

King's Bay Education Handbook



2015 – 2016



Child and Youth Programs

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Welcome Aboard!

Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay

Welcome to Kings Bay – the east coast home to Trident nuclear powered submarines. Whether you are preparing to transfer to Kings Bay or planning a visit to the base, you will discover that our award-winning base is one of the Navy's premier duty stations. Lifestyles exist here for a variety of tastes. Whether you prefer living in the country, a small-town environment, or the faster lanes of metropolitan and city life, it is all near Kings Bay.

Off base, you can visit historic sites, national parks and preserves, tourist attractions, and other exciting points of interest all along the Georgia and Florida coasts or inland. You can explore shops and restaurants in Saint Mary's – the gateway to Cumberland Island – and Kingsland. In less than an hour, you can reach beaches, malls and a multitude of services and amenities in Jacksonville, Fernandina, Brunswick and Jekyll Island. Area residents and visitors boast about the fresh and saltwater fishing, and the host of water activities available to families living in this area.

No matter your preferences, you are in the correct place to learn about relocating to Kings Bay. Moving can be especially challenging and stressful for the youngest members of military families – school-aged children. Early and thorough research, prudent planning, and maintaining a positive mind set can help ease the burdens. The School Liaison Officer is available to assist you in addressing the educational needs of your family by providing information about local schools and answering questions about support programs and services available for children including those with special needs. Maintaining early and consistent contact with the School Liaison Officer is just one way to make the move to Kings Bay easier for every member of your family.

Share information from this Handbook with your family and if you have youngsters or teens, get them involved early and often. If you have questions about educational services that can not be answered by the sponsor or are not addressed in this Handbook, call or e-mail the School Liaison Officer for assistance.

We look forward to your safe arrival and to welcoming you aboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. You will enjoy living here, being part of our family, and working with our professional, award-winning team. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me at CNISEKNGSCOFB@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

James W. Jenks

Commanding Officer
Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay



Welcome!

**Camden County School Central Office
311 South East Street
Kingsland, Georgia
(912) 729-5687**

On behalf of the members of the Camden County Board of Education, just over 1,400 employees, and approximately 9,700 students, it is an honor to welcome you to our community and our school system. We're glad you're here and look forward to our family becoming an integral part of the wonderful learning community that is Camden County Schools. There is a great deal of pride in our schools and we hope that pride spills into the homes of even our newest community members. Our students routinely surpass expectations because of the efforts of our teachers and those who support them in our schools and the community. Stakeholders in Camden County contribute to a highly effective school system that invests in a common mission to ensure educational excellence in a safe and nurturing environment where all students reach their potential and become productive citizens.

The responsibility we all share as a community to ensure students reach higher and achieve more dictates a relentless approach to continuous improvement. I hope as a new member our community you will become involved in your child's school and join efforts to develop and implement strategies that improve student success. Our pursuit of excellence and the changes that may accompany it require the trust, confidence, and support of our parents. We plan to earn that trust by exposing you and your children to teachers who prove their compassion and competence every day to help students succeed.

As I began, it is truly an honor to welcome you. My commitment to you as the chief learner in Camden County Schools is to work every day so that the children fortunate enough to pass through the halls of Camden County Schools will be motivated, challenged, and inspired to reach their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

William C. Hardin, Ed.D

Superintendent of Schools

Surrounding School Districts

Many military families and contractors assigned to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay choose to live outside of Camden County. Families living in the following counties should take comfort in knowing that the Superintendents, administrators, and faculties of those school districts are eager and ready to serve your educational needs.



Mr. Howard Mann
Superintendent
Glynn County Schools

Contact:

Glynn County Schools
1301 Egmont Street
Brunswick, Ga. 31520
(912) 267-4100

Web: www.glynn.k12.ga.us
E-mail: support@glynn.12.ga.us



Dr. John L. Ruis
Superintendent (standing left)
Nassau County School District

Contact:

Nassau County School District
1201 Atlantic Avenue
Fernandina Beach, Fl. 32034
(904) 491-9900

Web: www.nassau.k12.fl.us

[Contact for Yulee, Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Hilliard, and Hinesville addresses]



Charlton County Schools Board of Education

Dr. John Lairsey, Superintendent
(Standing – far left)

Contact:
500 S. Third Street
Folkston, Georgia 31537
(912) 496-2596

Ware County Schools Board of Education

Dr. Jim LeBrun
Superintendent
(Seated far left)

Contact:
1301 Bailey Street
Waycross, Georgia 31501
(912) 283-8656



Brantley County Board of Education

Dr. Greg Jacobs,
Superintendent
(Standing – third from right)

Contact:
272 School Circle
Nahunta, Georgia 31553
(912) 462-6176





DISCLAIMER

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE MILITARY PARENTS A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. **THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE ADVISED **TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS OR REFER TO STATE AND LOCAL WEBSITES** BEFORE MAKING OR FINALIZING EDUCATIONAL CHOICES FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

Introduction to Education Handbook



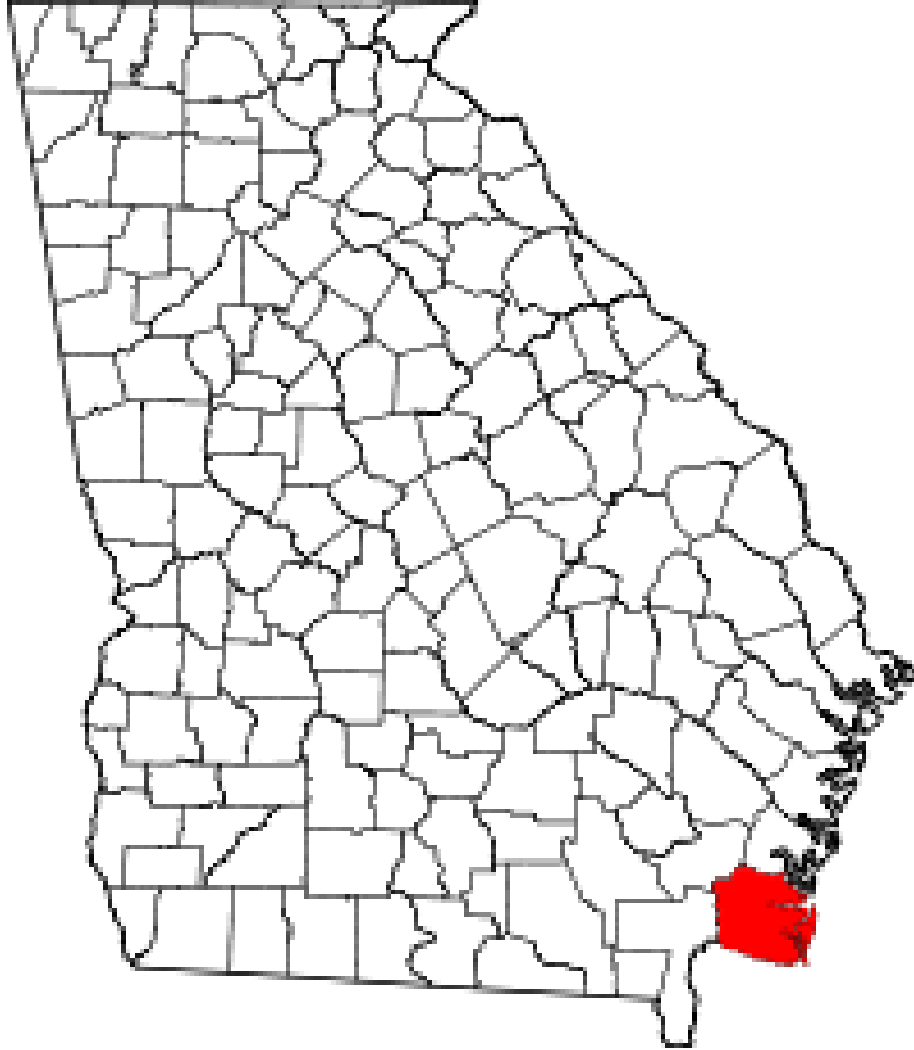
The Education Handbook has been prepared as an immediate and centralized resource for information about schools serving military and federally-connected children living on or near Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. While educational needs may vary from family to family, this handbook is intended to answer most general questions about public schools in Camden County or surrounding areas.

The schools in the local area have worked closely with the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay to offer quality educational services to children in the military community. Questions about specific programs available at individual schools are best answered by the school administrators and office staff of that school. However, should you find that the information provided in the handbook or by school officials does not address your family's needs, please do not hesitate to contact your School Liaison Officer for assistance.

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General Information

County Map



Kings Bay Submarine Base is located in Camden County, Georgia just minutes from the Georgia/Florida state line and metropolitan Jacksonville, Florida. It is bordered by four other counties – three in Georgia (Glynn, Charlton, and Brantley) and one in Florida (Nassau). The close proximity to these counties offers military families many housing options in the local area. The School Liaison Officer is available to assist families from all branches of service living within a one-hour driving radius of the installation, including areas as distant as Ware County (Waycross).

School Choice



When it comes to a child's education, perhaps nothing causes parents more anxiety than having to choose the *right* school. For military parents, this decision is further complicated by having to choose schools which may be in other parts of the United States or in a different country all together.

In either case, parents have a responsibility to research schools in a given area to determine if the schools can meet the needs of both the family and/or the child. When choosing a school, parents must consider several factors, including but not limited to, the following:

- price (if private schools are preferred)
- location
- school size
- class size
- academic rating (vary from state to state)
- level of discipline,
- extra-curricular activities
- special needs of child
- parental involvement
- schools reputation
- facilities

The biggest challenge faced by parents is deciding which of these factors are most important and which ones will be important in the life of the child and family. In the end, parents act as the first and primary advocates for their children and their children's education. Therefore, it is important for military parents to take the time find out all they can about schools at the each duty station.

Information about Camden County School performance can be found both on the district website www.camden.k12.ga.us . By following a few simple steps, parents can find additional information about school performance on the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org:

1. Select the **"By School"** option located next to the School Reports icon.
2. Using the **alphabetic tab** at the top of the page find the school of interest
3. Once the school has been selected, there will be three informational tabs on the left side of the page from which to choose – **School Profile**, **NCLB** (No Child Left Behind)/ **AYP** (Adequate Yearly Progress) and the **Report Card**.



Parents should feel free to contact the local school administrators to address any specific questions or concerns they may have about the information provided in the schools reports. The School Liaison Officer is available to answer general educational questions and to offer assistance but is not at liberty to recommend the 'best' school for any child or family. Choosing a school or academic program for a family or child remains the responsibility of the military parent and/or guardian.

Camden County School System



All schools are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The district has been named a SACS "Super District" for the last three years. All schools are also accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission. The Pre-Kindergarten program has been awarded "Accreditation with Quality" by the Georgia Accrediting Commission. More detailed information about the district and its schools can be found at www.camden.k12.ga.us.

Nine Elementary Schools

- **Crooked River Elementary School (serves base housing)**
- David L. Rainer Elementary School
- Kingsland Elementary School (farthest west in the county)
- Mamie Lou Gross Elementary School (located in the northern part of county)
- Mary Lee Clark Elementary School (third closest to base)
- Matilda Harris Elementary School (high military population)
- St. Mary's Elementary School (in downtown St. Marys area)
- Sugarmill Elementary School (second closest to base)
- Woodbine Elementary School (farthest north in county)

Two Middle Schools

- **St. Mary's Middle School (closest to installation; serves base housing)**
- Camden Middle School (serves Kingsland)

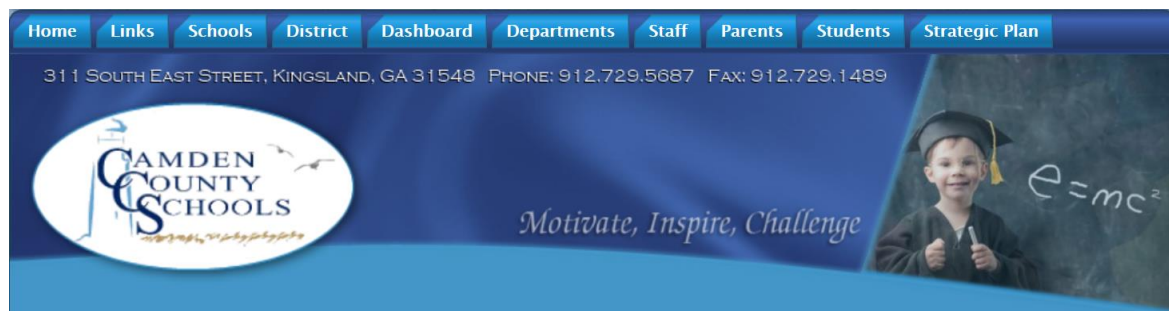
One high school

- **Camden County High School (one regional high school; 2,800+ students)**

For more specific information about each school and the services available, visit the district website www.camden.k12.ga.us and click on 'Schools.' Using this link parents and /or students may access contact information, test data, etc. All of this information will be helpful in making an appropriate school choice for your family.

ENROLLMENT FORMS

Click the 'Parents' tab at the top of the district homepage at www.camden.k12.ga.us. The Student Enrollment Form may be downloaded or printed from there. The same form is used regardless of grade level – elementary, middle or high school.



School Start Dates



Georgia allows local school boards to establish individual school calendars which include opening and closing dates, holiday schedules, and teacher staff development days. Listed below are the school start dates for each of the six local counties served by the School Liaison Officer:

2015 - 2016 School Year

Brantley County (Nahunta area) – August 5, 2015

Camden County (St. Mary's, Kingsland area) – August 5, 2015

Charlton County (Folkston area) – August 5, 2015

Glynn County (Brunswick area) – August 13, 2015

Nassau (FL) County (Yulee, Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach areas) – August 11, 2015

Ware County (Waycross area) – August 3, 2015

Entry Age Requirement

A child must be five years old on or before September 1 to enter a public Kindergarten. The child must be six on or before **September 1** to enter first grade. The local school system must verify age before enrollment. Parents should expect to present documentation that confirms a child's age.

Students who were legal residents of one or more states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to Georgia and who were legally enrolled in either a public Kindergarten or first grade, or a private Kindergarten or first grade accredited by a state or regional association, would be eligible to enroll in Georgia schools, provided that the child will be five years old (Kindergarten) or six years old (first grade) by **December 31** of that school year.

As a member of the Interstate Compact, Georgia allows military students transferring from an accredited school to continue enrollment at the current level, be eligible for enrollment in the next higher grade, and continue participation in honors, gifted and talented programs regardless of age. The receiving school DOES retain the right to confirm the placement by conducting separate academic assessments.

Transfer & Admission Procedures

Military families moving to Georgia and planning to enroll children in local public schools should contact the office of the superintendent where they will be living to determine what registration and/or transfer requirements have been established. Registration is typically held in the spring and varies from county to county.

Following Interstate Compact guidelines, Georgia **allows local school districts to accept unofficial records from military families for registration purposes**. Local schools may enroll and place students in classes based on the information contained in the unofficial records pending validation by the official records from the sending school. If possible, it is a good idea to request student's academic and discipline records be forwarded to the students' new school at the time the student officially withdraws from the previous or sending school.

Although schools are closed during the summer, there are typically office staff and administrators available to answer questions regarding registration and/or enrollment. Contacting the School Liaison Officer prior to the move may offer some assistance especially where students with special needs are concerned.

Social Security Numbers



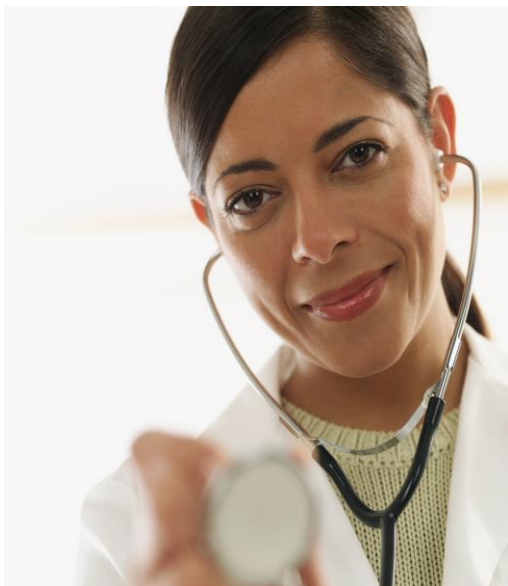
Students enrolling in Georgia public schools for the first time will be asked by the school or school system to furnish a Social Security number. However, the Social Security Number (SSN) is not required for enrollment in public schools. Parents or guardians may, if they prefer, sign a statement declining to provide the number without giving a reason. Students for whom Social Security numbers are not available will be assigned other student identification numbers.

Attendance Policies

Georgia law requires that students attend a public or private school or a home study program from their sixth to sixteenth birthdays. Public Kindergarten is available in every school system, but it is not mandatory. The typical school year is 180 instructional days. For reporting purposes, schools maintain documentation on students who have missed **more than 15 days of school and that information is reported to the State of Georgia**.

Under newly adopted legislation, **military students MAY be granted additional absences** if a parent or legal guardian is an active duty military member and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from a **combat zone** or combat support posting. These additional absences, IF granted, are intended to allow the student to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian as a result of the leave or deployment. Parents should seek guidance from their respective school administrators to determine eligibility for these additional absences.

Immunization Requirements



Georgia requires the following immunizations: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, measles, polio, mumps, rubella, and varicella (chicken pox).

FORM 3231 (Certificate of Immunization)

Georgia law requires children attending school (K -12) to be age appropriately immunized with all the required vaccines at the time of first entry in school. A new entrant is a child entering a school in Georgia for the first time or entering after having been absent from a Georgia school for more than 12 months or one school year. **Protection against these diseases MUST be addressed ON the Form 3231.** All students MUST have the Georgia Department of Human Resources immunization certificate marked “**COMPLETE FOR SCHOOL.**” The exceptions to this requirement are as follows:

1. Medical exemption
2. Religious exemption
3. 30 waiver granted by superintendent or designee to new entrants
4. 90 waiver granted by superintendent or designee to students entering Georgia schools from out of state

Detailed information regarding these exemptions may be found on the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org.

FORM 3300 (Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental Exam)

A student, regardless of grade level, who has never been in a Georgia public school **MUST provide certification of eye, ear and dental examinations ON the Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3300.** Any child admitted to school without a certificate must present one within 120 calendar days. Forms may be obtained and completed at the local public health department, or physician's office. Military families may hand deliver immunization records at the Branch Medical clinic whose personnel will transfer the records onto the necessary Georgia forms. These forms must be signed by a Georgia physician and are best completed after arrival. For more detailed information **contact Della Poponea in Immunizations Department at the Branch Medical Clinic by calling 573-8250.**

Special Education Services

Local schools make every effort to accommodate students with special needs. Parents of these children should ensure that the necessary documentation is available upon arrival – copies of current IEPs, Section 504 Plan documents, assessments, etc. These documents may be presented to school officials at the time of enrollment.

Legislation, in most cases, will allow students to continue services documented on an IEP or other official special education documents until such time as the local education agency or school can conduct its own evaluation to confirm placement and the necessity for continued services. Schools may accept copies of important special needs documents until the official documents can be forwarded from the previous school.

Families with special needs considerations may wish to contact the School Liaison Officer or the local school to assist them with accessing the continuity of care needed to support the learning of children with special needs. Active duty service members should contact the **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Liaison Earl “Trai” Murray at (912) 573-1079** for EFMP enrollment information.

Extracurricular Activities

Opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities are available to students in elementary, middle, and high school. The types and number of programs available vary from school to school. Depending on the age of the students being served, schools may offer programs either during or after school. Information about these programs, registration deadlines, and eligibility requirements will be sent home with students at the appropriate times throughout the school year.

Secondary students wishing to continue participation in sporting or club activities that require auditions or try outs are advised to contact the school prior their arrival to schedule times to meet with program directors. Athletes may consider making game tapes or other records of accomplishments available to the Athletic Director or sports coach for preliminary review. Upon arrival, there MAY be opportunity to make an appointment for try outs or auditions to gain a place on a sports roster or membership in a club.



Recently, Georgia joined the Interstate Compact which states that “local school systems will **facilitate** the opportunity for transitioning military students to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of deadlines, to the extent they are “otherwise qualified.” While this is a great opportunity for our military community, students and their families must be diligent about making their desire for participation known. Schools are NOT required to hold a place for military children. Therefore, early contact may facilitate a student’s eligibility for participation.

For more information on the Interstate Compact visit www.mic3.com.

Transportation

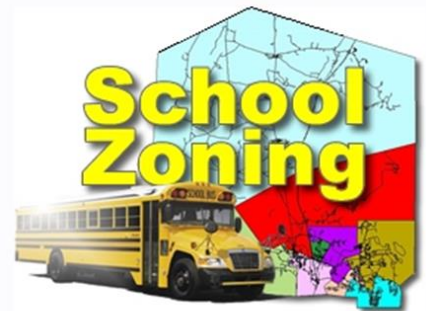


The Transportation Office of Camden County Schools and surrounding counties seek to provide students with bus services that are safe, dependable, professional, and cost effective. Camden County Schools offers transportation to students living on-base and to those living outside a 1.5 mile radius of their neighborhood school. **Parents of students living closer within the 1.5 radius are required to provide transportation to school.**

Riding the local public school bus is a privilege and all students are expected to obey bus rules regarding student behavior. Failure to do so could result in bus incidence reports being made to local school administrators and possible suspension. The rules that govern the buses are designed to promote safety for all students. The rules help to minimize distractions and obstructions for the driver and alleviate situations that could be potentially dangerous.

The school zoning map is available on the Camden County website at www.camden.k12.ga.us. By clicking the 'Departments' link at the top of the homepage parents can access a dropdown menu where they will find the 'Transportation' link. Using the icon to the left parents and guardians can determine which school serves the area in which they live or are planning to live.

Bus riders are asked to arrive at designated bus stop locations no later than 20 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. Students' early arrival helps ensure that the busses can run in a timely and orderly manner.



Click to View Zone Map

Parents are reminded that the center aisle of the bus and the emergency exits must remain clear at **ALL** times. Therefore, the following items should not be brought onto the bus:

- science fair boards
- large athletic equipment
- large band instruments
- glass
- animals and insects (alive or dead)

Students may bring other items on the bus that fit in their laps and will not obstruct any emergency exits. For more information about transportation related issues, **please contact Michael Blackerby, Transportation Coordinator at (912) 729-8374.**

Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Standardized Testing)

The Georgia Department of Education Division of Curriculum and Instruction seeks to provide rigorous and relevant standards, quality instructional resources and online professional learning materials that will help teachers and instructional leaders prepare students for high school graduation and post-secondary college and career opportunities.

Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones) is a comprehensive annual assessment program spanning grades 3 through high school. Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the knowledge and skills outlines in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 will take an end-of-grade assessment in each content area, while high school students will take an end-of-course assessment for each of the eight courses designated by the State Board of Education.

Features the Georgia Milestone Assessment System include the following:

- open-ended (constructed response) items in language arts and mathematics (all grades and courses);
- a writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment;
- norm-referenced items in all content areas and courses, to complement the criterion-referenced information and to provide a national comparison; and
- transition to online administration over time, with online administration considered the primary mode of administration and **paper-pencil as back-up** until the transition is complete



Students at the high school level will take an **End-Of-Course (EOCT)** assessment in the following **eight courses**:

- Language Arts
 - Ninth Grade Literature and Composition
 - American Literature and Composition
- Mathematics
 - Coordinate Algebra
 - Analytic Geometry
- Science
 - Physical Science
 - Biology
- Social Studies
 - United States History
 - Economics/Business/Free Enterprise

Middle school students who are enrolled in one or more of these courses will also take the end-of-course measure. The end-of-course measures are administered at the completion of the course, regardless of the grade level. These measures serve as the final exam for the course, and contribute **20% to the student's final course grade**. Each school district selects a local testing window, based on their local school calendar, from within the state-designated testing window.

When possible, parents of students scheduled for state testing are advised to complete testing in the sending state before moving to a new duty station. This affords students greater opportunity for success and provides the receiving faculty the most current information about a student's level of performance. **The 2015 Georgia Milestones are tentatively scheduled to be administered from April 20 – 30, 2015 in Camden County.** Specific dates will be made available later this year.

Military parents considering relocation to this or any other school districts should know the standardized testing dates for each district and strategically plan relocations accordingly. Typically, students enrolled in a public school at the time of testing are required to take the state's standardized tests.



Planning military moves with testing dates in mind can help alleviate test anxiety. Be mindful of these dates!

Youth Sponsorship Program – Connections Clubs

The Kings Bay Youth Sponsorship Program is available to elementary, middle school and high school students relocating to the Kings Bay area. Sponsorship allows military youth and teens a chance to 'meet' other military youth who are nearly the same age, possibly attend the same school, or share like interest.

Trained and enthusiastic Youth Sponsorship Program *Ambassadors* work to welcome youth and teens to Kings Bay and to make them feel "at home" long before they arrive. By hosting "Welcome Aboard" activities, offering school tours, and providing information about local activities, the Sponsorship Program connects military youth with others who understand the feelings and anxieties that often accompany military moves.



**INTERESTED?
WANT TO KNOW MORE?**



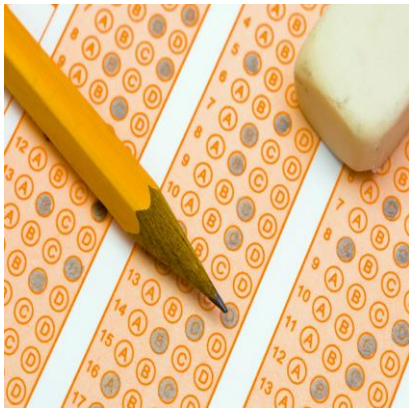
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As part of the Youth Sponsorship Program, Connections Clubs are available at several local schools to help relocating military youth feel more at home in their new schools.

**Ask about the
Connections
Clubs
at YOUR school!**

Moving can be hard. We CAN help!



Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT)

Students seeking a Georgia high school diploma, who entered high school prior to July 2011, must pass the Georgia High School Graduation Tests (GHS GT) in four content areas as well as the Georgia High School Writing Test.

As a result of amendments to State Board of Education rule in April 2011, the cohort of students who enrolled in high school from Fall 2008 through June 2011 must demonstrate their proficiency in the four GHS GT content areas by either passing each of the GHS GTs or by passing one of the two equivalent End of Course Tests in each corresponding content area. These students are also required to take and pass the Georgia High School Writing Test (GHS WT) to be eligible for a diploma.

Students who enter grade nine during the 2011 – 2012 school year or beyond will NOT take or be required to pass the GHS GT. They are, however, still required to take and pass the Georgia High School Writing Test.

The graduation tests are typically taken for the first time in the eleventh grade. The Writing Assessment takes place in the fall, and the GHS GT in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies occur in the spring of the eleventh grade. Students who do not pass on the first attempt of the tests have multiple opportunities to receive additional instruction, retest, and qualify for graduation before the spring of the twelfth grade.

<u>Assessment Opportunities</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Content Areas</u>
Grade 11 Fall (September)	First	
Grade 11 Spring (March/April)	Retest	First
Grade 11/12 (July)	Retest	Retest
Grade 12 Fall (September)	Retest	Retest
Grade 12 Winter (November)		Retest
Grade 12 Spring (March/April)	Retest	Retest
Grade 12 Summer (July)	Senior Retest	Senior Retest

Georgia House Bill 91 - On Monday, March 30, 2015, Governor Nathan Deal signed House Bill 91 into law. This law provides that **students shall no longer be required to earn a passing score on any graduation tests to earn a high school diploma.** The law also applies to students who are no longer enrolled to petition the local board of education for a diploma whose sole reason for not receiving a high school diploma was due to not passing any part of the graduation test.

If this law applies to you, you must complete the attached form and submit completed Camden County High School via mail or in person. If submitting a petition by mail, include a scanned/copied image of your driver's license or government issued photo identification. Detailed information about this criterion may be obtained from the high school guidance counselor or at the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org.

High School Graduation Requirements



Camden County High School graduation requirements are HIGHER than those required by the State of Georgia. 3 units of credit in JROTC may be used to satisfy this requirement. In order to facilitate an on-time graduation the local school district MAY waive specific course requirement (if similar work has been satisfactorily completed at another local education agency), or MAY accept exit or end-of-course exams from a sending state. In addition to meeting the standard graduation requirement, students must complete a 'pathway' of three courses in one of the six academies comprising Camden County High School:

- Ninth Grade Academy
- Engineering, Architectural and Industrial Academy
- Business Administration Academy
- Fine Arts Academy
- Government and Public Service Academy
- Health and Environmental Science Academy

These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and require direct consultation with the appropriate school administrator and/or guidance counselor. Additional information about graduation requirements can be located at www.gadoe.org.

Students who have a minimum 3.5 GPA (grade point average) will be named honor graduates of their respective schools.

New Requirements

English*	4 Units
Mathematics*	4 Units
Science*	4 Units
Social Studies*	4 Units
CTAE and/or Modern Language/or Fine Arts	3 Units
Health and Personal Fitness**	1 Unit
Electives	3 Units
Camden Co. High School Electives	<u>5 Units</u>

REQUIRED MINIMUM

28 Units**

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* Required courses and /or core courses

Specific questions regarding transcripts, course credit recovery, graduation and other academic matters should be addressed with the guidance counselor assigned to each academy. Visit the Camden County High School website and click the 'Academies' tab located at the top of the page for more detailed information.

Teenage and Adult Driving Responsibility Act (TAADRA)



Georgia's Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA) of 1997, requires that local school systems certify that a student's attendance pattern and discipline record permits him or her to have a Georgia learner's permit or driver's license. With the creation of the A+ Education Reform Act of 2000 and several other House and Senate bills, the Department of Education (DOE) was cited with the responsibility of collecting the non-compliance student data from the local school districts. DOE has worked with the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS), to provide a Web application as the means for local school districts to report non-compliant student data.

The law now makes any person under the age of 18 (a minor) ineligible to receive a learner's permit or driver's license if the minor has more than 10 school days of unexcused absences in a semester. The minor must have satisfied relevant attendance requirements for one academic year prior to applying for a learner's permit or driver's license. The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS) is directed to suspend a minor's learner's permit or driver's license if the student:

1. has dropped out of school without graduating and has remained out of school for ten consecutive days;
2. has more than ten days of unexcused absences in any semester or combination of consecutive quarters;
3. has been suspended from school for
 - a. threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel,
 - b. possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property; or
 - c. possession or use of a weapon on school property
 - d. any sexual offenses prohibited under Chapter 6 of Title 16; or
 - e. causing substantial physical or visible bodily harm to or seriously disfiguring another person, including another student.

The local school district will be responsible for entering the noncompliance information from the schools on the form called the **Certificate of Non-Compliance**. Notice to the student of the suspension will come from the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. Any appeal must be made within 10 days of receipt of notice. The **suspension will be in effect for a period of one year** or shall end upon the date of such minor's eighteenth birthday. The Certificate of Attendance must be completed and notarized for each student to take when he or she goes to apply for a driver's license or permit.

High School Parking and Driving Privileges

Student parking will be limited to the availability of spaces. The cost of parking sticker will be determined by the location of the assigned parking space. All outstanding school fines must be cleared prior to purchasing a parking sticker. Students must obtain a parking permit before being allowed to park on campus and once the sticker is obtained students must park in their assigned areas.

A **Consent to Drug Screening** form must be signed by the student AND parent before a parking permit is issued to any student. Consequences for positive drug test(s) are found in the 'Drug Screening Program' packet which is available from the Student Services Office at the high school.



The school is not responsible or liable in any way for any accidents that may occur with automobiles driven to or from school or theft/vandalism while on the school campus.

1. Parking violations will be handled by ladder punishments or by suspension of parking /driving privileges,
2. Vehicles on campus are subject to search at any time by school officials,
3. Students **MUST** turn off sound systems while on school property or entering or leaving campus,
4. Parking stickers are not be transferred from one vehicle to another or from one driver to another;
5. Ninth grade students will not be allowed to drive to school, and
6. Loss of privileges may result from several offenses which include, but are not limited, excessive absences, tardies, and referrals, academic performance, failure to appear or participate in drug screening when called, and speeding.

In-State Tuition

For periods of enrollment that begin **after July 1, 2009**, members of the armed forces (Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) on **active duty for a period of more than 30 days and his or her spouse, or his or her dependent children, will be eligible to receive in-state tuition at public college and university in the state when they reside or are permanently stationed.** Once a service member or their family members are enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition at the institution, even if the service member is reassigned outside the state. This change, signed into law August 14, 2008, is included in section 135 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1965 (HEA).

The Department of Education has worked to ensure that all institutions are aware of and appropriate implement this program. However, should service members or family members experience any difficulties in gaining access to this program they should contact Office of Education Ombudsman's office at 1-877-557-2575 or via the Internet at www.ombudsman.ed.gov. Questions regarding this program and its implementation can be answered there. Military families may also seek the assistance of the local **School Liaison Officer at (912) 573-8986** or e-mail kingsbayslo@navy.mil.

Additionally, Georgia House Bill #484 grants residency status to the dependents of military personnel stationed in Georgia as it relates to obtaining the Georgia HOPE scholarship and/or grants. Information about the HOPE scholarship is available on the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org.

Active duty members and spouses requiring information about postsecondary choices are advised to contact **Navy College at (912) 573-4527**. The Navy College provides information about online classes, classes available on the installation, financial resources available to fund educational choices, and much more.



Homeschool Information

Georgia law requires parents or guardians who teach their children at home to submit to the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) an annual **Declaration of Intent** form. A Declaration of Intent must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Education within 30 days after establishment of a home study program and by September 1 annually thereafter. According to Georgia Statute 20-2-150, parents or guardians choosing to homeschool should be prepared to do the following:



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE OF GEORGIA HOME STUDY PROGRAM DECLARATION OF INTENT FORM

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The parent or guardian shall have the authority to execute any document required by law, rule, regulation, or policy to evidence the enrollment of a child in a home study program, the student's full-time or part-time status, the student's grades, or any other required educational information. This shall include, but not be limited to, documents for purposes of verification of attendance by the Department of Driver Services, for the purposes set forth in subsection (a.1) of Code section 40-5-22, documents required pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 39 relating to employment of minors, and any documents required to apply for the receipt of the state of federal public assistance.

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1. Parent or guardian must be submitted **ONLINE** to the Georgia Department of Education a **Declaration of Intent to Utilize a Home Study Program** by September 1 or within 30 days after the program is established. Visit <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Pages/Home-Study-DOI.aspx> to complete this form.
2. The declaration must include the names and ages of the students, the address where the program is located, and the dates of the school year.
3. Parents or guardians may teach only their own children in the home study program. The teaching parent and/or guardian or tutor employed by the **parents or guardians must hold a high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED)**
4. The home study program must include, but it is should not be limited to, instruction in reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.
5. The school must include the equivalent of **180 days of at least 4 ½ hours of daily** instruction unless the child is physically unable to comply with this requirement.
6. Students in home study programs shall be **subject to an appropriate nationally standardized testing** program administered in consultation with a person trained in the administration and interpretation of norm referenced tests. The student **MUST** be evaluated at least every three years beginning in the third grade. Records of such testing shall be retained.

Additional information may be obtained from the **Georgia Department of Education at (404) 656-2800 or (800) 311-3627**. Information about local homeschool support organizations may be available from the School Liaison Officer.



Homeschooling families interested in participating in local cooperative learning opportunities may contact the E.A.G.L.E.S Homeschool Group by e-mailing President Cathy Raby at eagleshomeschool2014@gmail.com .

Private and Parochial Schools Information

Many parents and guardians select private or parochial for their children. The quantity and quality of these schools varies. To aide in the selection of a private school, parents may wish to visit a site such as www.privateschoolreview.com which allows parents to identify private schools in a desired geographical area. Please contact the School Liaison Officer regarding private schools in the Camden County area.

Base Support Organizations

Child and Youth Programs

Building 0147 (Jackson Gate)
Central Desk – 573-9918

Fleet and Family Service Center

Building 1051 (Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Central Desk - 573-4512

Personnel Services Detachment

Building 1052 (Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Information Desk - 573-4463

Base Chapel

Building 1049 (Stimson Gate)
Information – 573-4501

Morale, Recreation and Welfare

Building 1039 (Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Central Desk – 573-2538

Family Housing Welcome Center

Building 180 (Jackson Gate)
Information – 573-2056

Branch Medical Clinic

Secretary – 573-4230 (Stimson Gate)
Immunization 573-8250

Exceptional Family Member

(Stimson or Franklin Gate)
Fleet & Family EFMP – 573-1079
Medical Clinic EFMP – 573-2937

Online Resources

Georgia Department of Education

www.gadoe.org

Florida Department of Education

www.fldoe.org

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.org

Military HOMEFRONT (Special Needs)

www.militaryhomefront.org

Military Child Education Coalition

www.militarychild.org

Transition Information

www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu

Military Kids Connect (Great for teens!)

<http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil>