

Welcome to Joint Base Charleston. Military One Source (<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>) is the premiere website to get the most current newcomer information for the installation and community, including school information. Additionally, there are tips and tools for relocating to the area.

School Information for Newcomers

Selecting the right school for your child is an important aspect of relocating to a new area. Joint Base Charleston is surrounded by three separate school districts; Charleston (CCSD), Dorchester District 2 (DD2), and Berkeley (BCSD) County school districts are all within the commuting area. Where you live determines what school your child will attend. Parents are encouraged to research schools prior to signing any contract for housing on or off base.

Visit the following HOMEFRONT link for more school information for Joint base Charleston AB:
http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:CONTENT:0::::P4_INST_ID,P4_CONTENT_TITLE,P4_CONTENT_EKMT_ID,P4_CONTENT_DIRECTORY:7195,Education,30.90.120.30.30.0.0.0.12

Children living in Air Base housing attend Charleston County Schools. They may choose to use either Hunley Park or Lambs Elementary Schools (K-5). Zucker Middle School (6-8) and Stall High School (9-12) serve the older children. Charleston County has a large array of successful magnet and charter schools available, most providing transportation. Special application accommodations are made for families arriving after December, allowing them access to magnet/charter schools that have earlier lottery application deadlines.

Families who locate on the Weapons Station side of Joint Base will attend Berkeley County Schools. Marrington Elementary (K-5) and Marrington Middle School of the Arts (6-8) are located on the base. Goose Creek High School (9-12) and the Berkeley Center for the Arts (Arts Infused 9-12) provide high school services.

There are many private and religious schools in the area, as well as a number of home school families. The area is also served by one State Charter School, Palmetto Scholars Academy (currently 6-11), for gifted and talented children. Virtual school programs are a growing trend in the area, but study carefully before exercising this option.

School Liaison Officer (SLO)

Contact the SLO regarding the plentiful local school programs/options. The office is located in the Airman and Family Readiness Center, and can be reached at (843) 963-4438 or (843) 963-4406. The links below will provide parents with valuable information on relocating with children, private school listings, home school, checklists of documents to hand-carry, and state test data/scores. In addition, the Charleston, Dorchester II and Berkeley schools links will provide an overview of the district and take you to specific school web pages.

Important Information for Parents of School-age Children

Department of Education, State of South Carolina

www.ed.sc.gov

School, district and state test data may be accessed through the State Department of Education's web site:

<http://www.ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/>

Charleston County School District

<http://www.ccsdschools.com>

Dorchester County School District II

<http://www.dorchester2.k12.sc.us/>

Berkeley County School District

<http://berkeley.k12.sc.us/>

South Carolina Information Highway - Public & Private School Info

<http://www.sciway.net/edu>

Home schooling in South Carolina

http://www.homeschoolcentral.com/support/south_carolina_homeschool.htm

Military Impacted Schools Association: Interstate Compact Information & Resources for children and the family

www.militarystudent.org

Military Child Education Coalition- tons of info including a checklist for sending/receiving schools

<http://www.militarychild.org/>