



Finding A School

School Transition Information

Information

Where Will My Child Attend School?

Your children will attend school in the district in the county in which you reside. Families that reside on post attend Fort Bragg Schools, K-8th grade. All high school students residing in Fort Bragg are districted for EE Smith High School (Cumberland County Schools), and all high school students residing in Linden Oaks are districted for Overhills High School (Harnett County Schools).

I want my child to attend _____Elementary/Middle/High School

This information will explain your options for selecting a school of choice **if** you've already found a place to live and you do not want to attend the school your children are assigned to.

What you need to know:

- If you have already settled on a place to live (on or off post), your options are **limited** on selecting a school of your choice.
- It is ultimately the school district's decision to allow an out of district transfer. Neither Fort Bragg nor the School Liaison Officer cannot influence the school's decision to allow a school transfer.
- If the school district has reassigned students to another school because of over-population, most likely, the new school is further away. **Do not** request a transfer back to the over-populated school from which you were redistricted, the school district will not approve it.
- The family/student must provide their own transportation for any accepted requests for out-of-district transfers.

I Live Off Post, But I Want My Child to Attend On Post Schools

- If you live off post, you will **not** be able attend schools on post. This is not an installation policy nor a School Support Services policy. This is a Department of Defense Education Agency policy.
- There are **no** exceptions to policy.
- Even if you have any hardship, there are **no** exceptions to policy.
- Please do not attempt to provide another family's address on post, Fort Bragg schools regularly check validity of addresses. If you are found

violating attendance policies, Fort Bragg schools will withdraw you from school.

- **However**, if you are living temporarily off post and waiting for on post housing, you may enroll in Fort Bragg Schools if you are within 90 school days of residing on post.

I Live Off Post And I Want My Child To Attend A Different School

- **Requesting To Attend Another School In The Same County**
 - In all counties, you can request for an out of district transfer within the county.
 - When at all possible, select the school you want your child to attend PRIOR to selecting a residence.
 - **Remember to double check the assigned school with Fort Bragg School Support Services or the school district.** Realtors sometimes have incorrect information.
- **Cumberland County School Choice Program**
 - Cumberland County Schools also has a [Choice Program](#) that allows some flexibility for school choice outside of your school district. Many schools in Cumberland County have special programs in the elementary, middle, and high school level to which families/students may apply.
 - The application time frame is between mid-January and mid-February of the previous school year. If your family has moved after the mid-February deadline but prior to the start of the next school year, and wish to apply for a school choice for the following year, you may still submit an application. However, your application will be placed on a waitlist and there are NO guarantees that your application will be approved.
- **Requesting To Attend Another School In A Different County**
 - School district typically do not accept students from another county. The process to request school attendance in another county includes:
 - Request the current county to release the student.
 - Request the receiving county to accept an out of county student