



“What About the Schools?” Parents’ Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What primary, middle and secondary schools do children/youth living on post attend?

A. The Pocono Mountain School District (PMSD) serves students living on the installation.

Kindergarten and First Grades attend:
Coolbaugh Learning Center
194 Main Street
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 X 27400

2nd - 5th Grades attend:
Coolbaugh Elementary Center
5800 Memorial Boulevard
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 X22400

6th - 7th Grades attend:
Clear Run Intermediate School
3800 Memorial Boulevard
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 X61400

8th - 9th Grades attend:
Pocono Mountain West Jr. High School
HC 89 Box 2006
Pocono Summit, PA 18346
570-839-7121 X51400

10th - 12th Grades attend:
Pocono Mountain West High School
HC89 Box 2002
Pocono Summit, PA 18346
570-839-7121 X81412

Q. What are the school enrollment procedures?

A. Please refer to the School Liaison Services Parent Handbook,
<http://www.tobyhanna.army.mil/community/CYS/parent%20Information.html>
or the school district website at www.pmsd.org

Q. Are the schools safe?

A. PMSD is dedicated to providing a safe learning environment for students. Security officers provide security coverage, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. PMSD has a No Tolerance Weapons Policy.

Q. How old must a child be to start school?

A. The entrance age for kindergarten is 5 years old on or before September 1st. The entrance age for 1st grade is 6 years old on or before September 1st.

Q. When does school start?

A. The 2008 – 2009 school year begins on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Q. What is the quality of the school district?

A. Contact the School Liaison Officer (570-895-9013) for results of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and an independent school evaluation services report for the district.

Q. What are the state procedures for Home Schooling?

A. Parents electing to home school must file a notarized affidavit for each child, ages 8 – 17, being home schooled. Students in home education programs are required to be immunized in accordance with law and regulations of the Secretary of Health. Students in grades 3, 5, 8 and 11 must be given a nationally normed standardized achievement test in reading/language arts and mathematics.

The Pennsylvania department of Education has developed the list, Home Education organizations Serving Pennsylvania Families. Visit the PDE website at http://www.pde.state.pa.us/home_education/cwp/view.asp?a=150&Q=46560&home_educationNav=|3376|&home_educationNavPage=|&tx=0 to view the list and to learn more about home schooling in Pennsylvania.

Q. Where are the bus stops on the installation and how far is the bus ride to and from school?

A. There are 3 bus stops on the installation: between Edison and Marconi Courts, Westover Drive and the Child Development Center (building 335). The elementary schools are one mile from the installation. The intermediate school is approximately 3 miles from the installation and the Jr and Sr high schools are a 7 mile drive from the installations.