MAST@HOMESTEAD

WELCOMES

MILITARY FAMILIES

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It is an honor to welcome you to MAST@Homestead. We hope you find the resources listed helpful in getting acquainted with our school and the Miami-Dade County Public School System.

- Transition Planning for Military Families
- Academic Planning for Military Families
- Resources and Educational Opportunities for Military Students
- Student-led Transition Services
- Exceptional Student Education Services
- Mental Health Services
- Military Recognition Events

TRANSITION PLANNING FOR

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SCHOOL MILITARY POINT OF CONTACT

The Military Point of Contact (MPOC) at our school is Mrs. Wendy Molina. The MPOC assists military families with student enrollment, record transfer, and accessing district school and community resources available for military students and their families. You can contact Mrs. Wendy Molina at 305-257-4500 or wmolina@dadeschools.net.

GETTING STARTED

We understand that military transitions for children include much more than school plans and enrollment. If you are transitioning to the Navy, Marine Reserve Center, Miami Recruiting Battalion, or U.S. Southern Command with school-age children, every address in our school district is served by a residentially zoned elementary school, one residentially zoned middle school, and one residentially zoned high school.

If you are interested in enrolling your student at MAST@Homestead, contact Ms. Annette Torres *at 305-257-4500 or annettetorres@dadeschools.net*

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ENROLLING IN M-DCPS

Enrolling your child in our school system shouldn't be the toughest part of your transition to our area! Let us help you with a step-by-step guide!

- To begin, you may need to complete an “online enrollment application" if your child has never received public school services in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. If your child already exists in our school district's student information system, please DO NOT create an additional record. However, if your child does not already exist in our system, proceed to the online enrollment application to begin the process.
- Items you'll need to help you create a simple record of your child in the online enrollment application system are:
  - Emergency Contact Information
  - Health Insurance Information
  - Medical Information
- Documents you'll need to have with you to register at the school include:
  - Proof of Address (Any ONE of the following will suffice):
    - A current utility bill—either water, electricity, or gas (These are the most used proofs of residence.)
    - A copy of a signed lease or housing agreement. (If your family is staying with another family and consequently does not have proof of address, use the address verification form and attach one of the aforementioned proofs of residence to the notarized address verification form.)
    - If you reside in temporary housing (such as the Navy Lodge, etc.), please bring a copy of the most recent bill/invoice/receipt.
  - Recent Physical (within the past 12 months).
  - Current immunization records.
  - Verification of Age (most commonly, an authorized copy of the child’s official birth certificate).
  - Social Security Number(if applicable).
  - State- or Government-Issued Photo ID of the parent/guardian enrolling the child.

ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Academy of Biomedical Sciences introduces students to human anatomy, cell biology, genetics, disease, and other medical topics through a four-course sequence. Using the innovative Project Lead the Way™ curriculum, students explore STEM concepts through project-based, real-world learning. The program prepares students for postsecondary education and careers in fields such as medicine, nursing, pharmaceuticals, and biomedical technology. Students may also earn a Biomedical Assistant Certification through the BACE examination, offered exclusively through MAST@Homestead.

The iMed Medical Academy offers a sequence of courses that provide coherent and rigorous content, aligned with challenging academic standards to prepare potential pre-med students for advanced post-secondary coursework. iMed students are offered a solid grounding in anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry and physics, along with opportunities to shadow and work alongside medical professionals at local medical schools as well as hospitals which may include Homestead Baptist Hospital and Larkin Community Hospital. By infusing technology with clinical research courses, iMed students will graduate fully prepared for the coursework of a pre-medicine scholar.

The exclusive Pharmaceutical Medicine Academy at MAST@Homestead is the only program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools dedicated to preparing students for post-secondary studies in Pharmaceutical Medicine and Pharmacology. Students develop a strong understanding of the human body, disease processes, medications, and vaccinations while exploring pharmaceutical research, innovation, and marketing. Through four years of in-depth study and executive internships, students apply their knowledge to real-world scenarios, gaining the rigorous academic and clinical experience needed for success in the medical field.

The Sports Medicine/Physical Therapy program is designed to provide our students with a rigorous and advanced curriculum in anatomy and physiology, health science, and career-specific skills that will prepare them to pursue a career in whatever medical discipline they choose after graduation. Students will learn in a simulated lab setting that prepares them to enter a clinical setting in their senior year to complete an internship. During their years in the program, the students will have the opportunity to be certified in OSHA and American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR

MILITARY STUDENTS

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After school tutoring is offered after school in Math, Science and Socal studies with teachers and honor society members collabortaivly.

MILITARY ONESOURCE

OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, answers, and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges, and thrive. As a member of our military family, you can use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and more.
https://www.militaryonesource.mil/

MILITARY KIDS CONNECT

Military Kids Connect is an online community for military children ages 6-17, and provides access to age-appropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life. MKC offers informative activities, helpful videos, and an online community that can build and reinforce understanding, resilience, and coping skills in military children and their peers.
https://militarykidsconnect.

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MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION

MCEC works to ensure that every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready through inclusive and quality educational opportunities. MCEC® delivers programs and services to meet the needs of military students and parents. Providing educational resources, support, and connections to empower military children.
https://www.militarychild.org/

TUTOR.COM

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families makes live tutors available online 24/7 to help with more than 40 core subjects and standardized test preparation.

KHAN ACADEMY

A personalized learning resource for all ages Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, SAT and more.
KhanAcademy.org

STUDENT-LED

TRANSITION SERVICES

AMBASSADOR/PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

MAST@Homestead provides a senior / Freshmen mentorship program. Freshmen are paired with a senior. They meet quarterly and also communicate throughout the year.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION SERVICES

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Students with disabilities are welcome at all Miami-Dade County Public Schools as it is the mission of the Exceptional Student Education Department to support and sustain educational structures and practices, to be inclusive of all students with or without disabilities, and to empower them to become responsible and productive citizens in today's global society. Each student will be welcomed, valued, given access to rigorous teaching, and appropriately supported to access the general education curriculum.

ESE services are provided to students based on individual need. We write IEPs and 504 plans to meet students' needs and accommodations. The contact is Ms. Sulian Segarra. You can reach her at 305-257-4500 or sulisegarra@dadeschools.net

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Positive mental wellness is essential to a child's healthy development. School and community mental health services can improve academics, provide access to building social skills, promote leadership, increase self-awareness, and help children make caring connections in school and the community.

Military-connected students face unique challenges, including extended parental deployments, frequent school transitions, and leaving behind friends. These experiences can impact their academic and emotional well-being. To support your child during these times, the school's Student Services staff— such as the School Counselor, Mental Health Coordinator, School Psychologist, and School Social Worker—are available to offer assistance and provide resources to ensure that military-connected students and their families receive comprehensive care and support.. They can help your child navigate the emotional and social difficulties associated with these challenges.

Additionally, families are encouraged to explore the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Student Services website and Mental Health website for further support, which includes tools and resources tailored to the needs of all families. The site offers guidance on coping strategies, mental health awareness, and community resources.

For additional support, contact our Student Services Department.

Mr. Stavola at 341134@dadeschools.net

MILITARY RECOGNITION EVENTS

PURPLE UP DAY! – APRIL 15, 2027

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – APRIL

Monthly Military Monday with the US Army and US Navy
MAST Medical Week
Military Cyber Asset Team Presentation
Career/Truck Day with Military representatives