

## Monroe County Schools/CYP Support

### **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten:**

Florida offers free voluntary pre-kindergarten to children who are 4 years old by 9/1<sup>st</sup>. There is a summer session available for those children who turn 4 prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> 2011. If your child falls in this category you may apply immediately for the summer session if you will be here in June. Those with a child that will be 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 can now apply for the 2016-2017 school year program. One must fill out an online application with the Early Childhood Coalition at [www.vpkhelp.org](http://www.vpkhelp.org). Please be sure to select Monroe County and whether summer or school year 2016-2017 there will be a pop up window that will give you the option.. 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). You need to then contact the School Liaison Officer for her to verify with the VPK office that you are incoming. Within a day 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. Forward to me at [naskwslo@gmail.com](mailto:naskwslo@gmail.com) a saved copy of the VPK certificate. I will then take the VPK certificate to the school of your choice. As a matter of information, the Child Development Center on Sigsbee Park now offers an am and pm VPK session. I am presently accepting this VPK certificates for this program. I am available to troubleshoot with the Early Childhood Coalition if you are having difficulties with the system.

### **On Base School::**

#### **Sigsbee Charter School:**

Sigsbee Charter School is located on Sigsbee Park and 60% 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 (ending June 10<sup>th</sup>), click on "Application", fill out the application for the waitlist, which you can either submit online. The school will accept students up to 5 days prior to the end of school. Be sure to include your estimated arrival date and forward a copy of your military orders to [leslie.rosch@sigsbee.org](mailto:leslie.rosch@sigsbee.org). Upon arrival please check in with them or when an opening is available they will contact you. If you are registering for the 2016-2017 school year, please register by July 6, 2016. The school will hold a lottery on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours for those grade levels with more applicants than spots available. Applications will be sorted based on the lottery onto a wait list. 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.

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 a half 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.

Middle Schoolers have to wear Sigsbee Charter School shirts which can be purchased fRamona uniform store behind Sears. 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.

## **Public schools in the Key West area (www.keysschools.com):**

**Gerald Adams Elementary VPK-5<sup>th</sup>** 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. <http://gae.keysschools.com/>

**HOB School PreK-8<sup>th</sup>** 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 this year 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-8<sup>th</sup>** is located in Key West. No bus service provided. This school uses a waitlist and has a lottery to organize their waitlist in May. You would need to contact the school to be added to their waitlist. You will need to submit a copy of your military orders with your application. <http://www.keywestmontessori.com>

**Poinciana Elementary School K-5<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Area:**

**Key West High School:** This high school serves the entire Key West area up to Sugarloaf Key. The Key West High School Registrar, Ms. Davila is available to register new students. You do not need to register your child prior to arrival. They have an extensive choice of courses. You can access the curriculum guide online at their website.

<http://kwh.keysschools.schoolfusion.us/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/1523243/File/Curriculum%20Guide%2020142015.pdf>

You can access the school athletic department for information on specific sports at:

<http://kwh.keysschools.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=271036&sessionid=0aa7e70a6fd3f7f144a5383f1b57741d>

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

## **Schools outside the Key West Area:**

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. **Big Pine Academy PreK-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

<http://sls.keysschools.com/?sessionid=ae79ad7d7aee4b124695f56068518f99&t>

**Marathon Middle/High School** located on Marathon Key. This school is a middle and high school. The high school services from Big Pine Key to Marathon. Bus service is provided to Big Pine Key.

<http://mhs.keysschools.com/?sessionid=51e6092640ec2f89fe1fea1cc9c25f8f&t>

### **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>

**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://montessoriskeywest.com/>

**Sunbeam Christian School** a preschool that offers VPK and daycare for preschoolers, no website available, address is 1311 5<sup>th</sup> 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://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/ documents/school-health-entry-exam-form-dh3040-chp-07-2013.pdf>

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](http://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.cnic.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](http://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, Sugarloaf 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 305-293-2621/yolanda.eldred@navy.mil.

Please contact the Youth Sponsor, Ms. Mandy Lynch, 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. Ms. Lynch can be reached at [amanda.j.lynch@navy.mil](mailto:amanda.j.lynch@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, NAS Key West MWR, Military Spouses of Key West (take 2)

NASKW Newspaper is digitally profuced– The Southernmost Flyer

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