

FORT RILEY SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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SUMMARY:

School children residing in the Ft. Riley area attend school in the district in which they live. Families living on-post attend the Geary County Public School District. The district operates six Elementary schools and one Middle School on post. High School students are bused to nearby Junction City High School. On and off-post parents, with sufficient justification, can submit a request for children to attend schools outside of their residence areas. Generally, such requests are considered on a space availability basis and are at the discretion of the school principal.

Families that decide to reside in off post housing are encouraged to research local schools prior to selecting a place to live. Please double check with the Ft. Riley School Support Services to determine the district and schools in your area.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Geary County

785-717-4000
www.usd475.org
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

Manhattan/Ogden

785-587-2000
www.usd383.org
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

Chapman

785-922-6521
www.usd473.net
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

Clay County

785-632-3176
www.usd379.org
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

Abilene

785-263-2630
www.abileneschools.org
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

Riley County

785-485-4000
www.usd378.org
 MOA Signatory
 S2S Programs

KANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities For Military Children Member State

Website: www.ksde.org Adequate Yearly Progress Reports: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=403>

School Data: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=83>

School Performance: <http://online.ksde.org/rcard/>

SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

At what age can my child start school?

Any child who attains the age of 5 on or before August 31 of the school year is eligible to attend kindergarten in the state of Kansas. Also, any child who was a resident in another state and was enrolled in and attended kindergarten is eligible for kindergarten in Kansas, regardless of the child's age.

What is required for enrollment?

1. Child Health Assessment (physical examination) – Children age 8 or under
2. Kansas Certificate of Immunization Card
3. Grade cards, certified transcripts, Special Education IEPs, or similar record or data of previous school attendance.
4. Proof of identity (Birth Certificate, Passport, Driver's License)

How do I enroll for school?

School enrollments typically take place at the school building your student will be attending. Parents are strongly encouraged to bring photocopies of all academic records with them whenever they PCS to a new duty station (do not put these with your household goods).

SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS:

- **Public School Choice:** Kansas school districts are permitted to allow nonresident students to attend one of their schools, but they are not required to do so. Generally, a formal request must be submitted to the school where attendance is desired.
- **Other Public School Systems:** In addition to the six school districts listed above, ten other districts enroll military-connected students. They are; Herington at 785-258-2263, Centre at 785-983-4304, Mill Creek Valley at 785-765-3394, Wamego at 785-456-7643, Rock Creek at 785-457-3732, Blue Valley at 785-293-5256, Morris County at 620-767-5192, Rural Vista at 785-349-2964, Solomon at 785-655-2541 and Salina at 785-309-4700.
- **Private Schools:** Several private schools operate in the Ft. Riley area. Visit www.privateschoolreview.com to view available schools
- **Home Schools:** Parents wishing to home school their children must register with the Kansas State Department of Education as a "non-accredited private school". More information can be obtained from <http://www.ksde.org>

REMINDERS:

- **Enroll your children as soon as possible.** *It is not recommended that you delay enrolling your children when you transition to a new installation. Some families have delayed enrolling their children up to a month and have risked their child repeating a grade.*
- **School Calendars are not synchronized.** *Each district may have a different school start and end date, as well as different school-out days scheduled throughout the school year. Be sure to obtain and follow the specific calendar from your child's school.*
- **Ft. Riley School Support Services cannot supersede school policy.** *All schools in the area are public schools, not DoD schools. Any issues that arise must be resolved within the framework of existing school policy.*

OTHER SCHOOL DATA:

High School Schedules: Geary Co.-Block Scheduling, Manhattan/Ogden-Traditional Scheduling. All districts run a Nine-month school year.

Virtual Public Schools: IQ Academy-Manhattan/Ogden, Abilene Virtual School, Kansas Online Learning Program.

Uniforms: None required in public schools

Early College-Available in all school districts. Maximum Unexcused Absences: 10 days. Pre-K: Head Start and Parent Pay Programs