Joint Base Charleston South Carolina



School Information Packet

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NOTES:

School Liaison Officer Welcome

Welcome to Joint Base Charleston (JB CHS) and the Palmetto State. This electronic package contains school information to help you during your transition. The links in the packet are "live" so you can easily access the information you need using the Ctrl key and your mouse. Contact the School Liaison Office with questions/concerns as you transition to the installation/area.

The Charleston area has a plethora of educational choices/options for your children. I am here to help you navigate those options upon receipt of orders, ensuring you are armed with the best information as you move into the area. The Tri-County is undergoing tremendous economic growth, housing activity, and of course more schools/traffic.

Feedback on any of the information contained in the packet is always appreciated. The goal is to get accurate information to families more efficiently. Please "like" the Facebook Page to stay abreast of educational information. It automatically feeds to the Twitter account as well.

Additional installation information can be found on the Installation Page for Joint Base Charleston, accessed at: http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil. Look under the "Education" tab.

I look forward to working with you. Welcome to Joint Base Charleston and the Palmetto State.

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Military Children's Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children www.mic3.net

- The Compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by children of military families, including Enrollment, Placement/Attendance, graduation, and extra-curricular activities..
- The Compact is adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).
- The Compact eases educational challenges encountered by military children
- Supports uniform treatment as they transfer between school districts in member states.
- Note: The Compact only applies to public schools

The Compact Covers – Children of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, including
- National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who die on active duty, for a period of one year after death
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
- and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

The Compact "Does Not" Cover – Children of:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired not covered above
- Veterans not covered above
- Other Department of Defense personnel not on active duty
- Members other than the uniformed personnel of NOAA and USPHS

General Information

Introduction

Children of military members attend schools in the surrounding Charleston, Dorchester II, and Berkeley County School Districts. The districts provide a full range of educational programs, i.e., vocational and technical training, traditional academic programs, athletics, classes for gifted students and students with special needs. There is also a wide array of magnet, charter, virtual, and private schools options available in the area. School starts in mid-August and ends early June for most schools.

South Carolina Public Schools

Public schools are operated at the county level under the South Carolina Department of Education. Statewide test results, and overall school quality, can vary significantly from school to school within each district. It is recommended you look at the individual <u>school report cards</u> Online, and visit each campus, as you make your housing decision.

- State Standards & Learning : https://ed.sc.gov/instruction/standards-learning/
- State Report Cards: https://ed.sc.gov/data/report-cards/
- Test Scores: https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/

** District/School Ratings have not been tabulated since 2014 due to inconsistent testing. A new report card format is expected 2017-2018, but no official word on whether it will contain any progress ratings. **

New Student Registration: Tips for Changing to a New School

Get an "unofficial" copy of transcripts/records to hand carry. This will help ensure proper placement at the new school, in case your official records are delayed. You are authorized to carry this "unofficial" copy under terms of the Military Children's Interstate Compact referenced on Page 5. Call the SLO if you have any trouble with this.

High school students should work with guidance at the receiving school as early as possible. Find out all you can about the courses you are going to sign up for at the new school. Bring a copy of your previous high school course syllabi, or a copy of your textbook's Table of Contents. Algebra II may cover different material at your new school, don't wait for an unpleasant surprise.

Documentation

Bring	the following documents to the school at the time of registration:
	Student's Birth Certificate
	Completed S.C. Immunization Form (DHEC 1125: Can be provided by Medical)
	Proof of residence (normally two sources)
	Unofficial Copy of school records from previous school if available
	Current Special Education records (IEP/504) if applicable
	Proof of guardianship, if applicable
	Latest report card if possible

Enrollment (Age Requirements/Pre-K)

Children who will be five years old on or before 1 Sep must register for Kindergarten. Children who will be four years old on or before 1 Sep may be eligible for pre-school, but strict guidelines apply. Contact the school in your attendance zone for available slots and requirements for eligibility to attend. According to South Carolina Law, school-aged children must be transferred/enrolled in school within 10 days of arrival.

- Dorchester School District 2: http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Dorchester County SD/District Information/Registration
- Berkeley County Schools: http://www.bcsdschools.net/Page/24397 (Online/School)
- Charleston County Schools: http://www.ccsdschools.com/ (Online/ School)

Immunizations

The Medical Clinics will assist you with proper immunizations for South Carolina. Call: 843-963-6714 for the AB, or 843-794-6850 at the WS. They will complete DHEC Form 1125, required for enrollment in SC school system.

Attendance Policies: According to state law, students attend assigned public schools within their district of residence. Joint Base has no provisions for military families to cross district boundaries, so make sure you know where your residence is assigned for schools. If in doubt, call the district or the School Liaison Officer. There are a few charter schools that draw from all areas of the state regardless of residence.

South Carolina High School Diploma Requirements

Visit the South Carolina Department of Education for diploma requirements: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/124/index.cfm

Special Education

Contact South Carolina's Office of Exceptional Children at 1-866-628-0910 or visit Office of Special Education Services. The Joint Base Charleston Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Coordinator can be reached at 843-963-4406, and can assist with the special educational needs of your children.

Impact Aid

Since 1950, Congress has provided financial assistance to Local Education Agencies (LEA) through the Impact Aid Program. The purpose is to disburse payments to the LEAs that are financially burdened by Federal activities, including lost property tax revenue due to tax exempt federal property and the increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children in their district.

Charleston County School District (http://www.ccsdschools.com)

Joint Base Charleston Air Base is located in Charleston County. They serve more than 49,837 students in 82 schools, and are one of the largest school districts in South Carolina.

Those Living in Air Base (AB) Housing

AB Housing is serviced by Charleston County Schools. Families may elect to attend <u>Lambs</u> <u>Elementary</u> or <u>Hunley Park Elementary</u> (K-5). Middle school students (6-8) are assigned to <u>Zucker Middle School</u>, a science magnet school. <u>Stall High School</u> (9-12) is a state of the art facility that is demonstrating strong improvement under new leadership.

CCSD Choice School Options

Charleston County's Resolution to Accommodate Military Families significantly expands access to Choice School Options for military families. It provides:

- Extended magnet school application periods for military families arriving outside the normal application deadlines.
- The Choice Application for Military Families provides inbound families a choice of up to three schools they would like to attend. Transportation to a choice school varies, depending on the individual school.
- Applications are submitted directly to the CCSD office as noted on the application. A copy of your orders will be required as well.

DO NOT APPLY DIRECTLY TO ANY OF THE CHOICE SCHOOLS. Please communicate with the district directly as noted on the application, or with the School Liaison Officer, if you have questions.

CCSD Charter Schools operate their own lottery and wait lists. You can contact them directly for additional information.

Early College/Dual Credit

CCSD schools offer Advanced Placement and Dual Credit programs in the high schools, and the district offers an <u>Early College High School</u> campus. Students have the opportunity to earn college credits, and "potentially" an Associate's Degree, upon graduation from high school. Contact the high school or district offices for more specific information.

Berkeley County School District (https://www.bcsdschools.net)

Berkeley County School district is located slightly North of the Air Base, and is home to the JB Charleston Weapons Station. It provides K-12 education for more than 32,962 students at 43 schools. The county is undergoing massive growth, and there is a wide range of housing and educational opportunities.

Those Living in Weapons Station (WS) Base Housing

WS housing is serviced by Berkeley County Schools. <u>Marrington Elementary School</u> serves grades Kindergarten to 5th grade. There is a full day 4 year old program for families that meet the household income criteria. <u>Marrington Middle School of the Arts</u> is an arts-infused magnet school for grades 6-8. The school has been awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award and a Palmetto's Finest designation. <u>Goose Creek High School</u> and the <u>Berkeley Center for the Arts</u> provide comprehensive 9-12 curriculum.

Be aware that any "Active Duty" military family attached to Joint Base Charleston, and living in Berkeley County, may enroll their school age children in the Marrington Schools. Transportation is ONLY provided for on-base residents living 1.25 miles, or greater, from the school.

Contact the School Liaison Officer for more information.

Early College/Dual Credit

BCSD schools offer Advanced Placement and Dual Credit programs in the high schools. The district operates an Early College High School campus, <u>Berkeley Middle College</u>. Students have the opportunity to earn college credits, and "potentially" an Associate's Degree, upon graduation from high school. Contact the high school or district offices for more specific information.

Dorchester School District 2

(http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Dorchester_County_SD)

Dorchester School District 2 is located just North of JB Charleston Air Base. It is the smallest of the three local school districts, serving more than 25,354 students in 25 schools. The district is recognized as a school system of excellence, consistently ranked among the best in South Carolina.

Rollings Middle School of the Arts provides an arts infused magnet program for grades 6-12. Application and enrollment information is available from the district. There are no special provisions for military families at this time.

Early College/Dual Credit

DD2 offers Advanced Placement and Dual Credit opportunities in the high schools. Early College high school programming is available within individual high schools. Students have the opportunity to earn college credits, and "potentially" an Associate's Degree, upon graduation from high school. Contact the high school or district offices for more specific information.

SC Public Charter School District (http://www.sccharter.com/)

The South Public Charter School district provides a wide array of **charter** and **virtual** school options in the local area, programs for gifted and talented students. Below are programs located near Joint Base Charleston:

Charter School – Joint Base Charleston - Palmetto Scholars Academy (PSA) www.palmettoscholarsacademy.org/

PSA is a state charter school for gifted and talented children grades 6-12. The school is located on the Hunley Park side of the Air Base, with a curriculum is geared to high performing and gifted/talented students. Military families are encouraged to contact PSA or the School Liaison Officer for enrollment/application information. Charter school law provides a preference for active duty military children assigned to Joint Base Charleston. If you believe PSA might be a good fit for your child apply as soon as possible.

Meevers School of Excellence (http://www.meversschoolofexcellence.org/)

Meevers opened in 2017, and is a member of the South Carolina Public Charter School District. It is open to all residents of South Carolina, and currently provides education for grades K-6. Future plans include expansion to grades 7-8. Their campus is located near Joint Base Charleston Weapons Station, Goose Creek, SC.

Home School

South Carolina statutes provide parents or guardians with three different options for home schooling their children. The choice is left up to the parents or guardians to select the option that is best for their children. For detailed information on getting started with home schooling in South Carolina, refer to Home Schooling on the South Carolina State Department of Education Webpage.

See "Supplemental Materials" for the JB Charleston "Homeschool Fact Sheet."

The School Liaison Officer can provide can provide additional information/resources upon request.

Private Schools

Private schools in the greater Charleston area are too numerous to list and the choice is a personal matter. It is suggested that the private schools be contacted directly to determine tuition/enrollment requirements. There may be additional fees for some programs. Here are a few popular Web links to private school information:

South Carolina independent School Association – List of accredited schools by county: http://scisa.org/about/member-school-listing-by-county/

South Carolina K12 Private Schools – by county: https://www.sciway.net/edu/k12/k12private.html

Diocese of Charleston - https://sccatholic.org/school-listings

Private School Review: https://www.privateschoolreview.com/south-carolina/charleston

Adult Education

The Base Education Center can provide information on Adult Education programs. It offers a wide range of educational services and programs to help people fulfill their educational goals. The local school districts also have Adult Education Programs for those living within their attendance zones.

Berkeley County 843-899-8690 Dorchester County 843-873-2901 Charleston County 843-746-6500

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Program Handouts

- JB Charleston Youth Programs
- Child Care-School Age Care Resources
- Tutor.Com
- Check List For School Moves
- Home School Fact Sheet
- K-12 Online School Information

District Policy Manuals (Online)

- BCSD Policy Manual: http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=736667160&depth=2&infobase=berkeley.nfo&record={1}&softpage=PL_frame#
- CCSD Policy Manual: http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=6238305&infobase=charles.nfo&softpage=PL_Frame
- DD2 Policy Manual: http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=2520015162&depth=2&infobase=dorchester.nfo&softpage=PL_f">http://backup.microscribepub.com/cgibin/om_isapi.dll.nfobase=dorchester.nfobase=do

Military Child Performance in South Carolina 2017 (PDF on EOC Webpage)

- Education Oversight Committee Webpage: http://www.eoc.sc.gov/Pages/index.aspx

State Standards

- South Carolina Family Friendly Standards: http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/

JB Charleston Youth Programs



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The School Age Program offers care for before school, afterschool, and seasonal



camps for youth ages 5-12 years old. The school age program provides age appropriate activities through the 4-H and Boys and Girls Club curriculum. Activities include field trips, a focus on building life skills, creative arts, physical activities, and various other activities.

Transportation:

- Air Base services selected schools in the North Charleston area.
- Weapons Station services selected schools in the Goose Creek Area.

Cost:

- \$5/Hour Drop-in Care
- Weekly Enrollment Fees are based on a Sliding Scale of Total Family Income.



Weekly 4H enrichment programs are offered through a variety of clubs. Hands-on experiences include building rockets and smart cars, constructing bridges, experimenting with trajectory and torque, and so much more.

The Sports Program offers a wide array of organized, instructional and recreational sports programs and is available on the



Air Base and the Weapons Station. The program caters to children/youth 4-12 year of age and is designed to help children/youth develop the fundamental skills for each sport and instill sportsmanship qualities. This program also offers a great opportunity for parents to earn volunteer hours by contributing their knowledge/skills to the program.

- Soccer (Fall)
- Basketball/Cheerleading (Winter)
- Baseball (Spring)

Instructional Programs



Classes offered promote and enhance the development of youth and are taught by certified instructors. If you have a special interest in a class not

Current Programs

- Homeschool Fitness
- Martial Arts Lessons
- Dance Lessons

The Open Rec/Teen Program

caters to 9-18 year olds. For only \$30/Year, this program offers a variety of activities for preteens and teens.



Activities offered include but are not limited to lock-ins, dances. field trips, health/fitness, and leadership opportunities.

> Big Benefits Becoming a Member of

Youth Programs

For only \$35/Year, your youth has access to ...

- FREE participation in the weekly 4H Tech Wizards Program
- Discounts on Sports **Programs**
- Discounts on **Instructional Programs**
- FREE/Discounts on varied Special Programs or Workshops
- FREE/Discount on varied Dances/Lock-ins
- FREE Weekend Camping Trips

Contact Us...

Weapons Station Youth Program

843-794-7809

Air Base Youth Program

843-963-5684

Like us on Facebook: IB Charleston Youth Programs

currently offered, please let us know.

Joint Base Charleston Child and Youth Programs Child Care and School-Age Care Resources Aug 2017

MILITARY CONNECTED

REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE GOING TO THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

MilitaryChildCare.com – website for military families seeking child care, Child & Youth/Open Recreation programs. http://militarychildcare.com/
855-696-2934

Joint Base Charleston Child Development Center (Air Base) 1654 East Jackson Street Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404 843-963-4366 628fss.fsf.l@us.af.mil

Facebook: JB Charleston CDC

Joint Base Charleston Child Development Center (Weapons Station)
201 Von Steuben Street
Goose Creek, SC 29445
843-794-7408
628fss.fsf.1@us.af.mil
Facebook: JB Charleston CDC

Joint Base Charleston Family Child Care Program 2373 White Circle Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404 843-963-2546 628fss.fsf@us.af.mil

Joint Base Charleston School-Age Care (Air Base) 2451 N. O'Neal Avenue
Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404
843-963-5684
628fss.fsf.2@us.af.mil
Facebook: JB Charleston Youth Programs

Joint Base Charleston School-Age Care (Weapons Station) 788 Chapel Drive Goose Creek, SC 29445 843-794-7809 628fss.fsf.2@us.af.mil Facebook: JB Charleston Youth Programs

Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood – Administered by Child Care Aware http://childcareaware.org

800-424-2246

Child Care and School-Age Care Resources (Cont'd)

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Berkeley County School District 228 East Main Street Moncks Corner, SC 29461 842-899-8600 http://www.bcsdschools.net

Charleston County School District 3999 Bridge View Drive North Charleston, SC 29405 843-529-2225 http://www.ccsdschools.com

Dorchester County School District 2 801 John McKissick Way Summerville, SC 29483 http://www.edlinesites.net/pages/Dorchester_County_SD

Dorchester County School District 4
500 Ridge Street
St. George, SC 29477
843-563-4535
http://www.dorchester4.K12.sc.us/?PN=Schools2

SEARCH FOR CARE - SOME INCLUDE RATINGS

National Association for the Education of Young Children http://www.naeyc.org

Council on Accreditation http://coanet.org/home/

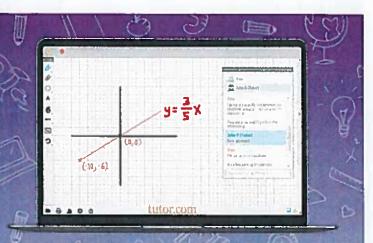
ABC Quality http://abcquality.org

South Carolina Child Care Resource & Referral Network 1530 Wheat Street Columbia, SC 29208 888-335-1002 SC Child Care - Search

HOMEWORK HELP

For U.S. Service Members & Children

Set Your Sights on Academic









EXPERT TUTORS AVAILABLE AROUND-THE-CLOCK

Work with a live subject matter expert 24/7 from any internet-connected computer or mobile device.

40+ SUBJECTS, **ALL SKILL LEVELS**

From math and science to English and history, get tutored in more than 40 subjects, grades K-12 through college.

MORE THAN JUST THE BASICS

Improve writing skills, take practices quizzes, get help with AP' subjects, prep for tests, polish resumes and more.

Military life comes with many challenges-education should not be one of them.

Tutor.com/military is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance to provide on-demand online tutoring at no cost to eligible students. Go to tutor.com/military to watch the "How it Works" video and create an account today.

TUTORING THAT WORKS FOR YOU

- Expert help at no cost. Active duty service members, their grades K-12 children and other eligible students can use this program for free.
- Real-time help on demand. A student can connect to a tutor within minutes. Students can also designate favorite tutors, store documents in their virtual "locker" and review previous sessions.
- Personalized support. Each tutoring session is between one student and one tutor who helps the student learn, complete homework assignments, improve writing skills, prep for tests and more.
- Engaging learning environment. The interactive online classroom features a whiteboard, easy-to-use tools, instant text messaging and file sharing.
- Peace of mind. A student and a highly vetted tutor work together anonymously in the secure online classroom.

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) MWR Library Program, the DoD Navy General Library Program and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA). Access to Tutor com/military for DoD Active Duty service members is a DoD Pilot Program of limited duration, funded by the DoD Voluntary Education Program. Those who fund the program determine eligibility for its use. Long-term availability of the program is not guaranteed. The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) visual information does not imply or constitute DoD endorsement. AP is a trademark registered and owned by the College Board, which is not affiliated with and does not endorse this product.











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FROM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Student's Birth Certificate

Individual Education Plan (IEP)/Individual Accommodation Plan (504)/

SPECIAL PROGRAMS RECORDS AS APPROPRIATE:

At-Risk or Other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications

English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education

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Gifted Program Description

- Student's Social Security Number
- Student's Health Record (Immunization, etc.)
- Legal Documents as Needed D
- Proof of Residency/Military Orders

OTHER DOCUMENTS AND EXAMPLES:

Other:

- Writing Samples and Other Work ExamplesActivities Records (co/extracurricular)

Academic Recognitions and Competition Participation

Other:

Community Service or Service Learning

Other Work or Performance Examples

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- Course Description Book/Grading Scale (if available for 6th grade and above)
- Copy of the Cover of Each Textbook or the Title Page

Address, Phone Numbers, Other Contact Information

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

- School Profile/Handbook
 - School Web Page (URL.)
- Other:

SCHOOL RECORDS:

- mailed between schools is considered official) Copy of Cumulative Folder (only the copy
- Current Schedule
- Report Cards
- Withdrawal Grades or Progress Reports
- Special Program Testing, etc.) Test Scores (Standardized or
- Other:







Homeschool Fact Sheet JB Charleston - April 2017

In 2003, according to the DOE estimate, there were 1,096,000 homeschooled children in the 5-through-17 age group in the United States. That equaled 2.2 percent of the 50,707,000 students in that age bracket the United States that year. In 2007, there were 1,520,000 homeschooled children in the 5-through-17 age group, according to the DOE estimate. That equaled 3.0 percent of the 51,135,000 students in the 5-through-17 age group that year. By 2012, the latest year reported with the new data, there were 1,773,000 homeschooled in the 5-through-17 age bracket. That equaled 3.4 percent of the 51,657,000 students in the 5-through-17 age group that year.

It is important to note that home school rules and regulations vary from state to state. Below you will find the rules and regulations for home schooling in South Carolina. Additionally, there is a list of resources, books and internet sites, available to assist parents in making this important decision regarding their child's education. State Webpage: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/programs-services/125/

Compulsory School Age in South Carolina

"five years of age before September first until . . . seventeenth birthday or "graduation from high school; five-yearolds may be excused from kindergarten with submission of written notice to the school district"

South Carolina Legal Home Schooling Options: 1 2 3					
	Option: 1	Option: 2	Option: 3		
Legal Option:	Establish and operate a home school as approved by the local school board	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools (SCAIHS)	Establish and operate a home school under the membership auspices of an association for home schools with no fewer than fifty members		
Attendance:	180 days per year, 4½ hours per day	180 days per year	180 days per year		
Subjects:	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12	Reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; also composition and literature in grades 7-12		
Qualifications:	High school diploma or GED or a baccalaureate degree	High school diploma or GED	High school diploma or GED		
Notice:	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.	None, if transferring from another state/country. If your child has been attending a SC school and you chose to home school you must notify the school district in writing.		
Recordkeeping:	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, a portfolio of the child's work, and a record of academic evaluations, with a semiannual progress report	None required by statute; SCAIHS requires some recordkeeping	Maintain evidence of regular instruction including a record of subjects taught, activities in which the student and parent engage, and a portfolio of the child's work, with a semiannual progress report		
Testing:	Participate: statewide testing Basic Skills Assessment Prog	None required by statute; SCAIHS has requirements	None		

Homeschool Fact Sheet (Cont'd)

Many parents who home school in South Carolina choose Option 3 because it allows more flexibility, particularly in the area of curriculum selection. Option 3 requires affiliation with an accountability association. An accountability association is an organization operated by home schoolers that provides a means of legal compliance for its members under SC home school statutes 59-65-45 (SCAIHS) and 59-65-47 (all others). Each organization has its own policies and membership fees. Here are a few that our families use:

- Grace Home School Association: http://gracehomeschools.org/
- Carolina Homeschooler: http://www.carolinahomeschooler.com/
- Homeward Education Association: http://www.homewarded.com/
- South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools: http://www.scaihs.org/
- At Home In The Lowcountry Association: http://www.athomeinthelowcountry.com/
- PACESC: www.pacesc.com
- Half Moon Homeschool Association: www.halfmoonhomeschool.com
- Alliance Homeschool Accountability Association: http://alliancehomeschool.org/

NOTE - You MUST be covered by a legal accountability association within 10 days of the beginning of school in your school district or your children will be considered truant.

Although not required, affiliation with a support group is a good idea, particularly for those new to home schooling. With over 400 members, a popular support group in the Tri-County area is the Lowcountry Christian Home Educators Association: http://www.homeschool-life.com/sc/lchea/. Parents can get lots of valuable home school information, resources and support.

Home School Association for Military Families – SLO recommends the newsletter. https://www.hsamf.org

Other informative websites are:

http://www.homeschoolcentral.com http://www.home-school.com/ Home Education Learning Partnership – Courses offered to supplement your home school

Virtual Schools: An option for parents who want their children to be schooled at home but follow a predetermined curriculum. http://www.sccharter.org/

Joint Base Charleston School Information

School Information Packet: https://plus.google.com/115149628665209148835/palette

School Liaison Facebook: JB Charleston School Liaison Office Homeschool Group Facebook: JB Charleston Homeschool Families

Child and Youth Programs - Homeschool Classes Offered

Classes are offered through the CYP Centers during the regular school year. Call for more information. Weapons Station: 843-794-7809 Air Base: 843-963-5684

For more information on home schooling please contact the School Liaison Officer, JB Charleston at 843-963-4438







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