



"What About the Schools?" Parents' Frequently Asked Questions, Answered (2002)

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 & 1st Grade:
Coolbaugh Learning Center
194 Main Street
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 x27400

2nd-6th Grades:
Coolbaugh Elementary Center
5800 Memorial Boulevard
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 x22400

7th & 8th Grades:
Clear Run Intermediate School
3800 Memorial Boulevard
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
570-839-7121 x61400

9th-12th Grades:
Pocono Mountain West High School
HC 89 Box 2002
Pocono Summit, PA 18370
570-839-7121 x81412

Q. What are the school enrollment procedures?

A. To register for school, students need the following:

- ❑ Current immunization records
- ❑ School transcripts
- ❑ Proof of residency

Special needs students, supply a current individualized education program (IEP), psychological evaluation and medical records, if applicable.

To expedite school transfers, send or fax your documentation to the appropriate school.

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.

Q. Are the schools safe?

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

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

A. There are three bus stops on the installation: between Edison and Marconi Courts, Westover Drive and the Youth Center. The elementary schools are one mile from the installation. The intermediate school is approximately three miles from the installation and the high school is a seven-mile drive from the installation.

Q. When does school start?

A. August 26,2002



Q. What kinds of after-school programs are available?

A. School Age Services offers after-school care throughout the school year and for scheduled vacations and snow days. The program also offers a Computer Lab and Homework Center, both with instructors.

To use this service, your child(ren) must be enrolled in Child Youth Services.

For more school information, contact the School Liaison Officer at 570-895-6682/DSN 795-6682.

Q. What is the quality of the schools?

A. Contact the School Liaison Officer for results for 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 and 8 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 Web site to view the list and to learn more about home schooling in Pennsylvania.