

FAQS

WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

Documents required for registration:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization records (contact your SLO for information on The Interstate Compact regarding immunizations)
- Report card/transcript from losing campus
- Social security card (will not prevent enrollment)
- Proof of income if applying for the National Nutritional School Program (free and reduced lunch)
- Valid identification of the parent/guardian enrolling the student
- Proof of residence (utility bill, lease, privatized housing assignment letter)

WHAT IF I AM IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?

When Families arrive they often reside in temporary housing. The lack of permanent housing will not prevent you from enrolling your children in school. If you have a lease, contract, housing assignment, etc. which indicates where you will reside permanently, you may enroll your child in the school zoned for your permanent address. Transportation will not be provided. If you do not yet have permanent housing you may enroll in the school zoned for your temporary lodging.

WHERE WILL MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL?

School zoning is based on your home address. You may request a transfer to another campus. When determining whether to approve a transfer, principals consider space availability, grades, and attendance. Students living off-post may transfer to an on-post school if these criteria are met. Priority normally is extended to single or dual military parents.

WHERE DO I FIND THE SCHOOL CALENDAR?

There are ten school districts which serve students whose parents/guardians are affiliated with Fort Bliss: El Paso, Socorro, Ysleta, Clint, Canutillo, Anthony, Fabens, San Elizario, Tornillo, and Gadsden, NM. All school districts operate with a traditional school calendar; Socorro operates with a year round calendar. Visit School Districts that Support Fort Bliss for a link directly to each school district where calendars and other useful information can be located.

ARE THERE UNIFORMS IN THE SCHOOLS?

Many of our schools do have a dress code/school uniform policy. Please click on the link to School Supply Lists and Uniforms. If you do not see your campus listed please contact the school or School Liaison Office for assistance.

CAN I HOME SCHOOL MY CHILDREN AND WHERE WOULD I FIND INFORMATION REGARDING HOME SCHOOLING?

Fort Bliss and El Paso have a robust home school networks. If you are considering home schooling, here are a few resources to get started. Please contact the SLO if you have any questions.

Fort Bliss Home School Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fortblisshomeschoolassociation>

Home Schooling Legal Defense Association: <http://www.hslda.org/>

Southwest Home Schooling: <http://www.homeschoolfacts.com/groups/viewgroup.php?id=7407>

K12 Virtual Academy: <http://www.k12.com/Texas>

WHAT TYPE OF STATE ASSESSMENT IS USED IN TEXAS?

Beginning in spring 2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) will replace the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The STAAR program at grades 3–8 will assess the same subjects and grades that are currently assessed on TAKS. At high school, however, grade-specific assessments will be replaced with 12 end-of-course (EOC) assessments: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, English I, English II, English III, world geography, world history, and U.S. history.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>

WHAT IS THE CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE DISTRICT/STATE?

State approved curriculum, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), as required by the Texas Education Agency.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STAAR?

Download a STAAR General Information brochure and a STAAR End of Course brochure at

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147485434&menu_id=692&menu_id2=796&cid=2147483661

WHAT ASSESSMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION?

The Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee – IEP committee- determines which assessment is appropriate for each student based upon his/her needs. This critical information outlines the appropriate use of accommodations for students with disabilities. For the purposes of the statewide assessments, students needing accommodations due to a disability include

- a student with an identified disability who receives special education services and meets established eligibility criteria for certain accommodations
- a student with an identified disability who receives Section 504 services and meets established eligibility criteria for certain accommodations
- a student with a disabling condition who does not receive special education or Section 504 services but meets established eligibility criteria for certain accommodations

IS PRE-KINDERGARTEN AVAILABLE?

Yes, pre-kindergarten is available through your local school or through Child, Youth, & School (CYS) Services Strong Beginnings program. A child must be 4 years old by 1 September of that academic year. Through Texas House Bill 1, children of active duty military and children of active duty members, killed or injured while on active duty qualify to attend.

WHAT IS THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN?

A child must be 5 years old on or before 1 September of that academic year. According to The Military Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children “The Compact”, once a student begins Kindergarten they shall be allowed to continue enrollment at the grade level from the sending state regardless of the age provided the student completes the prerequisite grade level at a Local Education Agency (LEA) in the sending state.

WHAT ARE THE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS?

Please visit www.immunizetexas.com Note that Hepatitis A is required for El Paso County.

IS BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Residents must be two or more miles from the campus or be in a school board designated hazardous traffic area if less than two miles. Students whose IEP states transportation is authorized are qualified. Students attending a special program such as a magnet or Early College High School are also qualified.

IS TEXAS A SIGNATORY TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN?

Yes. For more information regarding the compact contact your School Liaison Office or visit <http://www.mic3.net/>

CAN I RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS FROM MY CAMPUS?

Yes, every district has an emergency alert system where parents can receive alerts and updates via text or email. Check with your campus when you register.

WHAT IS FEDERAL IMPACT AID?

Impact Aid forms are normally sent home with students in Sep/Oct of each school year. Impact Aid assists school districts which have lost a portion of their local tax base because of federally owned property.