

Monroe County Schools/CYP Support

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten:

Florida offers free voluntary pre-kindergarten to children who are 4 years old by 9/1st. One must fill out an online application with Early Childhood Coalition at www.vpkhelp.org. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will not begin until February. At that time, please click on (Families) **How to Register**, VPK- be sure to select 2021-2022 school year and Monroe County. Fill out the application; watch the 8 minute video check the box under the video that where you acknowledge that you accept the terms. If you have not arrived to Key West and do not yet have an assigned house, when filling out the VPK application use the Sigsbee Housing Office address (800 *Sigsbee Housing* Annex Bldg. V4059, Key West FL 33040). You will scan and upload the required documents-verification of Florida residency (if you have not arrived yet use your military orders) and the identification documentation for your child (birth certificate). Within 24 hours you will receive an email with a link to print out a free VPK certificate which you would then hand carry to one of the schools providing VPK. If you are not in Key West, click and download the VPK certificate to your computer... As a matter of information, the Child Development Center on Sigsbee Park now offers an am and pm VPK session. There is also a list on VPKhelp.org of VPK providers in Monroe County.

On Base School::

Sigsbee Charter School:

Sigsbee Charter School is located on Sigsbee Park and 80% of their enrollment is comprised of military students. This is a school of choice. Please go to their website <http://www.sigsbee.org>. For the present school year, click on "Application", fill out the application and submit. You will receive an email from Mrs. Rosch letting you know your application was received and further instructions. Be sure to include your estimated arrival date. If at the time of application, there is a waitlist your child's name will be added. When an opening is available they will contact you and you can then decide whether to switch your child to the school. If you are registering for the 2021-2022 school year, please register on or after April 1st, 2021. In mid-June the school will hold a lottery for those who have applied. Preference is given to active military dependents (after Charter School family members and sibling preference). Please look for an email from Sigsbee acknowledging receipt of all paperwork. Please feel free to contact the school at [305-294-1861 extension 0](tel:305-294-1861), ask for Mrs. Rosch if you have questions or concerns. Mrs. Rosch is available from 0800 to 1500 hours.

Sigsbee Charter School doesn't have bus service. Many students walk to school and some parents do carpool. School hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday is an early release day for elementary with optional enrichment activities in the afternoon. Middle School releases at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays. Parents may drop students off at the school as early as 7:45. School staff helps disembark the students from cars and watch over them until it is time for class. As a matter of information, the elementary students have a separate drop off area than the middle school students.

Students are encouraged to bring in refillable water bottles and healthy snacks to school on a daily basis. Sigsbee does not have a functioning cafeteria, therefore the school orders out for lunches or the students can bring their own lunch. This school has 3 Military Family Life Counselors available to your child and family to assist with transitions.

Schools in the Key West Area:

Gerald Adams Elementary VPK-5th services students who reside on Trumbo and Truman Annexes, Stock Island, Key Haven up to south of the Boca Chica Bridge. There is bus service to these bases.

HOB School PreK-8th services students primarily residing in Key West old town and Sigsbee Park. Upon arrival, if you will be residing on Sigsbee, and there is no space available at Sigsbee Charter School, this is where you will register your child. I have a Military Family Life Counselor assigned to this school to provide service to our children. You can visit their website to obtain supply lists and information about their uniform policy. There is bus service provided to the base and Youth Center. Here is their website: <http://hob.keysschools.com/>

Key West Montessori Charter School K-8th <http://www.keywestmontessori.com> in Key West (by lottery only). No bus service provided. If you are arriving prior to the end of this school year, please contact the school and if there is not space available, you will be added to their waitlist. This school will have a lottery if there are more applicants than spaces available. Application period for the 2018-2019 school year opens in February and closes in April. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance after the lottery to be held in May.

Poinciana Elementary School K-5th, which is located close to Sigsbee, services students residing in Key West new town and the Branch Medical residential area. No bus service.

High Schools:

Key West High School: This high school serves the entire Key West area up to Sugarloaf Key. The Key West High School Registrar, Mrs. Ivy Faataui is available to register new students. You do not need to register your child prior to arrival.

Key West Collegiate Charter High School located at the Key West Community College. No bus service provided. <http://www.keywestacademy.org/>

I have included additional information about the remainder of the options available in the surrounding areas. You would have to confirm after school care up to 5:30.

Outside the Key West Area:

Big Pine Academy PreK-8th Charter School located on Big Pine Key. This school has VPK classes. <http://www.bigpineacademy.com/>

Sugarloaf Key School VPK-8 services students residing on the Keys north of the Boca Chica Bridge, up to the 7 mile bridge. This area includes residential communities on Rockland Key, Big Coppitt, Saddlebunch Keys, Sugarloaf Keys Upper and Lower, Cudjoe Key, Summerland Key, Ramrod Key, the Torch Keys and the farthest, Big Pine Key (which is approximately 40 minutes from Key West). Bus service provided.

Private Schools:

Grace Lutheran School PreK-8 (offers before and after school care) and offers a military discount: <http://gracekw.ctsmemberconnect.net/home-ctrl.do?view=3&grpId=24493>

Key West Preschool Co-op a non-profit preschool in which the parent volunteers a certain amount of hours per month with child care provided. Serves 1 year through 4 year olds with a VPK class. There is an annual membership fee, plus other costs. <http://keywestpreschoolcoop.org>

Lighthouse Christian Academy serves infants through preschool and offers VPK.: <http://www.lcachildcare.com/>

Montessori Children's School of Key West serves children from 18 months to kindergarten. Their 5-classroom campus is located in historic old town on the corner of United and Varela Streets.

Programs offered: half-day 8-11:30, full-day 8-2:30 and aftercare 2:30-5:30. Scholarships are available. Please contact the office to schedule a tour and observation 305-294-5302

<http://montessorikewest.com/>

Sunbeam Christian School a preschool that offers VPK and daycare for preschoolers, no website available, address is 1311 5th Street phone number 305-294-6018.

The Basilica School of Saint Mary Star of the Sea PreK-8 (drop off is at 0730 does offer after school care).and offers a military discount: <http://basilicaschoolkeywest.com/>

Interactive Maps for the School District to determine your school based on neighborhood:

Here is the link to see the interactive maps from the Monroe County Schools website:

<http://keysschools.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=160314&sessionid=b8c2138d21272f053b22dc281b2fa22b&sessionid=b8c2138d21272f053b22dc281b2fa22b>

Here is specific street boundaries for each area (please disregard the info on Sigsbee Elementary):

<http://www.keysschools.com/district/Maps/SchoolAttendanceArea.pdf>

Health and Immunizations:

You must submit a physical exam and immunization record for your child upon 30 days of enrollment.

Florida's standardized School Entry Exam form (DH 3040) must be used to document completion of a physical examination. The DH 3040 is available at:

<http://orchd.com/personalHealth/schoolHealth/enrollment/physicalExam/index.asp> .The physical exam record must have been done within the past 12 months.

The Florida Certification of Immunization, Form 680, must be used to document the immunizations required for entry and attendance in Florida schools. These forms are not available to the public and must be completed by a Florida physician or a Florida County Health Department. Upon your arrival please make an appointment with Branch Medical and they will provide you with these documents.

If you wish to verify required immunizations information go to:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/children-and-adolescents/school-immunization-requirements/index.html>

Childcare for before and after School Care/ Youth Programs:

To sign up for child care with the Child Development Center (babies thru VPK)/Youth Center (K thru 10 years) go to www.militarychildcare.com be sure to specify a date you would like your child to attend. MWR Youth Programs offers a school age care program and will deliver and pick up students from Sigsbee Charter School and keep them up from 6:00 am to 6:00 p.m. The Youth Center counselors personally walk the students over to the school and pick them up after school. If the students attend Horace O Bryant School, the bus will pick them up and deliver them to the Youth Center. The program also includes care on early release Wednesdays and other non-school days. There is a summer program as well.

Here is the Child Development/ Youth Center's website link for K-12th:

<http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/keywest/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/SupportServices/Families/ChildandYouthPrograms/index.htm>

For before and afterschool care details please contact the Youth Center, [305-293-4483](tel:305-293-4483) after 1400 hours. Be sure to sign up at www.militarychildcare.com open an account, select Key West. Upon arrival you will have to go to the actual facility and fill out all the enrollment documentation. They also require that your child have immunizations to include a current year's flu shot.

Support for the Military Child in the Schools/Youth Sponsorship:

The Child Development Care and Youth Center, Sigsbee Charter School, Gerald Adams School, Horace O'Bryant School and Key West High School presently have DOD/US Navy contracted Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC) available to help your child. Upon enrolling, if you are interested in having the MFLC provide support to your child, please notify the registrar at the school. The registrar will call the MFLC for you to meet with and fill out a consent form. They are available to assist your family, as well as your child. The MFLC is available to escort your child to his/her first day in class and introduce your child to peer youth sponsors. Please contact the School Liaison Officer for further information at 305-393-9510 dawn.m.mills@navy.mil

Please contact the Youth Sponsor, Mr. Joshua Singer, at the Youth Center who is responsible for youth sponsorship. The Youth Center is open at 2:00 pm and she is available to match your child with a peer who attends your child's school. This student sponsor will provide your child with invaluable information and support. The Youth Center has a monthly schedule full of fun activities for children of all ages. Mr. Singer can be reached at joshua.singer@navy.mil or 305-293-4437. The Youth Center is located at Arthur Sawyer Rd, Bldg. V4189 on Sigsbee Park.

Other community resources:

Facebook – NAS Key West MWR, Key West Wives, Military Spouses of Key West

Balfour Beatty Housing www.naskeywesthomes.com/community-life/lifeworks/ (click on community and find the list of all the activities available)