

## School Information from NS Mayport School Liaison

Congratulations on your PCS to NS Mayport!

We have numerous choices for education in Duval County. We have public, magnet, charter and private schools all within a few miles from the Naval Station.

If you live in **On Base Housing** (Bennett Shores East and West) the elementary school is **Anchor Academy** (formerly Joseph Finegan Elementary) PK-5 currently has 350 students, 2 full time MFLCs, Anchored 4 Life Program, A rated by FLDOE)  
555 WONDERWOOD DR ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233-4699  
Phone: 904-247-5996 <http://dcps.duvalschools.org/finegan>

If you choose to live in **Off-Base Military Housing**, (Marsh Cove and Ribault Bay) the elementary school is **Mayport Elementary Coastal Sciences Academy** (Mayport is also a magnet school you may apply for) (PK-5, currently 590 students, 1 full time MFLC, Anchored 4 Life Program. B rated by FLDOE)  
2753 SHANGRILA DR ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233-2999  
Phone: 904-247-5988 <http://dcps.duvalschools.org/mayport>

On and Off Base Housing Middle School Is -

**Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School** (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade, currently 790 students, 1 full time MFLC, A rated by FLDOE)  
2600 Mayport Rd. Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-2804  
Phone: 904-247-5977 <http://www.duvalschools.org/mayportmiddle>

**High School -Duncan U. Fletcher High School** (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade, currently 2,100 students, 1 full time MFLC, offers Cambridge/AICE- more information at High School Acceleration Programs below, A rated by FLDOE)  
700 Seagate Ave. NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266-3505  
Phone: 904-247-5905 <http://www.duvalschools.org/fhs>

If you are considering **living in non-military housing** here is the link to look up assigned **school by home address**.  
<http://www.myschoollocation.com/duvalcountypublicschools/>

### School Choice DCPS

Duval County Public Schools has magnet schools (transportation provided) and Special Transfer Option schools (parents must provide transportation) Here is the website:

<http://dcps.duvalschools.org/Domain/4417>

To explore these schools I suggest visiting the School Choice Expo. School booths/videos and tours available

[https://dcps22.mapyourshow.com/8\\_0/#/](https://dcps22.mapyourshow.com/8_0/#/)

**The DCPS School Choice Page is here:** <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/46>

### DCPS School choice reference guide 2022-2023

[https://dcps.duvalschools.org/cms/lib/FL01903657/Centricity/ModuleInstance/62139/DCPS\\_CATALOG\\_NOV28\\_WEB\\_20211129\\_\\_ADA%20Compliant.pdf](https://dcps.duvalschools.org/cms/lib/FL01903657/Centricity/ModuleInstance/62139/DCPS_CATALOG_NOV28_WEB_20211129__ADA%20Compliant.pdf)

Contact School Choice Office for questions about application and space available.

[MilitaryTransferOption@Duvalschools.org](mailto:MilitaryTransferOption@Duvalschools.org)

Jacqueline Kelley – Director School Choice (904) 390 -2650 phone

### High School Acceleration Programs Duval County Public Schools

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/4396>

When looking for **data** on local schools use this web site <http://americaseducationguide.com/>

If your **child has an IEP** and you will use a Duval County Public School, I recommend that you send to the district for placement review. [ESE\\_Placement@duvalschools.org](mailto:ESE_Placement@duvalschools.org) 904-348-7760

To begin the **enrollment process for DCPS** and set up a FOCUS account to apply for a choice school visit:

<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/30616>

## School Entry Health Examination Information

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/enrollment.html>

School Immunization Requirements

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

Living in **surrounding counties** - Some families choose to live in St. John's or Nassau, which can be quite a commute with traffic. In these counties, your child attends the school in your attendance area.

St Johns County Schools - <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> Nassau County Schools <https://www.nassau.k12.fl.us/>

## Private Schools

If interested, I can provide a list of private schools around the station. There are scholarships available for **ALL** children of active duty military. Step Up for Students <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/>

There are also several popular **charter schools** in the area. (publicly funded/ no tuition)

Here are some that I have heard positive feedback from families.

Duval Charter at Coastal <http://www.coastalcharter.org/>

IDEA (Opening in AUG 2022) <https://ideapublicschools.org/regions/jacksonville/>

River City Science Academy <http://rivercityscience.org/>

Seaside Charter <http://www.seasidecharter.org/>

Jacksonville Classical Academy <https://www.jaxclassical.org/index.jsp>

List of all charter schools in Duval County <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/domain/5451>

As you narrow down your choices, **I highly recommend touring the schools that peek your interest.**

**VPK – Voluntary Pre Kindergarten** If your child turned 4 by September 01 he/she qualifies for Florida's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program. You must request a certificate of eligibility.

<http://www.elcduval.org/voluntary-pre-k/>

To apply for VPK at a Duval Public School site <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/9456>

## Youth Activities Center

<https://www.navymwrmayport.com/programs/44f92e71-46c2-453d-af51-a2418d515ba2>

To keep up with base events on **Facebook** I suggest you follow -

Naval Station Mayport

MWR Mayport

## Transition Assistance

What are some things that you can do to **assist children with the transition process?**

Here are some great articles/resources to assist.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/making-the-move-easier-for-military-kids>

Podcast - Making the Move Easier for Your Children <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/-/making-the-move-easier-for-your-children>

FOCUS on the GO! (for your little one)

<https://focusproject.org/focus-world>

Military Child Education Coalition

<https://www.militarychild.org/resources?category=1&audience=&topic=&format=>

Webinars on Transition (and other topics) <https://www.militarychild.org/webinars>

I look forward to working with your family!

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