

School Information from NS Mayport School Liaison

Congratulations on your PCS to NS Mayport!

We have numerous choices for education in Duval County. We have public, magnet, charter and private schools all within a few miles from the Naval Station.

If you live in **On Base Housing** (Bennett Shores East and West) the elementary school is **Anchor Academy** (formerly Joseph Finegan Elementary) PK-5 currently has 350 students, 2 full time MFCLs, Anchored 4 Life Program, A rated by FLDOE)
555 WONDERWOOD DR ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233-4699
Phone: 904-247-5996 <http://dcps.duvalschools.org/finegan>

If you choose to live in **Off-Base Military Housing**, (Marsh Cove and Ribault Bay) the elementary school is **Mayport Elementary Coastal Sciences Academy** (Mayport is also a magnet school you may apply for) (PK-5, currently 590 students, 1 full time MFCL, Anchored 4 Life Program. C rated by FLDOE)
2753 SHANGRILA DR ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233-2999
Phone: 904-247-5988 <http://dcps.duvalschools.org/mayport>

On and Off Base Housing Middle School Is -
Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School (6-8th grade, currently 790 students, 1 full time MFCL, A rated by FLDOE)
2600 Mayport Rd. Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-2804
Phone: 904-247-5977 <http://www.duvalschools.org/mayportmiddle>

High School -Duncan U. Fletcher High School (9-12th grade, currently 2,100 students, 1 full time MFCL, offers 'Cambridge/AICE- more information at High School Acceleration Programs below, A rated by FLDOE)
700 Seagate Ave. NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266-3505
Phone: 904-247-5905 <http://www.duvalschools.org/fhs>

If you are considering **living in non-military housing** here is the link to look up assigned **school by home address**.
<http://www.myschoollocation.com/duvalcountypublicschools/>

School Choice DCPS

Duval County Public Schools has magnet schools (transportation provided) and Special Transfer Option schools (parents must provide transportation) Here is the website:

[Home / School Choice \(duvalschools.org\)](http://www.duvalschools.org)

DCPS School choice reference guide 2024-2025 (PDF Download)

[DCPS SchoolCatalog_2024_FINALv2.pdf\(Shared\) - Adobe cloud storage](#)

Contact School Choice Office for questions about application and space available.

MilitaryTransferOption@Duvalschools.org

Jacqueline Kelley – Director School Choice (904) 390 -2650 phone

High School Acceleration Programs Duval County Public Schools

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/4396>

When looking for **data** on local schools use this web site <http://americaseducationguide.com/>

If your **child has an IEP** and you will use a Duval County Public School, I recommend that you send to the district for placement review. ESE_Placement@duvalschools.org 904-348-7760

To begin the **enrollment process for DCPS** and set up a FOCUS account to apply for a choice school visit:

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/30616>

School Entry Health Examination Information

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/enrollment.html>

School Immunization Requirements

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/children-and-adolescents/school-immunization-requirements/index.html>

Living in **surrounding counties** - Some families choose to live in St. John's or Nassau, which can be quite a commute with traffic. In these counties, your child attends the school in your attendance area.

St Johns County Schools - <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Nassau County Schools <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/>

Private Schools

If interested, I can provide a list of private schools around the station. There are scholarships available.

Step Up for Students <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>

There are also several popular **charter schools** in the area. (publicly funded/ no tuition)

Here are some that I have heard positive feedback from families.

IDEA <https://ideapublicschools.org/regions/jacksonville/>

River City Science Academy <http://rivercityscience.org/>

Jacksonville Classical Academy <https://www.jaxclassical.org/index.jsp>

List of all charter schools in Duval County <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/5451>

As you narrow down your choices, **I highly recommend touring the schools that peek your interest.**

VPK – Voluntary Pre Kindergarten If your child turns 4 by September 01 he/she qualifies for Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program. You must request a certificate of eligibility.

<http://www.elcduval.org/voluntary-pre-k/>

To apply for VPK at a Duval Public School site <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/9456>

Youth Activities Center and School Age Care (SAC)

<https://www.navymwrmayport.com/programs/44f92e71-46c2-453d-af51-a2418d515ba2>

Here is the web site for **Youth Sports**

<https://www.navymwrmayport.com/programs/4576ae21-0d5a-4b50-adbd-4cee9de13741>

Teen Center

<https://www.navymwrmayport.com/programs/5e5aa157-21b3-400e-a46f-974d17564405>

To keep up with base events on **Facebook** I suggest you follow -

Naval Station Mayport

MWR Mayport

Transition Assistance

What are some things that you can do to **assist children with the transition process?**

Here are some great articles/resources to assist.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/making-the-move-easier-for-military-kids>

Podcast - Making the Move Easier for Your Children <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/making-the-move-easier-for-your-children>

FOCUS on the GO! (for your little one)

<https://focusproject.org/focus-world>

Military Child Education Coalition

<https://www.militarychild.org/resources?category=1&audience=&topic=&format=>

Webinars on Transition (and other topics) <https://www.militarychild.org/webinars>

I look forward to working with your family!

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