



A Warm Welcome to Naval Base Kitsap!

Military families have a number of districts from which to choose. Unlike some areas of the U.S., districts in Washington State do not necessarily coincide with local city, town, or county boundaries. Bremerton School District (BSD) www.bremertonschools.org covers most of the Bremerton area. South Kitsap School District (SKSD) www.skitsap.wednet.edu covers the Port Orchard area. North Mason School District (NMSD) www.nmsd.wednet.edu covers the Belfair area. Central Kitsap School District (CKSD) www.ckschools.org covers Silverdale area and northern edges of Bremerton. North Kitsap School District (NKSD) www.nkschools.org covers northern edge of Silverdale, Poulsbo, and all the way to the tip of Kitsap County. Bainbridge Island School District (BISD) www.bisd303.org serves all of Bainbridge Island.

If you are interested in the district and building demographics and test scores, go to the new Washington State Report Card: <https://washingtonstaterreportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>. You can search by school district or individual schools. Washington is a Common Core state. K-12 learning standards are found at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/CurriculumInstruct/default.aspx>

To start kindergarten in the fall, a child must turn 5 years old by August 31. All districts have free all-day kindergarten through the state WaKIDS program: <http://www.k12.wa.us/WaKIDS/default.aspx>

School district preschool is only offered for children with individualized education plans (IEPs) that require preschool early intervention services. Early Head Start and Head Start are available for free if income requirements are met and may be located at specific elementary schools. Some districts may offer pre-k for a fee for children who serve as typically developing peers in special education inclusion classes or who attend the lab classroom for high school child development classes. You can internet search Kitsap County pre-schools and get a long list of options.

Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, North Mason, and South Kitsap School Districts have grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 schools. Some may have exceptions—generally, alternative or special programs-- that follow other grade configurations.

NBK has multiple base housing sites. Will you be living in Bangor Base housing, The Landings at Jackson Park housing, Bremerton Base Housing, or Keyport Base Housing?

Children living on Bangor can attend either CKSD or NKSD. From anywhere on Bangor you can choose to attend the designated NKSD schools (North Kitsap High School, Poulsbo Middle School, and Pearson Elementary). The CKSD schools would be Central Kitsap High School (grades 9-12) and, **depending on where you live on Base, either** Cougar Valley Elementary (grades K-5)/Central Kitsap Middle School (grades 6-8) **OR** Clear Creek Elementary (grades K-5)/Ridgetop Middle School (grades 6-8). If you know your address, the school liaison officer can let you know what your assigned elementary or middle school will be for Bangor housing.

Children living on The Landings at Jackson Park may attend **either** designated Bremerton SD schools (Bremerton High School, Mountain View Middle School, Kitsap Lake Elementary) **OR** designated CKSD schools (Central Kitsap High School, Central Kitsap Middle School, Bud Hawk Elementary School).

Bremerton Base Housing residents would attend Bremerton School District's Naval Avenue Early Learning Center (grades K-3), West Hills STEM Academy (grades K-8), Mt View MS (grades 6-8), and Bremerton High School (grades 9-12).

Keyport Base Housing is served by North Kitsap School District. The designated schools are Hilder Pearson Elementary, Poulsbo Middle School, and North Kitsap High School.

Please note there is no transportation from elementary, middle, or high schools to Bangor or Jackson Park Child and School Age Care or Teen Programs-- except from those specific schools that serve either Bangor Housing or Jackson Park Housing. If you are looking for before- and after-school childcare, do sign up ASAP at www.militarychildcare.com. You can access hourly care for medical appointments or command events, even if you will not need full-time childcare for going to college or for working.

Would your teenager like a youth sponsor? Another teen who knows the Base, schools and community? Youth sponsors are available—just visit <http://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/school-liaison-officer/youth-sponsorship>.

If you have a child with a disability, all school districts provide programs for students with special needs. If you are thinking about a particular district or school, your school liaison officer can connect you with the special needs director and with building personnel so that you could ask specific questions that pertain to your child's needs. For specific questions about EFMP paperwork, or community resources for families with special needs, the EFMP coordinator would be an excellent resource. Contact email: nbk.efmp@navylifepnw.com or phone: 360-396-5469.

Are you interested in jobs on base? Visit: <https://www.navylifepnw.com/jobs> for CYP & MWR positions. Are you interested in positions with the local school districts? Schools always need substitute teachers and bus drivers. Visit the jobs page at the district websites listed on page one for certified and classified positions. Fleet and Family Support Center also has information on local jobs. For more info, call 360-396-4115 (Main Desk at FFSC).

Lastly, does it really rain that much...? The northern tip of Kitsap County has about 25 inches per year. The amount increases as you move south--to more than 70 inches along the southern parts of the Hood Canal. www.kpud.org/geomap/Precip_Maps_Totals.aspx

We look forward to supporting you and your family in the transition to Naval Base Kitsap (NBK).

If you have any additional questions, contact Child and Youth Education Services to connect with a Navy School Liaison Officer at the information below:

For NBK area school districts:

NBK School Liaison Officer

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For Central Kitsap School District:

NRNW School Liaison Officer

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