

Military Family FAQs (website)

Enrollment and Registration:

What steps do I need to take to get my child registered for Cumberland County Schools?

First, please visit the [Student Enrollment](#) website for enrollment information such as required documents, entrance requirements, quick links and videos. Enrollment can be completed online through [CCS Online Enrollment & Choice Programs](#).

There are also hard copy packets available at the schools for those without internet access.

What is required for enrollment grades 1-12?

All students in grades 1-12th grade are required to provide the following documents for enrollment: certified birth certificate, record of immunizations, last report card or transcripts, current proof of residency such as a water/electric bill, with your name and address on it, lease, mortgage. **First time enrollments** will be required to submit an NC health assessment found at this link: [Health Services / Student Health Care Forms & Information](#).

Please note: If you are vacating another Cumberland County residence in a different school attendance area they will need proof of vacancy as well.

What are the requirements for Kindergarten?

To enroll a student into Kindergarten, the individual must be a parent(s) or court-appointed custodian(s). The following documents must be provided upon presentation of enrollment: Certified birth certificate, Record of immunizations, Health assessment, Current proof of residency in the attendance area of the enrolling school. Online registration for Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year is open now. Please click on the link to register [Link for Online Registration](#).

What are the requirements for Pre-K?

Unfortunately, **Fort Bragg residents do not qualify for Pre-K in Cumberland County Schools**. Parents and children must be a resident or reside in Cumberland County at the time of registration. Only the parent or guardian may register the child. Children must be four years old on or before August 31st of the school year. **For additional requirement and enrollment please visit the following page Department FAQ** <https://www.ccs.k12.nc.us/Page/3205>

You can visit this link to register for Pre-K [registration](#). Please be advised that this is a different registration portal than the K-12 registration portal

My child is five years old. At what age can my child attend kindergarten?

Your child must be 5 years old on or before August 31st of the year in which they are presented for enrollment. As a military family, many states have different entrance age requirements. If you are PCS-ing from a state where your child was registered in a public or private school for kindergarten before the age of 5 please reach out to the Student Assignment office at 910-678-2616 or the Military departments: [Military Connection / Home](#)

When is the early college application period/can an incoming student apply for early college?

There is a limited window available for entrance into an early college program. If your child/children were participating in an early college program at their leaving school, they will be placed in a similar academic setting per the MIC-3. You can reach out to Student Assignment for more information regarding this [Student Assignment](#).

Transition into Cumberland County Schools:

Can we apply for a school of choice even if we have not arrived at Fort Bragg but have PCS orders?

Yes, in fact it is highly encouraged. The school of choice window is open until the end of January 31st of each year. If you and your family know you will have PCS orders to Fort Bragg after the 31st of January please complete the school of choice application. The Student enrollment office will contact you with offers during, and submitting the application during the school of choice window will ensure that your child will be considered before seats fill up.

- Don't fret if you miss the school of choice window in January. If seats are still available, the window will reopen. Please check the Cumberland County Schools website for that announcement. Be aware that your options may be limited by availability and some programs may be full.

We live on Fort Bragg and have a high school aged child. Where will my child attend high school?

If you physically live on Fort Bragg (zip code 28307) your high school aged child will be zoned for E.E. Smith High School ([EE Smith High School / Homepage](#)) E.E. Smith High School is a choice school. It is the school of Math and Science, and has the Fire Academy.

The school of choice program is another option. Please refer to the question above about the schools of choice.

How many credits does my child need to graduate from Cumberland County Schools?

Your child will need 28 credits on average to graduate; however, there are two additional avenues that are considered for students who transfer in from out of state or a non-NC public school setting.

1. As a military family of an active duty service member, your children are covered under The Military Interstate Child Compact Commission (MIC-3). If your child PCS's during their senior year and does not meet the credit requirements to graduate from Cumberland County Schools they are covered under the MIC-3 to ensure that they graduate on time with their peers. Please reach out to the Military department: [Military Connection / Home](#) for more information and assistance.
2. **Regulation 3460-R1 - Calculating Credits for Transfers into Cumberland County Schools**
 1. These guidelines are to be applied in conjunction with Board Policy 3460 - Graduation Requirements.
 2. Credits required for graduation will be prorated for transferring students, including students transferring from out of state, home schools, private, online, and NC LEAs where students cannot earn 8 credits in 1 year.
 3. Credits required for graduation will be calculated as follows:
Overall potential units of credit x 1 (4 year total: 9th - 12th grade) = number of credits required minus 4.
 - Example Number of Credits required: 9th = 6, 10th = 6, 11th = 8, 12th = 8 = 28 total - 4 = 24 to graduate.
 - Promotion credit requirements would adjust based on the following:
 - 12th = Graduation credits minus 8 (i.e. 24-8 = 16)
 - 11th = Graduation Credits minus 15 (i.e. 24-15 = 9)
 - 10th = Graduation Credits minus 22 (i.e. 24 - 22 = 2)
 - Students must complete local and state curriculum graduation requirements.
 - The principal or designee of the receiving school is responsible for evaluating the transfer student's academic progress; courses taken at the former school; availability of courses at the receiving school;

extenuating circumstances; and any other relevant information before granting credits and assigning classes.

- The receiving principal may recognize credits, combine similar credits, and use his/her authority to “grade and classify” to facilitate a smooth transition.

Can my child participate in sports after the season starts?

According to the MIC-3, your child must be afforded the opportunity to try out for a sport if your child was participating in that sport prior to your PCS move. Please contact the Director of Athletics [Athletics / Home](#). If you have further questions.

Can my child participate in Cumberland County Schools sports programs if my children attend a private school?

No. The child must be enrolled in a Cumberland County School to participate in any sports programs.

Military support in Cumberland County Schools:

Is there a point of contact for military parents who have students with IEPs/504s or special needs?

We encourage you to reach out directly to the Exceptional Children’s department. Each school has an EC case manager, who will be able to assist you with what they will need to ensure that your child receives comparable services. Please bring a current copy of the IEP and/or 504 with your child’s school records.

Another important resource available to active duty/ active guard or active reserves are the School Liaison Officers [School Support Services](#) and EFMP personnel [Exceptional Family Member Program - Family Support](#). These resources are available to you and your family to ease the stress of PCS transitions.

What is covered under the Military Interstate Child Compact Commission (MIC-3)?

The MIC-3 is a loose set of guidelines that were adopted by all 50 states plus Washington D.C to ensure that military-connected students graduate on time with their peers. It covers many different topics such as transfer of education records and enrollment, graduation, placement and attendance, eligibility, and oversight, enforcement and dispute resolution. For the full compact rules click this link.

<https://mic3.net/assets/parent-faq-2019.pdf> To get more information on the [MIC3](#) click here.

Who can we speak to if we have questions or concerns about our transition?

Cumberland County Schools has two specialized support programs. The Federal programs department has two Student Support Specialists that focus on parent engagement and parental resources. Student Support Services has two Military Family and Youth Liaisons that focus on transitions

What resources are available in the district for transitional support for my military-connected child?

The district has many resources available to support military-connected families such as peer support for incoming military students, specialized personnel (Student Support Specialist and Military Family and Youth Liaison), partnership with the Fort Bragg School Liaison officers, and connections to various community partnerships to ensure a smooth transition.

What community resources are available for military-connected families in Fayetteville, NC/ Fort Bragg?

The Fort Bragg School Liaison officers are connected to the installations. They are available to assist all incoming service members and families as they PCS to Fort Bragg and can connect you to your gaining installation when you leave. CCS, also, has many Military Family and Life Counselors embedded in many schools to assist children of active duty service members (and those service members six months after retirement).

What is Impact Aid and why do I need to fill out the parent survey card?

Impact Aid is a program under the Department of Education. It is one of the longest running governmental assistance programs. Impact Aid was designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax- exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children. Each year Cumberland County Schools sends home a Impact Aid Federal card to verify enrollment information such as having a parent/parents that are active duty, parents that work on federal property or living in low rent housing. The district receives funding due to the loss of tax revenue to support various staff and students programs.

