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# Military-Connected Students and Families

Welcome to Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)! As the second largest school district in Florida and the sixth largest in the nation, BCPS proudly serves more than 271,500 students each year.

Each of our innovative District schools offers high-quality educational experiences, rigorous academics, unique extra-curricular activities and clubs, and dedicated teachers and staff focused on helping your child meet his or her highest potential.

**Across BCPS, there is something to meet every student's interest.**

BCPS offers magnet and innovative programs; Montessori programs; options for students to earn industry certifications in numerous career and technical education programs; advanced academic options allowing students to earn college credits; virtual education options; and award-winning music, arts and athletic programs. BCPS also offers the largest debate initiative in the world, the largest JROTC program in the nation, and is a national leader and model for offering computer science courses, curriculum and activities at every school.

**Our goal is to ensure your child has a rewarding educational experience in a supportive environment.**

For our military-connected students and families, BCPS is honored to provide a variety of services and accommodations to make your transition to our District as seamless and stress-free as possible. These accommodations, which adhere to the [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#), apply to:

- Children of active-duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve Component service members on active duty.

- Children of service members or veterans who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired, for one year after discharge or retirement.
- Children of service members who have died while on active duty, for one year after death.

This guide provides answers to frequently asked questions to help you prepare for and enroll your child in school, and information on how BCPS can help you and your child throughout the process.



## ★ Frequently Asked Questions ★

### How do I find out which school my child will attend?

School-aged children living within Broward County are assigned to a school based on their primary residential address and grade level. This is the child's assigned school.

To find the school assigned to your home address using our School Locator feature, visit:

[locator2.browardschools.com/edulog/school-locator](http://locator2.browardschools.com/edulog/school-locator)

You can also call the Demographics & Student Assignment Department at 754-321-2480. You will be asked to provide your address and your child's grade level, and staff will assist in helping you identify the school your child is assigned to attend.





## Where do I go to enroll my child in school?

Once you've determined which school your child will attend, visit the school to complete the enrollment process. Bring with you any documents and records you have to assist the school in placing your child appropriately. To learn more, visit [browardschools.com/registermychild](http://browardschools.com/registermychild).

As a military-connected family, below are District accommodations for your child:

- **Kindergarten and first grade enrollment age:**
  - Students can continue in the same grade, regardless of entrance age requirement, if they have already started kindergarten or first grade in their previous school.
  - Students may go on to the next grade, regardless of age requirement, if they have successfully completed kindergarten or first grade.
- **Course and education program placement:**
  - BCPS honors placement in courses or programs based on the student's enrollment, participation or placement in comparable programs from the previous school. District staff may perform an evaluation to ensure the student's placement is appropriate.
  - The District may waive course or program prerequisites, if similar coursework has been completed at the previous school.

## What documents do I need to enroll my child in school?

- Military identification and official military orders
- Proof of age - child's birth certificate
- Student health records - Florida Certificate of Immunization (form 680) and proof of physical exam in the last 12 months are required within 30 days of enrollment.
- Letter or transcript showing attendance, academic information and grade placement. Unofficial records are accepted; the school will request official records from the previously attended school.
- Proof of guardianship, if the student resides with a legal guardian
- Proof of address

## Can my children participate in specialized academic programs?

Yes. Each innovative District school offers a variety of options for students. Families are encouraged to explore all of the options available at their assigned school.



In addition, BCPS understands that families want to have options for their child's education, which may include a choice other

than their assigned school. Parents and guardians may submit an application for magnet programs, Nova Schools or school reassignments during School Choice application windows.

Military families are given first preference for admission to all magnet programs, provided students meet eligibility requirements. Military families also receive first priority for school reassignments and admission to Nova schools.

## What if the School Choice application deadline has passed?

School choice applications are accepted December – February of each school year. However, parents and guardians who are active-duty military can still submit a School Choice application for a school with space available, even after the deadline has passed.

To explore your child's School Choice options and apply online, visit [browardschools.com/schoolchoice](http://browardschools.com/schoolchoice). You can also call 754-321-2480 for more information.



**Can my child participate in sports or other extracurricular activities?**

BCPS will make every effort to provide children of military-connected families the opportunity to participate in sports and extracurricular activities, as long as they meet the requirements.

*Note: BCPS adheres to Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) rules, including the requirement that a student to be enrolled at a school prior to being allowed to try out for sports teams at that school.*

**Is before-school care and after-school care available for my child?**

Yes, after-school child care services are available at all District elementary schools, with many schools also offering before-school care. Contact your child’s school for specific details regarding hours of operation and costs. You can also visit [sbbc-bascc.com](http://sbbc-bascc.com), to learn more.

**My child is in high school; how will graduation requirements be impacted?**

BCPS understands there are extenuating circumstances in your child’s transition to a new school. Our administrators, counselors and educators will work with you to make sure he or she meets graduation requirements. BCPS may:



- waive courses required for graduation, if a similar course has been completed in the previous school.
- accept out of state exit exams, end of course exams, or national achievement tests in lieu of local/state testing requirements for graduation.
- allow a student to receive a diploma from his or her previous school, if the student does not have time to meet BCPS graduation requirements.

**Are there additional BCPS services available to help my child during the transition to the new school?**

Yes. School social workers and counselors are available at every District school to provide assistance and support to students of military-connected families as they adjust to their new school setting. For more information on these free and confidential services, contact the BCPS Student Services Department at 754-321-1550.



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**Who can I contact for help?**

BCPS partners with Southern Command to provide services for military families. For help and information, contact:

Nan Busjit, Coordinator  
Military Initiatives  
BCPS Student Services Department  
754-321-1557  
[nbusjit@browardschools.com](mailto:nbusjit@browardschools.com)

Lucia Romero, School Social Worker  
BCPS Student Services Department  
754-321-1618  
[lucia.romero@browardschools.com](mailto:lucia.romero@browardschools.com)

Ileana Gonzalez-Posado, School Liaison Officer, U.S. Army Garrison – Miami  
305-437-2633  
[Ileana.gonzalez-posada.naf@mail.mil](mailto:Ileana.gonzalez-posada.naf@mail.mil)

Families can also email:  
[militaryinitiative@browardschools.com](mailto:militaryinitiative@browardschools.com)





## ★ Community Resources for Military Families ★

### Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

Addresses some of the educational challenges that transitioning children of military families face. To learn more, visit [mic3.net](http://mic3.net). To find a school liaison officer who can assist with school issues, visit [dodea.edu/Partnership/schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm](http://dodea.edu/Partnership/schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm) or call 859-244-8133.

### Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Military Family Resources


Provides support to students of military families as they adjust to new living environments, schools and peer groups, while experiencing periods of family separation. For information, visit [fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/military-families](http://fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/military-families) or call 850-245-7851.

### Broward Regional Health Planning Council's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

This multi-agency alliance assists veterans in re-acclimating to civilian life. For information, visit [brhpc.org/programs/supportive-services-veteran-families](http://brhpc.org/programs/supportive-services-veteran-families) or contact Natasha Hedrington, SSVF program manager: [nhedrington@brhpc.org](mailto:nhedrington@brhpc.org); 954-561-9681 ext. 1384.

### Tutor.com

U.S. Department of Defense program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help from expert tutors, available 24/7, at no cost to active duty service members and their eligible dependents. Visit [Military.tutor.com](http://Military.tutor.com).

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## ★ Important District Phone Numbers ★

Main Switchboard .....	754-321-0000
Anonymous Tip Line .....	754-321-0911
Applied Learning .....	754-321-1859
Athletics .....	754-321-2550
BCPS Info Hotline .....	754-321-0321
Before & After School Child Care .....	754-321-3330
Bilingual & ESOL .....	754-321-2590
Broward Virtual School .....	754-321-6050
Career, Technical & Adult/Community Education .....	754-321-8400
Charter Schools Support .....	754-321-2135
Community Relations .....	754-321-2300
Community Schools & GED .....	754-321-7600
Early Learning/School Readiness .....	754-321-1953
Elementary Learning (K-5) .....	754-321-1850
Emergency Hotline .....	754-321-0911
Equal Educational Opportunities .....	754-321-2150
Exceptional Student Learning Support .....	754-321-3400
Family and Community Engagement .....	754-321-1599
Food & Nutrition Services .....	754-321-0215
Gifted .....	754-321-2620
Head Start/Early Intervention .....	754-321-1961
Home Education .....	754-321-1558
Homeless Education .....	754-321-1566
Innovative Learning .....	754-321-2620
JROTC .....	754-322-0300
Legislative Affairs .....	754-321-2608
Literacy K-5 .....	754-321-1866
Magnet and Innovative Programs .....	754-321-2070
McKay Scholarships .....	754-321-3445
Mentoring Programs .....	754-321-1668
Parent Concerns (Office of Service Quality) .....	754-321-3636
Psychological Services .....	754-321-3442
Public Information Office .....	754-321-2300
Public Records Requests .....	754-321-1925
Rumor Control Hotline .....	754-321-0321
Safety .....	754-321-4200
School Choice .....	754-321-2480
School Counseling and BRACE Advisement .....	754-321-1675
School Police/Special Investigative Unit .....	754-321-0725
School Social Work Services .....	754-321-1618
Secondary Learning (6-12) .....	754-321-2119
Student Activities .....	754-321-1200
Student Assessment & Testing .....	754-321-2510
Student Health Services .....	754-321-1576
Student Services .....	754-321-1550
Student Support Initiatives .....	754-321-1660
Student Transportation .....	754-321-4400
Title I, Migrant & Special Programs .....	754-321-1400
Transcripts & Diplomas (Record Retention) .....	754-321-3150
Volunteer Services .....	754-321-2300

