

# FORT JACKSON

## SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

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### SUMMARY:

Families with school-age children in Pre K - 6th grade residing on Fort Jackson attend Department of Defense Education Activity schools on the installation. Families living on the installation with school-age youth from grades 7th - 12th will attend Richland District 2 schools. Students in grades 7-8 will attend Dent Middle School and students in grades 9-12 will attend Richland Northeast High School.

Over 80,000 students are enrolled in Columbia area public schools. There are over 20 high schools, 24 middle school and junior high schools and 70 elementary schools. Due to increasing population, these numbers are continuously evolving. The majority of military Families living off-post are in areas served by Richland County District 1 or Richland County District 2. Families that decide to reside in off post housing are encouraged to research local schools prior to selecting a place to live. Schools, generally, do not allow out of district enrollment or out of zone enrollment. Please check with Fort Jackson's School Support Services Division or the school district directly to determine the school for which your prospective residence is zoned.

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Fort Jackson Schools	Richland District 1	Richland District 2	Lexington/Richland 5	Lexington District 1	Kershaw District
803-782-1772 <a href="http://www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast">www.dodea.edu/Americas/southeast</a>	803-231-7000 <a href="http://www.richlandone.org/">http://www.richlandone.org/</a>	803-787-1910 <a href="http://www.richland2.org/">www.richland2.org/</a>	803-476-8000 <a href="http://www.lex5.k12.sc.us/">www.lex5.k12.sc.us/</a>	803-821-1000 <a href="http://www.lexington1.net">www.lexington1.net</a>	803-432-8416 <a href="http://www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/">www.kershaw.k12.sc.us/</a>
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### SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities For Military Children Member State

Website: <http://ed.sc.gov/>

Adequate Yearly Progress Reports: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/ayp/>

School Data: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/>

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION:

#### At what age can my child start school?

Attendance is mandatory and compulsory for five-year-olds. The child must be five on or before September 1st of the applicable school year or have substantially initiated a public school kindergarten program in another state that has a different attendance age requirement from South Carolina."

#### What is required for enrollment?

1. Birth Certificate
2. Shot Record
3. Social Security Number
4. Copy of the child's physical exam
5. Proof of Parent/Custodian address
6. Copy of orders (on post schools)
7. Custody or guardian papers filed through the court. (if applicable)

#### How do I enroll for school?

Enrollment is handled at the district level. Please contact your school district or visit the school district's website for further information.

### SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS:

- **Public School Choice:** Parents with students in failing *Title 1* schools are allowed to transfer their child to a better-performing public or charter school immediately after a school has been identified as failing.
- **School Governed Choice Program:** Some school districts offer Choice and Magnet Programs. Please visit each district's website to review application procedures and deadline dates.
- **Private Schools:** There are several private schools around Fort Jackson. Please visit [PrivateSchoolReview.com](http://PrivateSchoolReview.com) to view available schools.
- **Home Schools:** Families can elect to home school their children. Parent must have a high school diploma. For more information, please visit <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/125/documents/HomeSchoolFrequentlyAskedQuestions.pdf>
- **Charter Schools:** Charter schools provide a public school choice. For more information, please visit <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/se/School-Transformation/Charter-Special-Focus/documents/2008CharterSchoolLAW.pdf>

### REMINDERS:

- **Before signing a rental lease or purchasing a home, research area schools.** Where you live will determine what district and school your student will attend. Please contact School Support Services for more information.
- **Enroll your children as soon as possible.** It is not recommended that parents/guardians delay enrolling their student when transitioning to a new installation. Parents/Guardians who delay enrollment may risk their student's promotion potential.
- **During enrollment, provide the school with updated contact home/work information.** Although schools often contact Fort Jackson's School Support Services Department for this information, it is imperative that parents provide their emergency contact information during enrollment.

### OTHER SCHOOL DATA:

High School Schedules: Varies by district  
Year Round: Varies by school  
Maximum Allowable Absences: 10 days

Uniforms: Varies by school  
Early College: Available in some districts

Pre-K: Federal Program, varies by school  
Virtual Public School: Available in all districts