



A Local Resource Guide for Parents

with School-aged Children



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Welcome to the Beautiful Island of Okinawa!



Torii MWR's **School Liaison Officer** would like to welcome you and your family to the beautiful island of Okinawa, Japan. We recognize many Army families are interested in youth education and services provided here on island. While Torii MWR offers a wide selection of Soldier and family support programs and services, we rely on our larger Air Force and Marine Corps counterparts or off-base providers to provide quality child, youth, and teen services for our families. This resource guide was created for newly inbound Army families—just like you— so you can stay current on available options for local youth educational and recreational programming and relatable district policies in an accurate and timely manner.

Youth Centers



Kadena Youth Center

Phone: 634-0500

Building 1849, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: Varies throughout the year

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Caters to youth ages 6 - 12. Offers a range of educationally enhanced programs, instructional classes, and events. Provides a safe and fun environment supervised by caring and well-trained staff. Features:

- Dinners, games, and social activities
- Special events for the entire family
- Educational enhanced programs
- Computer lab
- Nightly programs
- Classes such as ballet, gymnastics, martial arts, & more.

"Often times, youth and teen centers organize welcome ceremonies for newcomers."



MCCS Youth Centers

Phone: 645-8012, 637-2248, 622-9702

Located on Camps Foster, Kinser, and Courtney

Hours of Operation: Varies throughout the year

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Caters to youth ages 10-12. Offers age-appropriate activities that bolster life skills and leisure enrichment. Activities build foundations for mentoring, citizenship, and leadership. Affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Visit website for details on upcoming activities.

Teen Centers



Kadena Teen Center

Phone: 634-3866

Building 439, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: Varies throughout the year

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: The Teen Center offers opportunities for teens to develop their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive abilities, and to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition. Visit website for details on Summer Activities.



MCCS Teen Center

Phone: 645-1004, 637-1755, 622-9702

Located on Camps Foster, Kinser, and Courtney

Hours of Operation: Varies throughout the year

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Caters to teens ages 13-18. Offers age-appropriate activities that bolster life skills and career preparation and help build foundations based on attributes such as mentoring, citizenship, and leadership. Affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Sports



Kadena Youth Sports and Fitness

Phone: 634-1384

Building 499, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-F •1000-1700

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Offers Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Cheerleading, Fun Runs, and the Ready, Set, Run Program. Contact for details on Seasonal Registration Dates. Volunteer Opportunities available.



Semper Fit Youth Sports

Phone: 645-3533/34

Building 5966, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Offers Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Cheerleading. Caters to children ages 5-18. Contact for details on Seasonal Registration Dates. Volunteer Opportunities available.



FSS Aquatics

Phone: 634-6425

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Responsible for community pools on Kadena AB. Contact or visit website to seek pool hours of operation, and information on swimming lessons, pool parties, and much more.



MCCS Aquatics Program Office

Phone: 645-3180/4285

Building 5677, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F • 0730-1630

Email: aquatics@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Responsible for community pools at Marine Corps installations on Okinawa. Contact or visit website to seek pool hours of operation, and information on swimming lessons, life guard certification, first aid certification, and much more.

MCCS Dolphin Swim Team (ODST)

Phone: 645-2787/ 098-970-2787

Email: odst@hotmail.com

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: ODST is a great way for adults and children to stay in shape, test their skills, make new friends, or just have fun! The program is open to SOFA youth and adult swimmers, age 7 and older. There are three youth tryout opportunities each year. Adult swimmers may join the team anytime.



DODD Schools

Phone: Contact Your Child's School for more information

Website: <http://www.dodea.edu/Pacific/Okinawa/>

Description: Elementary and middle schools tailor its after-school programing based on student interest and availability of resources. Examples of current programing include Okinawan drum and dance, homework club, and robotics. Elementary and middle schools do not have an athletics program, however, there is a Youth Sports program, unaffiliated with the school, located on-post. DoD High schools offer a robust menu of student activities such as sports, culinary, JROTC, e-sports, music, and more. DoDEA's goal is to offer activities and athletic events that contribute to a well-rounded experience commensurate with attending U.S. high schools. For more information on student activities, visit www.dodea.edu/Pacific/Activities.





Off-post sports clubs and private organizations

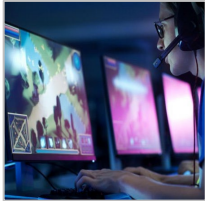
Description: There are several private organizations offering athletic opportunities (i.e. football, cheer, and soccer) for children in Okinawa; some with English instruction, others with limited or none. Clubs may be all-year round or seasonal. Parents are encouraged to do their research before they engage their child in these clubs.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Esports

Description: Trending now in the US are scholarship opportunities for Esports. Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) plans to implement Esports as a Varsity Sport soon. Ask what Esport opportunities are available at your child's high school.



School Age Care (SAC)



Himawari SAC

Phone: 632-0202/634-0382

Building 439, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M - F • 0545-1800

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Nationally accredited School Age Care program that provide quality school-aged care for children ages 5-12 attending elementary school on Kadena. We offer before and after school care with transportation to and from school. When school is not in session we provide all-day care. During winter, spring, and summer breaks, we operate weekly camps, offering field trips, extended activities and many guest speakers. Offers a chance to explore children's individual interests by empowering them to make responsible personal choices. Our trained staff takes pride in offering a variety of Boys and Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA) and 4-H programming. Offers clubs and environments centered on the interests of the children, such as games, gardening, art, cooking, drama, science, sewing, B&GCA Torch Club. In addition to the everyday activities, our School Age Care locations offer a 10-week summer camp with weekly field trips and endless hours at the base pool. We also have family events like spaghetti night, family chili cook-off, Soup-4-You, and, our ever popular, ice cream socials.



Shima No Ko SAC

Phone: 632-0265 or 634-0265

Building 4081, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M - F • 0545-1800

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Nationally accredited School Age Care program that provide quality school-aged care for children ages 5-12 attending elementary school on Kadena. We offer before and after school care with transportation to and from school. When school is not in session we provide all-day care. During winter, spring, and summer breaks, we operate weekly camps, offering field trips, extended activities and many guest speakers. Offers a chance to explore children's individual interests by empowering them to make responsible personal choices. Our trained staff takes pride in offering a variety of Boys and Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA) and 4-H programming. Offers clubs and environments centered on the interests of the children, such as games, gardening, art, cooking, drama, science, sewing, B&GCA Torch Club. In addition to the everyday activities, our School Age Care locations offer a 10-week summer camp with weekly field trips and endless hours at the base pool. We also have family events like spaghetti night, family chili cook-off, Soup-4-You, and, our ever popular, ice cream socials.



Foster SAC

Phone: 645-7301

Building 1620, Camp Foster

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: SAC is available for children 5 - 12 years of age that are enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade. Care is offered during duty hours before and after school, teacher in-service days, and during vacation periods. SAC provides a safe, supervised, healthy, age-appropriate environment while parents are at work. Programs are available at Camp Foster, Camp Kinser and McTureous.

McTureous SAC

Phone: 622-9049

Building 5206, Camp McTureous

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: SAC is available for children 5 - 12 years of age that are enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade. Care is offered during duty hours before and after school, teacher in-service days, and during vacation periods. SAC provides a safe, supervised, healthy, age-appropriate environment while parents are at work. Programs are available at Camp Foster, Camp Kinser and McTureous.

Kinser SAC

Phone: 637-3760

Building 1091, Camp Kinser

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: SAC is available for children 5 - 12 years of age that are enrolled in kindergarten through 6th grade. Care is offered during duty hours before and after school, teacher in-service days, and during vacation periods. SAC provides a safe, supervised, healthy, age-appropriate environment while parents are at work. Programs are available at Camp Foster, Camp Kinser and McTureous.



Childcare

“Now, families can enroll for childcare anywhere they are in the world. As soon as families receive orders, register for childcare online in advance.”

MILITARY CHILDCARE COM

Register for Childcare Anywhere in the World.

MilitaryChildCare.com is a DoD website for military families seeking childcare on installations worldwide.

Create an Account Today.





Niko Niko Child Development Center (CDC)

Phone: 634-5263

Building 334, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M - F • 0545-1800

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>



Wakaba Child Development Center (CDC)

Phone: 632-7420

Building 132, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M - F • 0545-1800

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>



Family Child Care (FCC) Program

Phone: 634-3464

Building 1850, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M - F • 0800-1700

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Provides quality and dependable childcare in a safe home environment. Defined as care provided for a child in on-base quarters, other than the child's own home, for more than 10 hours a week and on a regular basis. Supports families in need of the following services: Full-Time Care, Part-Time Care, Drop-in (hourly care), PCS Care, and more. For details on space availability or becoming a licensed provider, contact 634-0514.



MCCS Ashibina CDC

Phone: 645-5072

Building 1680, Camp Foster

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>



MCCS Chimugukuru CDC

Phone: 645-3846

Building 499, Camp Foster

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>



MCCS Churu Warabi CDC

Phone: 622-7751

Building 4456/4447, Camp Courtney

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>



MCCS Yuimaru CDC

Phone: 637-2293

Building 864/866, Camp Kinser

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Special Needs

DODD Schools (DoDDS)



Phone: Contact Your Child's School for more information

Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/specialEduc/index.cfm>

Description: DoDDS has special education programs for mild to moderate disabilities, while others provide specialized programs for moderate to severe. Your child may attend different schools if services require. DoDDS recognizes clearly defined categories of disabilities with specific criteria for determining eligibility. The primary categories and specific disabilities recognized can be viewed by visiting: www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/specialEduc/index.cfm

Army Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)



Phone: 652-4462

Bldg. 216, Rm 239, Torii Station

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Description: The EFMP works with military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support, and personnel services to families with special needs. Kadena Airman and Family Readiness (632-7693) also offers family activities, support groups, and other fun small events for families through their Kadena EFMP Program.

Education & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)



Phone: 634-2740/2747

Building 9497, Kadena Airbase

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: www.edis.army.mil

Description: EDIS provides services to children with special needs, either independently or in conjunction with the Department of Dependent Schools (DoDDS).

Early Intervention (Birth – Age 3): Provides family-centered evaluations and services to children with developmental delays or potential risks for developmental delays.

Related Services (3 – Age 21): Provides services which help ensure a child is able to maximally benefit from the educational program. Children must be referred to EIS by school personnel.



Child Find

Contact or visit a DoD Dependent School (DoDDS) near you

**A DoDDS directory is provided in this catalog under "K-12 School Options".*

Description: Child Find is an ongoing process used by DoDEA and the military departments to actively seek and identify individuals (from birth to age 21, inclusive) who are eligible to receive special education and related services. To be evaluated, visit the DoDDS you are zoned for to pick up a form.



Preschool Child Find Screening

Contact or visit a DoD Dependent School (DoDDS) near you

**A DoDDS directory is provided in this catalog under "K-12 School Options".*

Description: A developmental screening for children ages 3 to 5 to assist in identifying children with potential developmental delay(s) or other special education needs. To be evaluated, visit the DoDDS you are zoned for to pick up a form.

Why screen and evaluate preschool children?

When learning challenges are identified at a young age, early intervention can help the child avoid serious learning problems when they reach school age. Do any of these concerns sound familiar?

Personal-Social Development

- Has great difficulties in Preschool or Day Care settings
- Does not listen or engage with adults
- Has great difficulty playing with peers

Communication

- Is difficult for most people to understand
- Does not seem to understand directions
- Adults wonder if the child is hearing them

Learning

- Does not seem to remember what was learned from one day to the next
- Does not seem interested in learning
- Does not want to participate in activities that involve learning and exploring

Motor Skills

- Seems to fall often/is very clumsy
- Has great difficulty holding utensils, writing tools or coloring tools
- Does not seem to have strength when coloring/drawing

Self-Help

- Not toilet-trained and all others of the same age seem to be toilet trained
- Unable to put on even simple clothing items without assistance

Sure Start

Phone: Contact a DoDEA primary or elementary school near you

Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/Preschool/index.cfm>

Description: Sure Start is a full day preschool program that serves eligible military children and families living overseas. In addition to offering a high-quality educational program that reflects best practices in the field, Sure Start also provides health and nutrition, social, and parent involvement services. Close collaboration between families, schools, and the installation community is viewed as essential and a required part of the program. This multipronged approach to the delivery of services distinguishes Sure Start from all other DoDEA programs. Current adopted DoDEA College and Career Ready Standards and curriculum materials are implemented in the Sure Start classroom.

Enrollment Eligibility: Command sponsored four year old dependents (must turn four by September 1 of the enrolling school year). Children qualify for Sure Start based on sponsor's rank: E1-E4 or civilian rank equivalent (CRE) is first priority, E5 or CRE is second, E6-E7 or CRE is third and E8-E9 or CRE is fourth. Additional selection criteria may be applied, see your local school for information.

“Parent involvement in Sure Start is mandatory. Parents are informed before registration that an involvement commitment (i.e., 30 hours per parent, unless a parent is deployed) is a precondition for enrollment.”



Educational Services for Medically Evacuated Students

In the midst of an acute medical crisis, a military child living overseas may experience interruptions in his or her education as their families maneuver multiple challenges in a medical evacuation. Thankfully, it is DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) policy to provide ongoing educational support to students who are experiencing extended illness or injury for a period exceeding 15 days.

Situations:

- Type I: Student is the Patient and experiences an acute medical event requiring urgent treatment outside the sponsor's duty location.
- Type II: Sibling (s) of ill Student who accompanies family to location where ill student is obtaining treatment.
- Type III: Parent, Sponsor or Legal Guardian is the Patient who requires care outside the sponsor's assigned location and brings children with him/her.

For more information, ask your child's Principal, local District Superintendent's Office, EFMP, or branch-affiliated school liaison officer.

Leadership

*✍ **Disclaimer:** Information was collected from internet research to inform families with available options in Okinawa. No federal endorsement intended.*

Boy Scouts of America



Phone: 646-9014 / 098-971-9014

Building 6052/51, Camp Lester

Hours of Operation: M-F •0900-1600

Website: www.fareastcouncil.org

Description: Provides leadership and outdoor recreational opportunities children ages 10-18.



Cub Scouts of America

Phone: 646-9014 / 098-971-9014

Building 6052/51, Camp Lester

Hours of Operation: M-F •0900-1600

Website: www.fareastcouncil.org

Description: Provides leadership and recreational opportunities first graders to youth age 10.



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Venture Crew 78

Phone: 646-9014 / 098-971-9014

Building 6052/51, Camp Lester

Hours of Operation: M-F •0900-1600

Website: www.fareastcouncil.org

Description: Provides leadership and outdoor recreational opportunities for adventurous teens ages 14-20. This is a co-ed program.



Girl Scouts of America

Phone: 646-9026

Building 6061, Camp Lester

Email: usagsoadvisoroki@gmail.com

Website: www.usagso.org

Description: Provides leadership opportunities for girls in Kindergarten through Grade 12.



Red Cross, Kadena AB

Phone: 634-1294

Building 6800, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: www.americanredcrosskadena.com

Description: Provides emergency communications services, volunteer opportunities, and health and safety classes and certifications (i.e. First Aid, CPR/AED). Also provides baby-sitting certification courses for children ages 11-17.



On-post Youth and Teen Centers

Phone: See *Youth and Teen Centers (Pages 4-5)*

Kadena Air Base and Marine Corps Bases in Okinawa with housing

Website: See *Youth and Teen Centers (Pages 4-5)*

Description: Youth and Teen Centers on Kadena Air Base and Marine Corps bases offer children a variety of leadership opportunities. They also offer programming that focuses on character development (i.e. Passport to Manhood) and community service. Ask your youth and teen center director what current leadership opportunities are at their center.

Family Support



Women, Infant, & Child (WIC) Program Overseas

Phone: 632-9427/6223, 622-9424, 645-9419, 637-4899

Building 428-Kadena AB, 4408-Courtney, 5674-Foster, 107, Kinser

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1600

Website: <http://www.tricare.mil/Plans/SpecialPrograms/WICOverseas.aspx>

Description: The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Overseas Program provides you and your family with nutritious foods, tips on how to prepare balanced meals, nutrition/health screenings, and other related resources. Civilians, DoD contractors, active duty members, and their families living overseas with pregnant mothers, infants, or children Age 5 or younger. Eligibility will be determined by income, family size, and other criteria. Contact your local WIC Overseas office to see if you and your children are eligible for WIC Overseas nutritional benefits. A WIC Overseas counselor will help you determine if you qualify and, if so, will help you get started.

Military and Family Life Consultant (MFLC) Program



Phone: 080-6498-7120

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Description: Provides non-medical short-term, situational problem-solving counseling to Service Members and their families. MFLCs are also embedded at all DoD-sponsored youth and teen centers, CDCs, SACs, and schools.

Free or Reduced School Lunch Program



Website: <https://freeandreducedapps.aafes.com>

Description: Every year, eligible families may register or reapply for Free/Reduced school Lunches beginning 1 July. The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers free or reduced-priced school lunches at all DoD Dependent Schools (DoDDS) to eligible dependents. To apply, visit <https://freeandreducedapps.aafes.com>.



Torii Legal Services

Phone: 652-4332

Website: <https://home.army.mil/okinawa/index.php/about/Garrison/legal-office>

Description: Provides legal assistance for DoD personnel and their family members. Services include general legal assistance, tax assistance, military justice, claims, international law and off-duty employment, employment law, and administrative law, ethics, environmental law, and contract law.



Army Community Services

Phone: 652-HELP

Located on Torii Station, Building 236

Hours of Operation: M-F • 0800-1630

Website: <https://home.army.mil/okinawa/index.php/Torii-station/all-services/usag-okinawa-mwr/army-community-service>

Description: Offers relocation assistance, family advocacy services, deployment readiness services, free financial counseling, sponsorship training, and more.

New Parent Support Program (NPSP)

Phone: 634-0433

Located on Building 90, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-F • 0730-1630

Description: NPSP is a free, noninvasive, voluntary program offered to expectant parents or parents who already have a child or children from birth to 36 mos. This includes single and teenage parents. Main goals of NPSP are to prevent child abuse and domestic violence by providing education and support based on the need of the family. Provides services for Army and Air Force families.



Army Community Service is a social service program designed to assist Soldiers, Family members, and Army civilians to maintain readiness, develop self-reliance, resiliency and stability.

Information & Referral

Your Go-To Community Resource

- Coordinate, Follow-up Assistance
- Multi-Agency Coordination

Family Advocacy Program

Healthy Families ...Healthy Soldiers...

- Resources for Commanders and Families in Preventing and Solving Family Problems
- Communication, Relationship & Parenting Skills Education & Services
- Victim Advocacy Services

Exceptional Family Member Program

Because Every Family is Unique

- Multi-Agency Community Coordination

Army Volunteer Corps

Volunteers needed in a variety of settings

- Refer to the Volunteer Management Information System on Army OneSource to register and apply for positions. www.myarmyonesource.com

Relocation Readiness

Moving in Your Direction

- Guidance/Counseling/Before, During & After Moving
- Newcomer's Orientation
- Lending Closet

Deployment Readiness

Families and Soldiers Ready for Deployment

- Family Readiness Group Training
- Army Family Personal Preparedness
- Promote Resiliency & Well-Being

Employment Readiness

Job Search Resources Available

Financial Readiness

Mastering Money Management

- Financial Readiness Training
- Individual Counseling, Classes
- Army Emergency Relief Assistance



Kazoku is the Japanese Kanji for Family

Hotline Numbers

ACS 098-962-5434 or DSN: 652-5434

Family Advocacy 090-6861-6151/DSN 652-4196

Victim Advocacy 090-6861-8042

School Lunch and Transportation

School Meal Program

Base exchanges are located on Kadena AB, Camp Foster, Kinser, and Courtney.

Hours of Operation: Base exchanges are generally open from 0900-2100.

Website: <http://www.aafes.com/about-exchange/school-lunch-program/>

Description: This program is run by AFFES, not your child's school. The Exchange School Meal Program utilizes the Horizon "Fastlane" Point of Sale School pre-payment system in all Exchange operated schools in the Pacific and Europe. Parents or students can place any desired amount of money into their account and set daily spending limits. Once an account is set up, deposits can either be made at the school during cafeteria operational hours or at the Exchange PX / BX Cashier Cage.

Free or Reduced School Lunch Program

Website: <https://freeandreducedapps.aafes.com>

Description: Every year, eligible families may register or reapply for Free/Reduced school Lunches beginning 1 July. The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers free or reduced-priced school lunches at all DoD Dependent Schools (DoDDS) to eligible dependents. To apply, visit <https://freeandreducedapps.aafes.com>.

School Bus Transportation Office

Phone: 645-7820/2036

Building 5966, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Email: Okin-bus@pac.dodea.edu

Website: <http://www.dodea.edu/Pacific/Okinawa/ODSO/Parents/transportation.cfm>

Description: To register your child to ride the school bus, contact 645-7820. The process is easy and can be completed via email. Services available to specific school zones only.



Information Hotlines



Resource and Referral Hotline, Marine and Family Programs

Phone: 622-7332, 645-2104/2106, 623-4522/4860, 637-2815, 625-2622

Located on Camp Foster, Courtney, Hansen, Schwab, and Kinser

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Contact this hotline to find out general information about MCCS and external services on island. Provides sign-ups for free classes related to cultural awareness, Japanese language, finances, employment, and transition assistance. Also loans basic kitchenware and household items right before or after a PCS.



Resource and Referral Hotline, MCCS Child, Youth, and Teen Programs

Phone: 645-4117 or 098-0970-4117

Building 495, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Contact this hotline to find out general information about Child, Youth, and Teen programs and services on Marine Corps Installations.



DODDS District Superintendent Office, Okinawa

Phone: 632-1204/7383

Building 9497, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1600

Website: <http://www.dodea.edu/Pacific/Okinawa/>

Description: Visit their website to access your child's school website.



Resource and Referral Hotline, FSS, Kadena AB

Phone: 632-7693

Building 1850, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-F •0900-1500

Email: ResourceReferral@us.af.mil

Description: Contact this hotline to find out general information about youth services on Kadena AB.

Army Community Services



Phone: 652-HELP

Located on Torii Station, Building 236

Hours of Operation: M-F •0800-1630

Website: <https://home.army.mil/okinawa/index.php/Torii-station/all-services/usag-okinawa-mwr/army-community-service>

Description: Contact this hotline to find out general information about island services. Also provides loan closet services, Army Emergency Relief services, and much more.

Teen Employment Opportunities



MCCS Summer Hire Program

Phone: 645-3052/8072

Building 5966, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1600

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Applicants must be family members of Active Duty Military or DoD Civilians ages 16-17 by date of hire. Call 645-3052 for details on when and how to register.



Become a Lifeguard, MCCS

Phone: 645-3052/8072 or 645-2211/3180

Building 5966, Camp Foster

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1600

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Must be at least Age 15 with Lifeguard Certification. Search for Job Opening on www.mccsokinawa.com/jobs and apply. This is not a summer hire program. Lifeguards are hired throughout the year based on business needs. Contact MCCS Aquatics for details on the next Certification Course (\$150.00) at 645-2211/3180.



AFFES

Phone: 645-8429/7802

Website: http://odin.aafes.com/employment/EXCHANGE_EMPLOYMENT/HTML/start.html

Description: Age 16 and older may apply for entry-level, non-supervisory positions (i.e. Store Associate) according to business needs.



Civilian Summer Hire Program

Phone: 634-2330

Description: Must be a SOFA status U.S. citizen dependent or spouse, age 14-22. Applications are typically accepted during April, however, interested persons are encouraged to contact 634-2330 to seek the open registration period.

Babysitting

Phone: 645-4117

Building 495, Camp Foster

Description: Must be at least 12 years of age and older and have a Red Cross Babysitting Certification.



Become a Soccer Referee

Website: www.RISAsoccer.com

Email: risasoccer@gmail.com



Description: The Ryukyu International Soccer Association (RISA) is an affiliate of the US Soccer Federation that assigns soccer referees to on-post soccer games. RISA soccer referees supports youth and adult matches including tournaments, leagues, friendlies, CC, and CG Cups. Offers part-time jobs for ages 12 and up. Interested persons must pass an online course and attend a workshop. Visit website for details.

Learning Centers



Torii Library and Pirate Republic Coffee Co.

Phone: 652-5647

Building 248, Torii Station

Hours of Operation: Library / T-F •1000-1830, Sat •0800-1700, Coffee Co. / M-F •0700-1400

Website: <https://torii.armymwr.com/programs/library>

Description: DVD's, PS2, PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii games available for check-out, Computers with high speed internet access, Free wi-fi, books, magazines, language instruction multimedia, movie room, printing, copying & scanning services, children's room, EFMP section. Parents may enjoy coffee or organic tea with a sandwich or pastry while utilizing library services.



MCCS Library

Phone: 622-9280, 645-7178, 623-7372, 637-1039, 625-2518, 636-3946

Located on Camp Courtney, Foster, Hansen, Kinser, Schwab, and Futenma

Hours of Operation: Open daily and on holidays, hours vary by camp

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: DVD's, PS2, PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii games available for check-out, Computers with high speed internet access, Free wi-fi, books, magazines, language instruction multimedia, movie room, printing, copying & scanning services, children's room, EFMP section. Also offers a STEM center and various events like story-time for children.



Kadena Library

Phone: 634-1502

Building 451, Kadena AB

Hours of Operation: M-W •1000-2030, TH-SUN •0800-1800, Holidays •Closed

Website: <https://kadenafss.com/>

Description: Offers free printing for your first 10 pages, Internet service and WiFi, delivery for inter-library loan requests, books for deployed military members, Video/DVD rentals, Language programs, Learning databases (EBSCO Host and GALE), E-books for Kindles, children's book corner, and other services. Also offers Child's Story Hour on Wednesdays from 1000-1100. Wednesdays • 10 am - 11 am. On the first Tuesday of every month, 1700-1900, enjoy free popcorn and access to board games.



Tutor.com: Free online tutoring

All children of an active duty member are eligible

Description: Since military families frequently move from one place to the next, Tutor.com is custom fit for military kids. You get an expert tutor whenever you need help, and you work one-on-one with your tutor in their online classroom on your specific problem until it's done. You never need to make an appointment. Subjects include: math, science, social studies, writing, standardized test prep, language, and much more.



DoDDS homework clubs

Description: Some DoD schools offer afterschool homework clubs. Middle and high schools also offer seminar as a part of their normal schedule to help students seek the extra assistance they need from teachers or other peers. Ask your child what available programs they have to help your child with additional instructional time or homework help.



Summers schools

Description: Many off-base private schools offer face-to-face summer school programs. Tuition fees apply. Student transportation is also likely to be the parent's responsibility or, if transportation services are available, fees may be incurred.



Kumon centers

Description: Kumon offers individualized instruction to help each child develop his or her ability. When military families seek Kumon services, parents typically request their child to receive services that strengthen their child's math and/or Japanese reading and writing skills. Kumon is located in multiple locations off-installation. English translation services are not guaranteed; parents should not expect English speakers at most Kumon centers. Kumon is also all-year round, including summers. Fees applied.

Post-secondary resources

There are several college and university options offered on-post. Such schools may include the University of Maryland University College and Texas Central College. These schools as well as others located on-post are contracted with the base and may change from year to year. Connect with a guidance counselor at an Education Center near you to find out what post-secondary educational opportunities are available to you or your child while stationed overseas. You may consider asking about tuition assistance opportunities as well. High school students are also highly encouraged to connect with their school guidance counselor in advance to seek career and academic advice to prepare them for after graduation.

Torii Education Center

Phone: 652-4954

Building 246, Room 103, Torii Station

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://home.army.mil/okinawa/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-human-resources/continuing-education-services>

Description: To vigorously promote lifelong learning opportunities to sharpen the competitive edge of the Army by providing and managing quality self-development programs and services. See website for a list of services.



MCCS Education Center

Phone: 622-9694, 645-3486, 623-4376/3013, 637-3325, 625-2046, 636-3036

Located on Camp Courtney, Foster, Hansen, Kinser, Schwab, and Futenma

Hours of Operation: M-F •0730-1630

Website: <https://www.mccsokinawa.com/>

Description: Ready for a TA brief? Questions about the GI Bill? Need some help deciding on a major? Wondering what colleges are available on-post? Looking for financial aid for college? Or do you just want some extra study skills? The P&PD Education and Career Services Program is here to help you attain your educational goals. Call to make an appointment or register to attend a seminar.





High School College and Career Night

Phone: 632-1204/7383

Kadena or Kubasaki High School

Hours of Operation: Evening event

Description: Every Fall, the high schools hold a joint College and Career Night at one of their campuses. Students are introduced with college and career readiness tools and resources. The event also has college and university information booths for institutions in the United States and abroad.



DoDEA Graduation Requirements

Description: Graduation requirements vary from state to state. On-campus guidance counselors work closely with students to customize a graduation plan. To view DoDEA requirements, visit: www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/Graduation/.



Career Technical Education (CTE)

Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/CareerTechEd/index.cfm>

Description: This program offers career-related courses to middle and high school students. Career and Technical Education benefits students because it combines workplace skills with rigorous academic work. A CTE class provides students with learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom and into the world of work. By using a "learning by doing" approach, CTE is about the real world of joining the workforce. Ask your child's counselor what CTE opportunities are available for your child at their school.



High School Career Clusters and Career Pathways

Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/CareerTechEd/index.cfm>

Description: Career Clusters represent the broad groupings of similar occupations and industries within the U.S. job market. Each Career Cluster provides students with the overview in terms of career options and an opportunity to explore the industry. Each Career Pathway focuses on the specific courses and experiences that prepare students for two-year and four-year colleges, and the workplace. Within each of the Career Clusters are various Career Pathways, representing a variety of occupational fields associated with the Career Cluster. We encourage DoDEA students to choose their pathway based on their interests and then we guide them into the appropriate coursework. Working with our students to explore the world of work, they begin to understand the importance of academic subjects like math, science and English in the context of their career interest. To receive a Career Pathway Endorsement a student must complete the Career Pathway Curriculum; a sequence of prescribed courses. When they complete their curriculum pathway, the endorsement appears as a notation on their transcript. Ask your child's counselor what CTE opportunities are available for your child at their school.



U.S. Army Recruiter

Phone: 652-4043, 080-8372-9813

Building 224, Torii Station

Description: The Army Recruiter is looking for fully qualified US citizens who are interested in enlisting into one of the 150 different MOS's that the Army offers. Must be U.S. Citizen, between the ages of 17-35, meet height and weight standards as well as meet tattoo standards.



Air Force Recruiter

Phone: 632-7835

Building 428, Rm. 12, Kadena Air Base

Description: Enlisted & Prior Service recruiting inquiries (Japan and South Korea)



Navy Recruiting, Far East

Phone: 632-7835

Yokosuka, Mainland Japan

Description: Visit link for current POC:

https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrj/installations/cfa_yokosuka/about/Navy_Recruiting_Station_Far_East.html

School Transition Services



How Your SLO Supports YOU

Resource & Referral

Has Info on K-12 School-Related Matters

Transition Assistance

Assists with Student Transitions

Communications

Represents your Child's Educational Needs
to Commands & Schools

Volunteerism

Connects Units & Volunteers with Schools

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Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Applicable in all 50 States and Overseas Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)

Description: Addresses challenges of military children and their frequent relocations. Allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts and states. Military families may utilize the Compact to gain additional leverage from school administrators to improve their child's situation when affected by military life. The Compact addresses: record transfers, course sequencing, graduation requirements, exclusion from extra-curricular activities, redundant/missed entrance/exit testing, kindergarten/1st grade entrance age variances, and power of custodial parents while parents are deployed. For more information visit www.mic3.net.



Youth Sponsorship

All DoD-sponsored Youth and Teen Centers and participating DoD Schools

Description: All DoD-sponsored youth and teen centers have a youth sponsorship program. This program connects your child with another youth at their center. The youth sponsor can offer services to your child such as a youth center tour, school tour, and answer questions your child has about the local area. DoD Schools also have familiar welcome services for new students. Ask your youth or teen center director or school counselor on what new student services are available to your child.

DODEA Virtual High School (DVHS)

DoD High Schools

Description: The intent of the virtual high school is to supplement local high school coursework. It is not intended to replace or compete with the face-to-face learning experience of a traditional brick and mortar high school. DVHS will complement traditional high school attendance and allow students opportunities to take many classes they might otherwise have missed. Students interested in enrolling in DVHS courses should contact their local DoDEA high school counselor. Requests will be forwarded to DVHS staff to place students in coursework according to openings at the time of course request. Enrollment is contingent upon DoDEA eligibility. For more information, visit https://www.dodea.edu/dvhs/faq_program.cfm.

Early Accelerated Withdrawal from DODDS

Applies to any overseas Department of Defense Dependent School (DoDDS)

Description: Sometimes military children must move to a new place before the semester ends. A Principal may grant an early withdrawal from school with full semester credit 20 or less instructional days before the semester ends. Justification must be provided to the school (e.g. PCS orders). Sponsors are encouraged to keep their Command informed of this option. For more information, contact your child's school.



Tutor.com: Free online tutoring

All children of an active duty member are eligible

Description: Since military families frequently move from one place to the next, [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) is custom fit for military kids. You get an expert tutor whenever you need help, and you work one-on-one with your tutor in their online classroom on your specific problem until it's done. You never need to make an appointment. Subjects include: math, science, social studies, writing, standardized test prep, language, and much more.



Free Document Translation Services

Description: Children who transition to or from a foreign national school may require their school transcript to be translated. Active military personnel and their family members can receive free document translation services in more than 150 languages for school transcripts. Translations can also be certified, notarized, and accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. For details, visit Military One Source or dial "145" on an installation telephone to contact a One Source operator.

Educational Services for Medically Evacuated Students

In the midst of an acute medical crisis, a military child living overseas may experience interruptions in his or her education as their families maneuver multiple challenges in a medical evacuation. Thankfully, it is DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) policy to provide ongoing educational support to students who are experiencing extended illness or injury for a period exceeding 15 days. Situations:

- Type I: Student is the Patient and experiences an acute medical event requiring urgent treatment outside the sponsor's duty location.
- Type II: Sibling (s) of ill Student who accompanies family to location where ill student is obtaining treatment.
- Type III: Parent, Sponsor or Legal Guardian is the Patient who requires care outside the sponsor's assigned location and brings children with him/her.


For more information, ask your child's Principal, local District Superintendent's Office, EFMP, or branch-affiliated school liaison officer.




Local K-12 School Options

Torii MWR's School Liaison Officer recognizes school preference as a sponsor's right and that there are a variety of legitimate forms of education for the sponsor's dependents to choose from. Here are some options available in Okinawa, Japan.

"DoDDS is tuition-free for eligible dependents of DoD personnel. Other school options will incur out-of-pocket expenses."



CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES
School Options
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)
Pacific-South District, DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) Space-required, tuition-free quality education for eligible dependents of DoD personnel. Student body comprises of military-affiliated children. Supports the intent of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. Most military families choose this option.

Home School
A host nation, state, commonwealth, territory, or possession where one is stationed may impose legal requirements on homeschooling. May incur out-of-pocket expenses. Some local auxiliary services exist.

Private Schools
Space-available, tuition-paying. Unaffiliated with the Department of Defense.

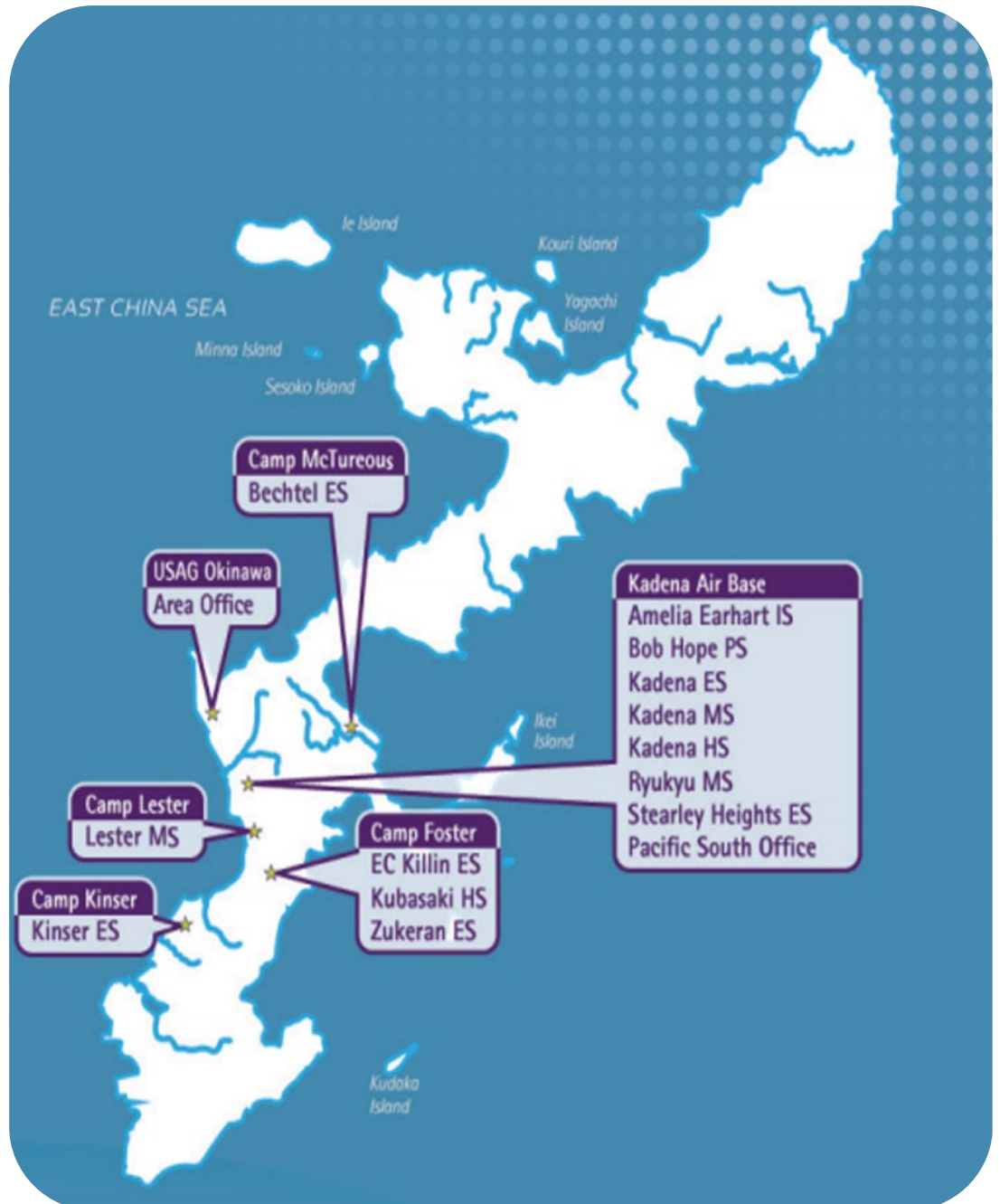
Japanese Public Schools
May incur out-of-pocket expenses. Non-residents must seek permission from the local city office and school district. English-speaking faculty not guaranteed. Japanese curriculum and standards.

Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)



There are 13 Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) in Okinawa. Students are assigned to a school based on their permanent housing assignment.

“When stationed overseas, a majority of military-affiliated families choose to enroll their child into DoD Schools.”



DoDDS (Continued)

Provided below are school phone numbers and general open hours. All DoDDS also manage a school Facebook page. In the Facebook search engine, insert DoDEA followed by the school name (i.e. DoDEA Kadena Elementary School).



DoDEA Okinawa, Japan
School Directory
 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Amelia Earhart Intermediate (AEIS) (3-5)*
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-1329/1380
 School Hours: 0850-1505
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1135
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1400

Bechtel Elementary (BES) (K-5)
 Location: Camp McTureous
 Phone: 622-7504/7423
 School Hours: 0830-1450
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1115
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1340

Bob Hope Primary (BHPS) (K-2)*
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-0093/0094
 School Hours: 0850-1505
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1135
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1400

Kadena Elementary (KDES) (K-5)
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-1550/3441
 School Hours: 0850-1500
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1135
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1400

Kadena Middle (KDMS) (6-8)
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-0217
 School Hours: 0810-1445
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1105
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1345

Kadena High (KDHS) (9-12)*
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-1216/1712/3857
 School Hours: 0725-1400
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1030
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1315

E.C. Killin Elementary (ECKES) (K-5)*
 Location: Camp Foster
 Phone: 645-7760/9172
 School Hours: 0850-1500
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1135
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1400

Kinser Elementary (KSES) (K-5)
 Location: Camp Kinser
 Phone: 637-3008/3422
 School Hours: 0830-1450
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1115
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1350

Kubasaki High (KBHS) (9-12)*
 Location: Camp Foster
 Phone: 645-3728/4876
 School Hours: 0720-1350
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1020
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1250

Lester Middle (LMS) (6-8)*
 Location: Camp Lester
 Phone: 645-7787/2124
 School Hours: 0720-1350
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1020
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1250

Ryukyu Middle (RMS) (6-8)*
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-4849
 School Hours: 0720-1355
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1027
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1255

Stearley Heights Elementary (SHES) (K-5)
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 634-4523/4524
 School Hours: 0820-1430
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1105
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1330

Zukeran Elementary (ZES) (K-5)
 Location: Camp Foster
 Phone: 645-2576/2064
 School Hours: 0730-1340
 Regular Early Dismissal: 1015
 Tuesday Early Dismissal: 1240

District Superintendent's Office
 Location: Kadena AB
 Phone: 632-7383
 Office Hours: 0730-1630



- ★ Students are dismissed one hour early every Tuesday for teacher collaboration time.
- ★ To identify school zones, visit <https://torii.armymwr.com/programs/School-Support-Services>.
- ★ Hotel-assigned schools are marked by *. If you are waiting for permanent housing, your child will attend one of the zoned hotel schools until you receive housing orders.



How to enroll your child into DoD Schools

“DoD schools shall give 30 calendar days from the date of enrollment for immunizations. Schools also accept medical or religious waivers.”



School Support Services

A Driving Force for Student Success

School Transition Checklist: Okinawa, Japan

Before the Move

- ✓ Notify sending school of student withdrawal as soon as you receive orders. Request sending school to prepare school records for pick-up before PCS.
- ✓ Hand-carry during PCS:
 1. Orders
 2. school records
 3. child's immunization records
 4. child's passport and birth certificate
 5. (if applicable) legal documents pertaining to child custody
- ✓ Enroll in DoD dependent school online: www.dodea.edu/DORS.
※ This can also be done after you arrive to Okinawa.

After Arrival to Okinawa

- ✓ Receive housing orders to determine school zone. If unable to receive housing while in lodging, student attends school zoned where the lodge is located.
- ✓ To solidify student enrollment, report to school with housing orders in hand, as well as the hand-carried documents #1-5 listed above.



For more information about school transition, contact 644-4703.



“For school year 2020-21, DoDEA offers two student enrollment options listed here. The online student enrollment portal, DORS, will prompt parents to choose one option for their student.”

DoDEA is Going *Back to School*

School opening dates, see the calendar:
<https://www.dodea.edu/schoolCalendars.cfm>

SY 2020/21
OPTIONS
1 OR **2**

Full-time In-person School (with added safety precautions)

- DoDEA plans to fully reopen schools for SY 2020/21 if local HPCON levels allow.
- Students will attend school full-time with regular instruction from teachers.
- DoDEA's comprehensive safety requirement will align with CDC and DoD guidance to ensure that employees and students are protected to the greatest extent possible.
 - Student/Staff health screening prior to arrival
 - Social distancing and face coverings
 - Frequent hand washing, sanitizing, and increased daily cleaning
- If local conditions prevent in-person classes, students will engage in remote learning with their classroom teachers.

Full-time Virtual School (from home)

- Available to all DoDEA students.
- DoDEA Virtual School (DVS) enrolls virtual students in 5 core classes to be taught by existing DoDEA teachers.
- Families will be asked to commit to at least the 1st semester online.
- Another enrollment period will occur in the fall for a 2nd semester of full-time DVS or in-person instruction in schools.
- High school students in the virtual school option will need to verify they are on track to graduate given the limited number of courses they will take each semester.

Contingency Planning

In the event that schools cannot fully reopen due to local health conditions, or if the virus drives additional interruptions in school operations, as a contingency brick and mortar students will move to the remote environment and receive digital education from their classroom teachers.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

Off-base private school options

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AMICUS (K-9)



Phone: 098-979-4711

Website: <http://www.amicus.ed.jp/en/>

Location: AMICUS International, 1212-1 Enobi, Uruma City, Okinawa 904-2205 Japan

Description: Offers instruction to grades kindergarten through ninth grade. AMICUS abides by MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) standards and curriculum. MEXT is a Japanese government authorized curriculum. English instruction.

Tuition fees apply.

Okinawa Christian International School (K-12)



Phone: 098-958-3000

Website: <http://ocsi.org/>

Location: 1835 Zakimi, Yomitan-son, Nakagami-gun, Okinawa-ken 904-0301, Japan

Description: Offers instruction to kindergarten to twelfth grade. Uses a western-style program addressing the whole person, is Biblically based, recognizes all truth is God's truth, emphasizes sharing the Gospel and discipleship, and encourages Biblical thinking and living. Accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Association of Christian Schools International. English instruction. **Tuition fees apply.**

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Da Vinci International School (Pre-K, K-12, and College)



Phone: 098-958-3000

Website: <http://www.davinci.okinawa/>

Location: Aza Uesu 449-3, Uruma, Okinawa, Japan, 904-2222

Description: Offers instruction to pre-K to twelfth grade and also offers college courses. Partners with a US-accredited program called Bridgeway Academy and Career Online High School. English instruction. **Tuition fees apply.**

Zion Christian Academy International (K-12)



Phone: 098-936-9986

Website: <https://www.zcaiokinawa.org/>

Location: 586-10 Kuwae, Chatan Okinawa, Japan 904-0103

Description: Utilizes both Christian and secular curricula. Along with the Abeka curriculum, we incorporate Association of Christian Schools International materials, as well as approved texts from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Wright Group/McGraw-Hill, and other leading book publishers. This is in order keep our students informed with the current United States educational standards. All subjects in all grades are taught in accordance with acceptable US Department of Education expectations and standards. As Zion strives for excellence, some of our students may be enrolled in more advanced courses associated with Zion. Our secondary students will be challenged to take more demanding classes in our Direct Distance Learning Programs.

Tuition fees apply.

Okinawa International School (OIS) (Pre-K, K-12)



Phone: 098-948-7711

Website: www.ois-edu.com

Location: 2-13-26 Tsubogawa, Naha-city, Okinawa 900-0025 JAPAN

Description: OIS's mission is to provide an educational environment that promotes the development of knowledge and understanding, wisdom, and character building. English instruction. Also, offers summer school. **Tuition fees apply.**

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New Life Academy (K-12)

Phone: **098-870-3893**

Website: <http://www.newlifeacademy.com>

Location: 134-1 Noborimata, Nakagusuku, Okinawa 901-2421 Japan

Description: New Life Academy is a private, international, Christian school located in Okinawa, Japan. We have served the Japanese and international community of Okinawa since 1995. We offer preschool through twelfth grade. We are an intimate, close-knit, learning environment where you can watch your child grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually, whether you are on the island for good, or only for a few years. New Life Academy is located in Nakagusuku approximately 5 km from Camp Foster and 1 km south of the Expressway Ramp #3. We deeply care for our students, our parents, and we would love to have you join our growing family. We invite your inquiries and encourage personal visits. Also offers summer school. **Tuition fees apply.**

“Many private schools in Okinawa offer summer school programs. Tuition fees apply.”



Pre-K options

Sure Start

Phone: Contact a DoDEA primary or elementary school near you

Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/Curriculum/Preschool/index.cfm>

Description: Sure Start is a full day preschool program that serves eligible military children and families living overseas. In addition to offering a high-quality educational program that reflects best practices in the field, Sure Start also provides health and nutrition, social, and parent involvement services. Close collaboration between families, schools, and the installation community is viewed as essential and a required part of the program. This multipronged approach to the delivery of services distinguishes Sure Start from all other DoDEA programs. Current adopted DoDEA College and Career Ready Standards and curriculum materials are implemented in the Sure Start classroom.

Enrollment Eligibility: Command sponsored four year old dependents (must turn four by September 1 of the enrolling school year). Children qualify for Sure Start based on sponsor's rank: E1-E4 or civilian rank equivalent (CRE) is first priority, E5 or CRE is second, E6-E7 or CRE is third and E8-E9 or CRE is fourth. Additional selection criteria may be applied, see your local school for information.

“Parent involvement in Sure Start is mandatory. Parents are informed before registration that an involvement commitment (i.e., 30 hours per parent, unless a parent is deployed) is a precondition for enrollment.”

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Santa Monica Okinawa International School (SMIS)

Phone: 098-936-3656

Location: 210-5 Hamagawa, Chatan, Nakagami District, Okinawa 904-0112

Description: Provides programs for 1 year old to Kindergarten. SMIS is a secular English-speaking Preschool and Kindergarten fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. SMIS philosophy is to provide a positive, safe, academically-engaged environment which provides an effective educational program with a balanced progressing curriculum allowing each child to grow and develop according to his/her age.



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Website: <http://www.davinci.okinawa/>

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Description: Offers instruction to pre-K to twelfth grade and also offers college courses. Partners with a US-accredited program called Bridgeway Academy and Career Online High School. English instruction.



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East-West Montessori School

Phone: 098-983-7303

Website: www.eastwestms.com

Location: 465-2 Ihei, Chatan, Nakagami District, Okinawa 904-0102

Description: Offers Montessori programs from children 2 to 6 years of age. Has half, full, and extended day programs. Upon request, will schedule a facility tour.



Early Learners International Preschool

Phone: 098-989-3628

Website: <https://www.jjie.jp/ELIP/>

Location: 3F Building 258-2 Kadena, Kadena-cho Yomitan-son Nakagami-gun, Okinawa

Description: Offer daycare, preschool and kindergarten services from 1-6 years old. Offers afterschool programming and summer school.



Sunshine Montessori School

Phone: 098-936-9968

Website: www.sunshinemontessoriokinawa.com

Location: Kitamae 1-9-10 Nakagami-gun, Chatan-cho

Description: A private Montessori school offering traditional Montessori education. Accepts infants to 6 years of age.



Rainbow Montessori Education Center

Phone: 098-936-2060

Website: www.RainbowMontessoriOkinawa.com

Location: 274-, Sunabe, Chatan, Nakagami District, Okinawa 904-0111

Description: Accepts infants to 6 years of age.

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Wee Care International Preschool

Phone: 098-926-2549

Location: 812-1 Kamiseido Okinawa, Okinawa

Description: Accepts infants to 6 years of age.

Ai International Preschool

Phone: 098-936-0144



Website: <http://www.ai-okinawa-preschool.com/>

Location: 2 Chome-10-13 Chatan, Nakagami District, Okinawa 904-0116

Description: Accepts infants to 6 years of age. Offers summer school.

Busy Bee International School

Phone: 098-935-4751

Website: <http://www.busybee-school.jp/>

Location: 904-0117 Okinawa, Nakagami District, Chatan

Description: Accepts infants to 7 years of age.



Clover Montessori International

Phone: 098-892-2168

Website: <http://www.e-cmi.net/contact-us/>

Location: 1 Chome-5-45 Aichi, Ginowan, Okinawa 901-2206

Description: Accepts infants to 6 years of age.



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American Preschool



Phone: 080-1743-1010

Website: <http://preschoolokinawa.com/en/>

Location: 1 Hamagawa Okinawa, Okinawa

Description: Accepts infants to 6 years of age. Offers a week free trial to all interested families. Full, half, and extended care programs offered to children from 1-6 years old. Flexible part-time plans are available, too.



Cherry Blossom Preschool

Phone: 098-935-2780

Website: <https://www.cherryblossomsch.org/>

Location: 269 Ogido Park Terrace Kitanakagusuku son Okinawa, Okinawa, Okinawa

Description: Cherry Blossom Preschool and Toddler Center, our mission is to provide a safe and caring early education environment to all our students.

Homeschool resources

Homeschooling in Japan

The Department of Defense neither encourages nor discourages sponsors from homeschooling their children. They recognize homeschooling as a sponsor's right, and can be a legitimate alternative form of education for their dependents.

Legal Requirements

A host nation, state, commonwealth, territory, or possession where a DoD sponsor is stationed may impose legal requirements on home-schooling practices. Sponsors are responsible for complying with applicable local requirements and should consult with installation Staff Judge Advocates concerning these requirements. Contact your local Legal Office.

Support for Homeschoolers

The DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) offers resources for homeschooling students. Eligible dependents may use or receive auxiliary services at DoD schools in Okinawa. **Auxiliary services** include the use of academic resources, library access, after hour use of school facilities, and participation in music, sports, and other extracurricular and interscholastic activities. Eligible homeschool students may also participate in a DoDEA **commencement ceremony**.

There are also independent community homeschooling groups. Most groups establish Facebook pages to generate more members.

DoDEA services for homeschool students

For more information about services provided by local DoD schools for home school families, contact a school near you or visit <http://www.dodea.edu/parents/homeschooling.cfm>.

HOME-SCHOOL

Quick Facts: Support for Home-school Students

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) takes great pride in its ability to extend a positive educational experience to any eligible military-connected student who chooses to engage with our schools, including homeschool students. DoDEA recognizes and respects that home-schooling is a military member's right and that it can be a legitimate alternative form of education for military-connected families. DoDEA neither encourages nor discourages military members from home-schooling their children.

DoDEA Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) 16-E-001, dated December 19, 2016, clarifies DoDEA services that are available to eligible Department of Defense (DoD) dependent home-school students. The DTM also provides guidance about participation in DoDEA commencement ceremonies.

The information below provides an introduction to DoDEA's home-school resources and services.



Eligibility: DoDEA's DTM 16-E-001 applies to DoD dependent home-school students within commuting distance of a DoDEA school who are eligible to enroll in a DoDEA school in a tuition-free status (DoDEA-Americas) or a space-required status (DoDEA-Europe and DoDEA-Pacific). It does not apply to space-required students who are enrolled in host nation schools.



Services and Resources: Eligible home-school students may use or receive auxiliary services, enroll in one or more DoDEA courses, and/or access gifted education, English as a second language, or special education services consistent with existing DoDEA regulations and policies. Auxiliary services include use of academic resources, access to the library of the school, afterhours use of school facilities, and participation in music, sports, and other extracurricular and interscholastic activities. Academic resources, such as textbooks, workbooks, library books, scheduled standardized tests, software, and internet (through the Information Center of the school), are made available to home-school students on the same basis as dependents enrolled in DoDEA schools. Auxiliary services do not include participation in DoDEA commencement ceremonies.



Commencement Ceremony Participation: Eligible home-school seniors who are fully enrolled in a DoDEA High School may participate in a DoDEA commencement ceremony by meeting DoDEA graduation requirements, earning a DoDEA diploma, and complying with DoDEA graduation policies and procedures (i.e., DoDEA Administrative Instruction 2000.1). To learn more about methods of support and/or acknowledgment available to home-school seniors who have not met DoDEA graduation requirements, please contact your DoDEA school administrator or visit the DoDEA home-school Web page listed above.



Host-Nation, State, Commonwealth, Possession and Territory Laws: A host nation, state, commonwealth, possession, or territory where a DoD sponsor is stationed may impose legal requirements on home-schooling practices. DoDEA encourages DoD sponsors who wish to home-school their dependents to communicate their desire to their commanders to determine if there are any command policies or other rules ensuring that home-schooling practices meet nation, state, commonwealth, possession, or territory requirements.

For more information about DoDEA's support for home-school students, please visit the home-school Web page for access to the DTM and frequently asked questions: www.dodea.edu/parents/homeschooling.cfm.



This guide applies to DoDDS on Okinawa. If your child attends an off-base institution, ask the school administrator what their typhoon policy is.

Tropical Cyclone Condition	0500-1159	1200-1459	1500-0459
TCCR One (TCCOR-1)	No school for students ONLY if declared before 0500. If not, school will continue and students will go home at the normal time, buses will run normal routes. After school activities are cancelled. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.	School will continue and students will go home at the normal time, buses will run normal routes. After school activities are cancelled. Normal duty hours for all DoDEA employees.	No school for students if the condition exists prior to 0500 on normal school days. After school activities are cancelled. Normal duty hours for all DoDEA employees.
TCCOR ONE Caution (TCCOR-1C)	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.
TCCR ONE EMERGENCY (TCCOR-1E)	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.
TCCOR ONE RECOVERY (TCCOR-1R)	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Facility damage assessment teams ONLY will report. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Facility damage assessment teams ONLY will report. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.	No school for students or work for all DoDEA employees. Facility damage assessment teams ONLY will report. Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.
STORM WATCH (TCCOR-SW)	No school for students if preceded by TCCOR-1, 1C or 1E. All DoDEA employees report for duty within two hours of the first announcement during normal duty hours.	No school for students if preceded by TCCOR-1, 1C or 1E. All DoDEA employees report for duty within two hours of the first announcement during normal duty hours.	No school for students if preceded by TCCOR-1, 1C or 1E. All DoDEA employees report for duty within two hours of the first announcement during normal duty hours.
ALL CLEAR (Dec 1st-May 31st) TCCOR-4 (June 1st-Nov 30th)	No school for students if declared after 0500 and preceded by TCCOR-1, 1C or 1E. Buses are notified before departure. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.	No school for students if preceded by TCCOR-1, 1C or 1E. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.	Regular school schedule for students if declared prior to 0500 on normal school days. A or B day schedules will be posted on official news sources. All DoDEA employees report to work as scheduled for normal duty hours.

Tune to AFN radio, TV or official internet sources for current information.