

# ***King's Bay Education Handbook***



**2017- 2018**



**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](mailto:CNISEKNGSCOFB@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

*CAPT Brian Lepine*

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



### **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 and surrounding areas.

The schools in the local area have worked closely with installation personnel 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 this handbook or by school officials does not address your family's needs, please do not hesitate to contact your School Liaison Officer for assistance.

## **School Liaison Office**

**650 USS Wahoo Avenue, Building 0166 (Youth Center)**

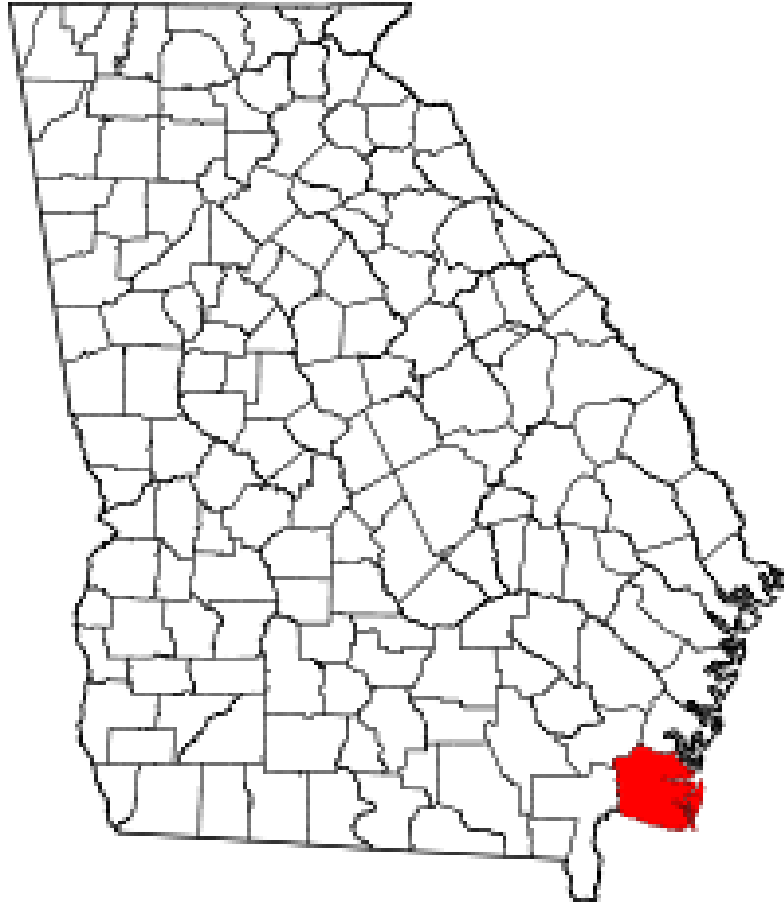
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## General Information

### County Map



Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay is located in Camden County, Georgia just minutes from the Georgia/Florida state line and metropolitan Jacksonville, Florida. Located in a part of the state referred to as “Flor-gia,” 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) and Brantley County (Nahunta).

## 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.

### **Glynn County Schools (north of Camden County):**

Dr. Virgil Cole, Superintendent  
1301 Egmont Street  
Brunswick, Ga. 31520  
**Phone:** (912) 267-4100  
**Web:** [www.glynn.k12.ga.us](http://www.glynn.k12.ga.us)  
**E-mail:** [support@glynn.12.ga.us](mailto:support@glynn.12.ga.us)

### **Nassau County Schools (south of Camden County):**

Dr. Kathy Burns, Superintendent  
1201 Atlantic Avenue  
Fernandina Beach, Florida  
Phone: (904) 491-9900  
Website: [www.nassau.k12.fl.us](http://www.nassau.k12.fl.us)  
**NOTE:** Serves Yulee, Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, Hilliard, and Callahan addresses]

### **Charlton County Schools (west of Camden County):**

Dr. John Lairsey, Superintendent  
500 S. Third Street  
Folkston, Georgia 31537  
**Phone:** (912) 496-2596  
**Website:** [www.charlton.k12.ga.us](http://www.charlton.k12.ga.us)



## 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.

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), extra-curricular activities, location, special needs of the child, school size, class size, academic rating, and 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](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us) under the "Dashboard" tab located on the homepage. By following a few simple steps, parents can also find additional information about school performance on the Georgia Department of Education website at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org):

1. Click on the "**Data and Reporting**" Link located at the top of the GADOE homepage.
2. Under "**Educational Performance**" select the "**College and Career Ready Performance Index.**"
3. Scroll down arrow to the late data listed under the **2016 CCRPI Data Files**.

### 2016 CCRPI Data Files

- [School Climate Star Ratings - 01.26.17](#)
- [Financial Efficiency Star Ratings - 01.26.17](#)
- [CCRPI Scoring by Component - 12.08.16](#)
- [CCRPI Achievement Indicators Data - 12.08.16](#)
- [EOG and EOC Data by Subgroup - 12.08.16](#)
- [EOG State Participation Rates](#)
- [EOC State Participation Rates](#)
- [Cohort Graduation Rate Data by Subgroup - 11.29.16](#)

Once a report is selected, scroll down to Camden County to see the data for individual schools. 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. Remember, choosing the "right" school or academic program is 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](http://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)**

## School Start Dates



The State of Georgia allows local school boards to establish school calendars which include opening and closing dates, holiday schedules, and teacher staff development days. Often military families relocating to the area are surprised by the early school start dates. Listed below are the school start dates for six local counties:

### 2017 - 2018 School Year

School District Name	First Day of School	Last Day of School
Brantley County	August 7, 2017	May 25, 2018
Camden County	August 3, 2017	May 23, 2018
Charlton County	August 7, 2017	May 25, 2018
Glynn County	August 10, 2017	May 25, 2018
Nassau (Florida) County	August 10, 2017	May 25, 2018
Ware County	August 3, 2017	May 25, 2018

## Enrollment

Finding enrollment forms for Camden County Schools is simple! Visit the district website at [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us) and click the 'Parents' tab at the top of the homepage. The enrollment forms for Camden County Schools are provided by grade level – Elementary School Parents, Middle School Parents or High School Parents.

Camden County Schools offers an **ON-LINE REGISTRATION** process. Parents and/or guardians may enter enrollment information and upload documentation for multiple children in one family. The data entered may be saved if the required information cannot be entered in one sitting. However, once the data is submitted corrections or revisions may only be accomplished on-site at the local school. On-line registration links may be found under the 'Parents' tab located at the top of the district's website [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us). Under the 'Parents' tab, select "New Student Registration" provided as the last option in the available drop down menu. Additionally, there is a new student registration link located on the right side of the district homepage.

### NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



Are you new to our school system? Registration for new students is available online.

Please note:

Pre-K classes for 17-18 are at maximum capacity. Your Pre-K child will be placed on the 17-18 waiting list once registration is complete.

[Click here](#) for a link to our registration page.

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. Parents or guardians completing an on-line registration **WILL NOT** be able to complete the enrollment process unless a Social Security number waiver has been requested in person at the local school.



## School Start Times

During the 2016-2017 year, four critical issues emerged. Focus groups found a common denominator among all four -- the school-day schedule. The efforts of the focus groups resulted in changes to the school day schedule which will become effective during the 2017-2018 SY.

Grade Level	Start Time	End Time
Elementary	8:30	3:30
Middle	7:40	2:40
High	7:25	2:25

## Entry Age Requirement

A child must be five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in public school 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 verify the placement by conducting separate academic assessments. Relocating students are must meet the receiving state's standards in order to retain access to specialized programs and/or services.

## Transfer & Admission Procedures

The Interstate Compact **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. Military parents should give the sending school written notification of withdrawal and request copies of the student's academic and discipline records to be hand carried to the new school. Although Camden County schools are closed during the summer, typically office staff or administrators are available to answer questions.

## 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 10 days of school and that information is reported to the State of Georgia.**

**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. Routine submarine patrols do not meet this standard. Please discuss planned absences with local school teachers and/or administrators.

# 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](http://www.gadoe.org). **SPECIAL NOTE: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Vaccination Requirement** – All students born on or after January 1, 1970 and entering or transferring into 7<sup>th</sup> grade need proof an adolescent meningococcal (meningitis) vaccination. Proof of meningitis vaccination must be documented on the Georgia Immunization certificate (Form 3231). For more information regarding 7<sup>th</sup> grade immunizations visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/immunization-section>.

## **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.

Once the forms have been completed by the personnel at the Medical Treatment facility (Immunization office), parents are advised NOT to present the forms to local school for processing for at least 24 business hours or 3 days. This will allow clinic personnel the time needed to input data into the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS). For more detailed information **contact Della Poponea in Immunizations Department** at the Branch Medical Clinic by **calling 573-8250.**



## Special Education Services

Parents of children enrolled in gifted and talented programs or who have special needs should ensure that the necessary documentation is available upon or prior to arrival – copies of current Individualized Education Plans (IEP), Section 504 Plan documents, other assessments, etc. These documents may be presented to school officials at the time of enrollment.

Federal legislation requires that students with special needs be provided comparable services to those documented in an IEP. Parents should realize that the local education agency (school district) may NOT be able to provide the exact same services as those from the sending school or district. Schools may accept copies of important special needs documents until the official documents can be forwarded from the previous school. The School Liaison Officer will work with military families who might wish to provide special education documents to the district for review prior to arrival. Questions about special education needs and services in Camden County may be directed to **Dr. Vannetta Melton** at [vmelton@camden.k12.ga.us](mailto:vmelton@camden.k12.ga.us) or call (912) 729-5687.

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. Contact the **Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Liaison Earl “Trai” Murray** at [earl.murray.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:earl.murray.ctr@navy.mil) or (912) 573-1079 for EFMP enrollment or program 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.

The Interstate Compact states provides that “local school systems will **facilitate** the opportunity for transitioning military students to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of deadlines, to the extend they are “otherwise qualified.” While this is a great opportunity for our military community, schools are NOT required to hold a place for military children. Therefore, early contact with local schools may facilitate a student’s eligibility for participation.

For more information on the Interstate Compact visit [www.mic3.com](http://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. **Families living within the 1.5 mile radius of a school are required to provide transportation to and from school for middle and high school students.** Parents of elementary students need to confirm the availability of transportation for their neighborhood school

**NOTE:** Crooked River Elementary School (CRES) is located along the fence line of the installation. **There is NO bus transportation for elementary students living on base.** Students are expected to walk or ride bicycles to school along the path leading from base housing to the school gate which is open and closed by Security each morning and afternoon.

**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.

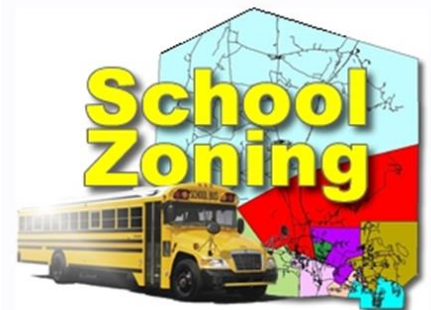
The school zoning map is available on the Camden County website at [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us). By clicking the 'Transportation' link at the bottom of the homepage parents can access needed information. Using the icon to the left parents and guardians can determine which school 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.

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

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 Wayne Dimsdale, Transportation Coordinator at (912) 729-8374.**



**Click to View Zone Map**

## School Nutrition and Lunches



Camden County Schools uses an electronic system known as **My School Bucks** to manage the financial component of its food service program. By setting up accounts, parents can view balances and purchase meals. Automatic payments may be made anytime from anywhere using the My School Bucks **downloadable app**.

By following a few simple steps, parents may sign up for **My School Bucks**:

1. Go to 'myschoolbucks.com'
2. Create an account
3. Pay with your credit/debit card or electronic check

Parents of students with specialized medical or dietary needs are advised to work with the school nurse to ensure that documentation of medical, allergic or other dietary needs is provided and communicated to food services personnel at the school. Making food substitutions for dietary **preferences** such as gluten-free, lactose-free or other diets is NOT required for the school nutritionists. The school will NOT alter the prescribed menu but will be respectful of student's and parent's preferences.

The cost of school lunch varies by grade level and is **subject to change** from year-to-year. The cost of a Camden County School lunch for the 2017-2018 will be as follows:

- **BREAKFAST – FREE** to all students; Visitors - \$2.25
- **Elementary Lunch** - \$1.95 daily or \$9.75 weekly\*
- **Middle School Lunch** - \$2.10 daily or \$10.50 weekly\*
- **High School Lunch** - \$2.35 daily or \$11.75 weekly\*
- **Visitor Lunch** - \$4.00 daily

\*These prices are subject to change.

Based on the family's total some military families may be eligible for the 'Free and Reduced Lunch' program. If you believe your family may qualify, please complete the application found on the school district's website at [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us). Click the 'Departments' tab at the top of the page and scroll down to 'School Nutrition' link. Simply click on the icon shown to the right to access the 'Free and Reduced Lunch' program application. This application will also be available in the enrollment packet and at each school's Open House. Completed applications should be submitted with the enrollment paperwork.



Please contact **Marlene Acconcio** at (912) 729-8340 with any specific questions relating to school nutrition.

## 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 2018 Georgia Milestones are scheduled to be administered from April 16 – 20, 2018 in Camden County.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Military parents should be aware that Georgia law requires students in grade 3, 5 and 8, who relocate from out of state to take literacy tests up to 10 school days following the regularly scheduled Georgia Milestone testing – **possibly until early May, 2018. PLEASE work with the School Liaison Officer to plan relocations which minimize testing impact on incoming military students.** Remember, by law, students enrolled in a public school at the time testing is conducted are **REQUIRED** to take the state's standardized tests even if they have been tested in other states.



*The Parent's Guide to New Tests in Georgia*, created by the National PTA, is also available for review on the district's website.

## GEORGIA MILESTONES RESOURCES

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- ▶ [Sample of Online Test and Testing Format](#)
- ▶ [Camden County Schools Testing Calendar](#)
- ▶ [Georgia Milestones Parent Q&A Brochure](#)
- ▶ [Understanding Georgia Milestones Learner Achievement Levels](#)
- ▶ [Parent's Guide to EOG/EOC Student Report](#)
- ▶ [Georgia Milestones PowerPoint Presentation](#)



## 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.



**Ask about the  
Connections Clubs at  
YOUR child's school!**

*Moving can be hard. We CAN help!*

## Kings Bay Teen Program

Students ages 13 – 18 will definitely want to check out this award-winning Teen Program. The Teen Program offers local military and civilian teens the opportunity to make new friends, travel, and learn important life skills. Through Boys and Girls Clubs of American and Georgia 4-H recreational and education events, teens participate in exciting and fun adventures. To learn more about how you or your teen can participate or to get a glimpse in the Kings Bay Teen Program visit them on Facebook.



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## Military Family Life Counselors

**Military Family Life Counselors** (MFLCs, pronounced “*em-fleks*”) are available at all but one of Camden County Schools. These professional counselors are Masters or Doctorate-level licensed counselors specializing in child and youth issues. At no cost to military families, these counselors offer short-term, non-medical, solution focused counseling support to all active duty families. Services are private and confidential with the exception of child abuse/neglect, domestic abuse and other ‘duty-to-warn’ situations. MFLCs help military families by addressing issues such as school adjustment, deployment and separation, reunion, sibling and parent communication, fear, grief and loss. If you are looking for additional assistance to help your family with difficult life circumstances, consider the services of the MFLC. Ask for them by name!

### School

Crooked River Elementary School  
Sugarmill Elementary School  
Mary Lee Clark Elementary School  
St. Marys Elementary School  
Matilda Harris Elementary School  
David L. Rainer Elementary School  
Kingsland Elementary School  
Mamie Lou Gross Elementary School  
St. Marys Middle School  
Camden Middle School  
Camden County High School (9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy)  
Camden County High School (10 – 12 Bldg.)  
Child Development Center (CDC)  
Child Development Center (CDC)

### Military Family Life Counselor

Love Merryman  
Alecia Steve  
Lauren Marquez  
Kensey Lyons  
Leith Anania (temporarily)  
Jennifer Carmichael  
Mandy Driggers  
Alesha Jewett  
Demeka Hillery  
Anna Miliner  
Paula Porterfield-Izzo  
Virginia Abell and Kassondra Taylor  
Leith Anania  
Tiffany Gossett

## Military Family Resources – MWR, SLO, and CYP



Now that your family is moving to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, you will have access to one of the finest Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs in the U.S. Navy. This five-star program has not only been recognized by the Navy as a top rated program but is nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). As a CAPRA Gold Medal winner, Kings Bay's MWR Program is prepared to offer your military family a host of outstanding programs.

You may visit the MWR website at [www.navywmrkingsbay.com](http://www.navywmrkingsbay.com) or click on the ‘Parent’ tab located at the top of the school district’s website at [www.camden.k12.ga.us](http://www.camden.k12.ga.us). Use the link ‘Military Families’ to gain access to information about the School Liaison Officer (SLO), the Child Development Center (CDC), the Youth Center and Teen Program. Go ahead! Take a look at all of the fantastic programming available to you and your family.



# High School Graduation Requirements



Camden County High School is a comprehensive, regional school which is divided into six distinct learning communities to serve the 2,600+ enrolled students:

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

Each academy is assigned an Assistant principal and guidance counselor to support students' academic performance. Following ninth grade, CCHS students must select one of these academies in which they will 'enroll.' In addition to meeting the standard graduation requirements, students must complete a 'pathway' of three courses in the academy of choice.

Typically, there are enough electives credits available in a student's schedule to allow completion of more than one "pathway" in other academies. Students should meet with academy guidance counselors to determine what courses they should take. Camden County High School graduation requirements are HIGHER than those required by the State of Georgia.

## 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, minimum 3.5 GPA graduates are named honor graduates, 3 units of credit in JROTC may be used to satisfy graduation requirements.

In order to facilitate an on-time graduation the local school district MAY waive specific course requirement (if similar work has been satisfactorily completed elsewhere), or MAY accept exit or end-of-course exams from a sending state. These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. Specific questions regarding transcripts, course credit recovery, graduation and other academic matters should be addressed with the guidance counselor assigned to each academy.

**!! NOTE:** Camden County High School is on a **BLOCK schedule** which means that students complete courses and are awarded credits at the end of each semester. Students who relocate from a high school with a 'traditional' schedule (credits awarded at the end of the year) may have to **retake certain courses**. Although the ½ credits resulting from a mid-year move may be counted toward a prorated graduation requirement, the graduation **course** requirements may still not be met. Consult with a guidance counselor for details.

## 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 is 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.gadoe.org).

Active duty members and spouses requiring information about postsecondary choices are advised to contact **Navy College at (850) 447-3622**. 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.

† SPECIAL ED. NAME OF STUDENT(S) AGE OF STUDENT(S)

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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.

## 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](http://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

### **Morale, Recreation and Welfare**

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

### **Fleet and Family Service Center**

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

### **Family Housing Welcome Center**

Building 180 (Jackson Gate)  
Information – 573-2056

### **Personnel Services Detachment**

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

### **Branch Medical Clinic**

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

### **Base Chapel**

Building 1049 (Stimson Gate)  
Information – 573-4501

### **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](http://www.gadoe.org)

Florida Department of Education

[www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org)

Military OneSource

[www.militaryonesource.org](http://www.militaryonesource.org)

Military HOMEFRONT (Special Needs)

[www.militaryhomefront.org](http://www.militaryhomefront.org)

Military Child Education Coalition

[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

Transition Information

[www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu](http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu)

Military Kids Connect (Great for teens!)

<http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil>