not responsible or liable in any way for any accidents that may occur with automobiles driven to or from school or theft/vandalism while on the school campus.

1. Parking violations will be handled by ladder punishments or by suspension of parking /driving privileges,
2. Vehicles on campus are subject to search at any time by school officials,
3. Students **MUST** turn off sound systems while on school property or entering or leaving campus,
4. Parking stickers are not be transferred from one vehicle to another or from one driver to another;
5. Ninth grade students will not be allowed to drive to school, and
6. Loss of privileges may result from several offenses including, but are not limited, excessive absences, tardies, referrals, academic performance, failure to appear or participate in drug screening when called, and speeding.



In-State Tuition

Members of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) on **active duty for a period of more than 30 days and his or her spouse, or his or her dependent children, are eligible to receive in-state tuition at public college and university in the state when they reside or are permanently stationed.** Once a service member or their family members are enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition at the institution, even if the service member is reassigned outside the state. This change, signed into law August 14, 2008, is included in section 135 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1965 (HEA).

The Department of Education has worked to ensure that all institutions are aware of and appropriately implement this program. However, should service members or family members experience any difficulties in gaining access to this program they should contact Office of Education Ombudsman's office at 1-877-557-2575 or via the Internet at www.ombudsman.ed.gov. Questions regarding this program and its implementation can be answered there.

Additionally, Georgia House Bill #484 grants residency status to the dependents of military personnel stationed in Georgia as it relates to obtaining the Georgia HOPE scholarship and/or grants. Information about the HOPE scholarship is available on the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org.



The Navy College Program announced a complete transition to virtual education services for Sailors across the globe beginning Oct. 1, 2021. The transition shifted Sailor education counseling from brick-and-mortar Navy College Offices (NCOs) to the Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC) as the one-stop-shop for Sailors pursuing personal and professional development opportunities.

The NCVEC is comprised of professional Education Services Specialists who are uniquely equipped to provide counseling and advice to Navy members on all matters relating to academic programs, authorize Navy tuition assistance, and oversee all on-base education programs. The NCVEC can be reached 24/7 by calling toll free 833-330-MNCC (6622).

Active duty members and spouses requiring information about postsecondary choices are advised to visit the Navy College Program website at www.navycollege.navy.mil or call 833-330-MNCC (6622). The NCVEC office hours are Monday-Friday 0700-1900 ET.

Homeschool Information



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE OF GEORGIA HOME STUDY PROGRAM DECLARATION OF INTENT FORM

Georgia law requires parents or guardians who teach their children at home to submit to the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) an annual Declaration of Intent form. A Declaration of Intent must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Education within 30 days after establishment of a home study program and by September 1 annually thereafter.

The parent or guardian shall have the authority to execute any document required by law, rule, regulation, or policy to evidence the enrollment of a child in a home study program, the student's full-time or part-time status, the student's grades, or any other required educational information. This shall include, but not be limited to, documents for purposes of verification of attendance by the Department of Driver Services, for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code section 40-5-22, documents required pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 39 relating to employment of minors, and any documents required to apply for the receipt of the state of federal public assistance.

† SPECIAL ED. NAME OF STUDENT(S) AGE OF STUDENT(S)

Georgia law requires parents or guardians who teach their children at home to submit to the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) an annual **Declaration of Intent** form. A Declaration of Intent is required by the Georgia Department of Education within 30 days after establishment of a home study program and by September 1 annually thereafter. According to Georgia Statute 20-2-150, parents or guardians choosing to homeschool should be prepared to do the following:

1. Parent or guardian must be submitted **ONLINE** to the Georgia Department of Education a **Declaration of Intent to Utilize a Home Study Program** by September 1 or within 30 days after the program is established. Visit <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Study-DOI.aspx> to complete this form.
2. The declaration must include the names and ages of the students, the address where the program is located, and the dates of the school year.
3. Parents or guardians may teach only their own children in the home study program. The teaching parent and/or guardian or tutor employed by the **parents or guardians must hold a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED)**
4. The home study program must include, but it is should not be limited to, instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.
5. The school must include the equivalent of **180 days of at least 4 ½ hours of daily** instruction unless the child is physically unable to comply with this requirement.
6. Students in home study programs shall be **subject to an appropriate nationally standardized testing** program administered in consultation with a person trained in the administration and interpretation of norm-referenced tests. The student **MUST** be evaluated at least every three years beginning in the third grade and records of the testing must be maintained.

Additional information is available from the **Georgia Department of Education at (404) 656-2800 or (800) 311-3627**. Information about local homeschool support organizations may be available from the School Liaison Officer.

Coastal Plains Charter High School



Coastal Plains High School is Southeast Georgia's answer when high school students are faced with challenges in the traditional high school setting. This school offers a unique opportunity to any student who wishes to earn an accredited Georgia High School Diploma.

There are 15 locations across Georgia's southern region offering a full range of high school courses in a convenient, flexible, self-paced format. All classes are held in the evening so students can work during the day and attend school at night. Tuition is 100% FREE for students who enroll with Coastal Plains Charter High School full time.

All courses are mastery-based which means students cannot fail a course. There are no deadlines so students can take as much or as little time as needed to successfully complete the coursework. To better meet the different learning styles of students, Coastal Plains offers a variety of course formats including textbook and web-based instruction. All methods provide self-paced, individualized mastery learning.

Coastal Plains Charter High School – Camden Campus is located inside the Ninth Grade Academy of Camden County High School. Courses may be taken on-line or in person Monday – Friday from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm (July and August) or from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm during the school year. Students taking courses in person will be supported by faculty and staff who are available to assist with course completion and to administer required testing. Effective 1 July 23, students registering for this educational alternative program must be 18 years or older to enroll. Students attending Camden County High School may be authorized to take courses through Coastal Plains, but this enrollment must be facilitated by school guidance personnel.

For more information about Coastal Plains write or call the following:

Central Office
Coastal Plains High School
1111 Glynco Parkway, Suite 500
Brunswick, Georgia 31525
Phone: (912) 267-9700
Camden Campus Phone: (912) 510-2100

Private and Parochial Schools Information

Many parents and guardians select private or parochial for their children. The quantity and quality of these schools varies. To aide in the selection of a private school, parents may wish to examine online reviews to identify private schools in a desired geographical area. Please contact the School Liaison Officer regarding private schools in Camden County and the surrounding areas.

Base Support Organizations (Area Code – 912)

Child and Youth Programs

Building 0147 (Jackson Gate)
Central Desk – 573-9918

Morale, Recreation and Welfare

Building 1039 (Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Central Desk – 573-9691

Fleet and Family Service Center

Building 1051 (Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Central Desk - 573-4512

Family Housing Welcome Center

Building 180 (Jackson Gate)
Information – 573-2056

School-age Care Program (CYP)

Building 0166 (Jackson Gate)
Information Desk - 573-2380

Branch Medical Clinic

Secretary – 573-4230 (Stimson Gate)
Immunization 573-8250

Base Chapel

Building 1049 (Stimson Gate)
Information – 573-4501

Exceptional Family Member

(Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Fleet & Family EFMP – 573-1079
Medical Clinic EFMP – 573-2937

Online Resources

Georgia Department of Education

www.gadoe.org

Florida Department of Education

www.fldoe.org

Nassau County Schools

www.nassau.k12.fl.us

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.org

Military HOMEFRONT (Special Needs)

www.militaryhomefront.org

Military Child Education Coalition

www.militarychild.org

Transition Information

www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu

Military Kids Connect (Great for teens!)

<http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil>