

On this one-page document, you will find a brief snapshot of public, private, and homeschool information for your family as you prepare for arrival.

This document includes:

- Basic Enrollment information for the State of Kansas
- Local School District contact information and websites
- A link for locating local private school options
- Directions for obtaining Homeschool requirements and registration guidance on the Kansas State Department of Education Website
- Data links for Kansas and Missouri
- And our School Liaison Officer's contact information and website

The first question on everyone's mind is typically surrounding, 'what does school look like for my child'? Although we do not have a concrete answer to this question, the State of Kansas is in the process of compiling and releasing their newest guidance for the operation of Kansas Public Schools for the 2021-22 school year.

What we can speak to is our current status. The majority of districts in our immediate community are now providing instruction in-person full time, along with a full remote option for those that choose. At this time, there is no guarantee that remote will be an approved option for the upcoming school year.

With that said, there are some districts that will be either establishing or continuing to operate a Virtual School through their district, which is not the same as the current remote learning delivery being provided. Fortunately for us, the Kansas State Department of Education has also maintained a current list of all Virtual Schools and Programs. If the needs of your family require virtual education, please contact Amanda. She will connect you with that information.

For those of you that will be residing on the installation and enrolling your child in public school, your child is zoned to attend Fort Leavenworth USD 207 through grade 9. Residents of the installation with youth in grades 10-12 are zoned to attend Leavenworth High School in Leavenworth USD 453.

For those of you residing off the installation and enrolling your child in public school, you are guaranteed enrollment in your locally zoned district. Although some districts in Kansas allow non-residents to apply, there is no guarantee of acceptance. Notifications

for non-residents typically occur at the end of the summer just prior to the school year start date.

For those of you seeking a private school experience for your child, there are options in our local community for you to consider. To populate a list within your desired commute, you can visit the Private School Review website to conduct a basic search.

For those of you that will be continuing or just beginning to home school your child, it is important to know that the State of Kansas does require registration as a Non-Accredited Private School. More guidance and requirements can be found on the KSDE website under home schools.

We also have a very active home school community here at Fort Leavenworth. Each year, a Home School Meet and Greet is held in August as an opportunity for families to make connections to one another, as well as, local co-op and organization participation. Keep an eye out for information to follow as plans will develop in accordance with appropriate health condition protocols. If you are interested in making connections sooner, please reach out to Amanda for links to our community's online support and resources.

I will leave you with one last set of tips:

- If your child requires Special Services, contact your intended district now to begin collaboration.
 - Also note, Gifted Education falls within Special Services in Kansas and requires an IEP.
- If possible, schedule a school physical at your current duty station. With such a large volume of incoming families, this can support a smoother transition upon arrival.
 - For children 8 and younger AND new to KS schools, a physical is required and must be dated within one year of the first day of school.
 - For Middle School & High School athletes, Sports Physicals must be dated after 1 May 2021, but before the first practice.
 - Please note-any physical evaluation containing errors will not be accepted.
- If your child will be attending High School, contact your intended district now. Discuss your student's current course schedules and share transcript information.
- If you would like to connect your child or youth to our community and gain information in advance, consider requesting a Youth Sponsor through the Army Youth Sponsorship Program.

Remember that above all else - - - proactive communication and collaboration will support a smoother transition for your family. We welcome you and hope you enjoy your experience while at Fort Leavenworth.

If you have questions, need individualized support, or would like to request a Youth Sponsor for your child -- please contact Ms. Amanda Buckingham. She will be more than happy to assist you with new connections.



FORT LEAVENWORTH School Support Services

Resiliency Center: 600 Thomas Avenue, 2nd Floor - Room 203
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School Support Services
600 Thomas Avenue
Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027
W: 913-684-1655

Families with school-age children residing on Fort Leavenworth are zoned to attend Fort Leavenworth USD 207 through grade 9 and Leavenworth USD 453 for grades 10-12. Free busing to Leavenworth High School is available for those in grades 10-12 and can be arranged by calling 913-651-7373.

The children of families which reside off the installation attend school in their local district. Many Kansas school districts allow out of district enrollment if certain criteria is met. Non-resident enrollment policies and applications are available on district websites.

Families are encouraged to visit local schools and research choice options prior to selecting a place to live. Please double check with the school district's central office to determine your school assignment prior to finalizing your permanent residence.



Fort Leavenworth (KS)
T: 913-651-7373
W: www.usd207.org
Sponsorship Programs

Leavenworth (KS)
T: 913-684-1400
W: www.usd453.org
Sponsorship Programs

Lansing (KS)
T: 913-727-1100
W: www.usd469.net
Sponsorship Programs

Easton (KS)
T: 913-651-9740
W: www.easton449.org

Platte County (MO)
T: 816-858-5420
W:
www.plattecountyschool
district.com
Sponsorship Programs

West Platte (MO)
T: 816-640-2236
W: www.wpsd.net
Sponsorship Programs

Park Hill (MO)
T: 816-359-4000
W:
www.parkhill.k12.mo.us

REGISTRATION



At what age can my child start school?

According to state law, children must be five years old on or before August 31st of the year he/she is presented for enrollment to be eligible for Kindergarten in Kansas.

What is required for enrollment?

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunization Record
3. Physical Exam (New students under age 9)
4. Proof of Parent/Custodian address
5. Report Cards from previous school
6. Any Special Education/504 Records

How do I enroll for school?

Enrollment is handled at the local level. Please contact your school district for further details. If you have special concerns you wish to discuss, it is recommended you make an appointment to speak with appropriate school personnel.

Remember, where you live is where your child will attend school. Please contact School Support Services for more information.

CHOICE OPTIONS

- **Public School Choice:** Students attend the district school for which they are zoned. It may be possible in Kansas to attend an out of district school by completing a non-resident request.
- **Private Schools:** There are several private schools around Fort Leavenworth Please visit PrivateSchoolReview.com to view available educational options.
- **Home Schools:** Families can elect to home school their children. Home School Families must register through the Kansas State Department of Education. For more information, please visit: www.ksde.org, under the topic 'Home Schooling'. For Missouri, refer to State Statutes: 167.031 & 167.042.
- **Charter Schools:** There are no charter schools available in the Fort Leavenworth area.

REMINDERS

- Communicate with your school prior to arrival, when possible.
- Avoid delaying child enrollment during transitions. After you enroll, provide the school with updated contact information as necessary.
- Contact your school administrators before withdrawing your child from school.
- Your child may qualify for gifted services in one state, but not another. Gifted services in Kansas are provided through Special Education and require an IEP.
- Fort Leavenworth School Support Services cannot supersede school policies or state laws.



STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Kansas School Data:
<http://ksreportcard.ksde.org/>

Missouri School Data:
<https://dese.mo.gov/school-data>



Uniforms: Private Schools Only
Grade Structure: Varies by District.

Virtual Public School: Available through Leavenworth USD 453.
Active Home School Groups Available

