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Registering your children for school

Department of Defense Education Activity Schools (DoDEA) has 13 schools on Okinawa situated on five installations: Kadena Air Base, Camp Foster, Camp Lester, Camp McTureous and Camp Kinser. Which school children attend is determined once quarters are secured. Student Transportation is provided for students outside 1 mile of zoned school. Student Transportation is also provided to/from temporary lodging while families are awaiting quarters. Sponsors and students must physically be on Okinawa to enroll.

Step 1: Six Elementary School (K-5), One Primary School (K-2), One Intermediate School (3-5), Three Middle Schools (6-8) and Two High Schools (9-12) make up DoDEA Okinawa.

Temporary Lodging school zones and Housing School zones with maps are located on:

http://www.dodea.edu/Pacific/south/upload/School_and_Bus_Commuting_Zones_SY_13-14_Final.pdf

Step 2: Once you've arrived on island and have had your appointment with the military housing office you will have an idea of the housing area you'll be assigned and the school zone for that housing area. Stop by the school to pick up a registration packet and provide the following documents to the school. Once you've registered, your school will assist you with obtaining a bus pass (if applicable) and the location of your child's bus stop.

- (1) Previous school records of enrolling students
- (2) students birth certificate (Mandatory for Kinder and 1st graders)
- (3) students passport an/or ID
- (4) Sponsor's PCS orders showing student as dependent
- (5) Area Clearance (with students listed) (Mandatory for USMC and USN)
- (6) Immunization Records
- (7) Housing assignment letter (you'll obtain from the housing office here on Okinawa).

Notes:

There is no need to start the on-line pre-registration. For Okinawa, it is easier and less frustrating for families if they wait and get a handle on where they will be living and what school they're zoned for.

Home School families are eligible to partially enroll in DoDEA Okinawa for students to participate in Art, Music, PE and Japanese culture at elementary /middle schools or specific subject classes (AP Physics, Band, Chemistry) at high school. High School students may also partially enroll for eligibility to participate in Extracurricular Activities.

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Disclaimer:

DoDEA Eligibility & enrollment is established for qualified dependents of DoD personnel assigned overseas.

Age eligibility requirements: A child must be:

5 by 1 September to enroll in Kindergarten

6 by 1 September to enroll in First grade (unless PCSing to Okinawa with a completed year of Kindergarten from an accredited CONUS school).

