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Welcome to Dyess Air Force Base-- America's Only Lift & Strike Base! We are excited for you to join us in Abilene, Texas. Transitioning with school-aged children can be complicated, but I am here to support you every step of the way with guided information, resources, and tips for success.

Start early. Being proactive will minimize school-related stressors. If possible, provide an official withdrawal date to your child's school 45 days prior to PCSing. At that time, request an unofficial copy of your child's cumulative school record with state standardized assessment scores, report cards/withdrawal grades, and special program records (special education, gifted services/advanced placement, and/or ESL services). These will be picked up on the withdrawal date. **HAND CARRY** these documents while traveling. Contact the School Liaison there or me if this is an issue (MIC3-Sec3.101).

Next, you will need to decide what school you would like your child to attend. Abilene has many local public school districts as well as a handful of private and charter schools that serve students Pre-K thru 12. We do not have any schools on the installation, but the majority of our Dyess AFB military-connected students attend Abilene ISD and Wylie ISD due to the proximity to the base. With the recent passing of Texas House Bill 2892, you will be able to transfer your child to your preferred school, regardless of where you live. However, a school district is not required to provide transportation to a student who transfers to another campus or district.

If you would like your child to attend a district outside of your zoned residency, you will need to enroll in the school you are zoned first. Then, you will need to complete a transfer request form (located on the district website); list "Military Request-HB 2892" as your reason for the transfer. Wylie ISD (wyliebulldogs.org) is the only district in our area that does not require a transfer request form. You will simply enroll online.

The following documents are required during new student enrollment: birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency, copy of parent driver's license, and copy of military orders. To assist in your decision, I have attached a map showing the school districts that surround Dyess AFB and each district's corresponding military-connected student enrollment numbers and state accountability ratings/report cards (txschools.gov). You may also assess the local crime in an area you are considering at communitycrimemap.com.

If you are a homeschool family, we have plenty of great support on base and throughout the community to enhance your child's learning. See the attached [homeschool brochure](#) to explore local resources. Also, please reach out to me when you arrive to learn even more about what Dyess AFB has to offer your student.

The next page will offer additional insight and school-related resources to assist with your transition--Before and After School Care Options, Bus Routes, MIC3 Rules, Military Family Life Counseling in the schools, and more. The 7FSS Dyess School Liaison website and Facebook page are also extremely informative. All of the referenced documents can be found there as well. Please reach out to me with any questions you have before, during, and after arrival. No question is too small. It is my privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,


School Liaison Program Manager

Important Information

GRADE MILITARY STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY DISTRICT

C	AISD- 1,136	
A	BAIRD-28	
B	CLYDE-61	
A	EULA- 14	
C	HAWLEY-99	
A	JIM NED-154	
B	MERKEL-61	
A	WYLIE-1,131	

TXSCHOOLS.GOV



ENROLL Now

CLICK THE DISTRICT SYMBOL/PICS TO ENROLL IN YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE



MAP OF SCHOOLS AROUND DYESS AFB



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

bit.ly/473U9zb



NEED A TEMPORARY ADDRESS FOR ENROLLMENT?

Use TLF

441 5th Street
Dyess AFB, TX
79607

FIND YOUR BUS STOP

ABILENE ISD
CONNECT • LEAD • SUCCEED

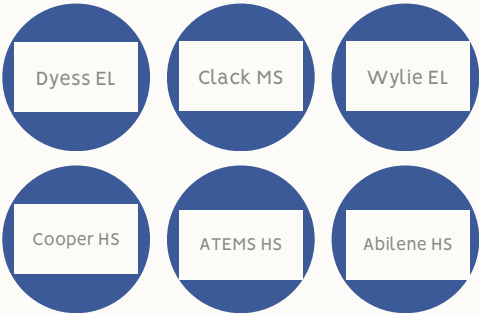
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WYLIE

infofinder.com/ifi/?cid=WI-A1TOS29PBZ



MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING IN THESE SCHOOLS



SPEDTEX
Special Education Information Center

Understand your child's disability & protected rights

spedtex.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions



PCS PLANNING

MILITARY ONE SOURCE

planmymove.militaryonesource.mil



STUDENT RESOURCES

[Military-Student-Resources-2024.pdf](#)



The Military Interstate Compact exists to strengthen transitions & close educational gaps as military families and their children move to a new school district in another state. Some of the specific educational issues the Compact covers include enrollment, placement & attendance, eligibility, and graduation. Familiarize yourself with the rules to ensure your child's rights are being protected during your PCS. If you experience any issues related to the outlined topics, please contact the Dyess School Liaison, Darci Hodges at (325) 696-4591 or darci.hodges@us.af.mil.



<https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf>



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