

Frequently Asked Questions



IS FORT HUACHUCA SCHOOLS A DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL?

Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools are Arizona public schools under the Department of Education. The schools **are not** Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS). The school district is under the direction and authority of a School Board and directly administered by a District Superintendent. Financial support for Fort Huachuca Schools is derived from State Aid and Federal Impact Aid.



WHAT ARE SCHOOL HOURS?

Colonel Johnston Elementary School **47121 H Avenue** **459.8798**

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

Regular School Hours 8:10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. *Thursday Early Release 1:05 p.m.*

Colonel Johnston School **Special Needs Preschool:** M, T, W, & F *Morning & Afternoon Sessions*

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. **Morning Session**  12:15 - 2:15 p.m. **Afternoon Session**

General Myer Elementary School **45103 Burns Street** **459.8986**

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

Regular School Hours 7:55 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. *Thursday Early Release 1:25 p.m.*

Colonel Smith Middle School **67601 Cushing Street** **459.8892**

6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

Regular School Hours 7:55 a.m. - 2:55 p.m. *Thursday Early Release 1:45 p.m.*



STUDENT ARRIVAL TIME

School grounds and buildings are open, and students are under supervision, fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of their school day until dismissal time. Students *should not* arrive more than fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the school day unless prior arrangements have been made.



HOW DO I REGISTER MY STUDENT?

STEP 1: What school will my child attend? This is determined by grade level.

Colonel Johnston Elementary School Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

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STEP 2: Go to the school office with your student’s birth certificate, shot record, and previous school records. If you don’t have your student’s records, we will request for them – we’ll just need the address of the previous school. During registration please be sure to provide accurate emergency contact numbers/info - THIS IS VITAL! Also, be sure to update phone numbers and addresses if they change.



IS THERE BUS SERVICE TO SCHOOL?

There IS bus service on Post to and from schools for those who live OUTSIDE a one mile radius. Bus schedules can be found on the website under “Transportation”. There is NO bus service for those who reside off Post.



DOES FORT HUACHUCA SCHOOLS HAVE PRESCHOOL?

Parents residing on post who are concerned about their child's development in speech, language, cognitive, motor, adaptive or social skills should make an appointment to have their student screened. To qualify, children must reside on post and be at least three years of age but not have reached the required age for kindergarten. If you think your child may qualify, call to make an appointment to have your child screened - screenings will be conducted the 3rd Thursday of each month by calling 458.5082 ext. 1007



WHAT IF MY CHILD IS NOT 5 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1ST CAN HE/SHE STILL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

The district has a policy in place where students who do not meet the age requirements for Kindergarten can be tested to determine if they are eligible for early entrance kindergarten. There is an evaluation and testing fee that is paid by the parents/guardian of the prospective student. Please contact 520.459.8798 (Johnston Elementary School) for additional information and to begin the evaluation process.



WHAT IF MY CHILD IS TARDY?

We encourage promptness since tardies affect everyone and disrupt classroom time. If you know you will be late for school, please call ahead to the main office. Late students must report to the office and sign in as "late." Afterward, we will issue the student a "Tardy Slip" before he/she goes to class.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS ABSENT?

Please notify us when your child is absent by calling the school office. Absent students need to return with a note explaining the reason for being gone. An absence note is a must! Otherwise, we record your student's absence as "unexcused." Please note that if a student has excessive absences in a school year, they may be in danger of not advancing to the next grade level.



IF I NEED TO TAKE MY CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY, WHAT STEPS

SHOULD I FOLLOW?

Check in with the school office to let us know you want to take your student out of school early. Once you arrive in our office to pick your student up, you must show a photo identification and then we will notify the classroom teacher to send your student to the office. We will **not** dismiss students to walk alone to go home or to appointments. You must be present to check your student out of school.



HOW MUCH IS SCHOOL LUNCH?

All schools have a hot lunch program, which includes milk. Lunch tickets may be purchased through the cafeteria at each school.

Lunch Prices at Johnston and Myer Elementary School (Grades K – 5)

\$2.00	Regular Paid Lunch
\$3.00	Adult Lunch
.40	Reduced Lunch
.50	Milk

Lunch Prices at Smith Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)

\$2.25	Regular Paid Lunch
.40	Reduced Lunch
\$3.00	Adult Lunch
.50	Milk



CAN I EAT LUNCH WITH MY CHILD?

Sure; however, please call the school office prior to 9 a.m. so a count can be given to the cafeteria. Lunch is \$3 for adults. When you arrive at the school, please follow the school's sign in procedure.



WHY DO I HAVE TO SIGN IN AND OUT EACH TIME I VISIT THE SCHOOL?

All parents and visitors must stop by the office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass before visiting classrooms. This is to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Please be considerate and call ahead to schedule conferences with teachers to assure a convenient time for both parent and teacher. This helps assure a safe and uninterrupted learning environment for your children.



WHERE DO I FIND OUT ABOUT JOB OPENINGS?

For current job openings, check the Human Resources section on the district website at: www.fthuachuca.k12.az.us or call 520.458.5082 ext. 1005 for further info. In addition, job postings are posted at the school sites and at the district office.



WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF MY CHILD(REN)'S IMMUNIZATION

RECORD OR THEY ARE MISSING IMMUNIZATIONS? CAN MY CHILD(REN)

START SCHOOL?

According to Arizona Revised Statute 15-872, a student is not allowed to attend school unless proof of required immunizations has been provided to the school. It is possible for a parent/guardian to sign a waiver to exempt a child from immunizations if immunizing the child will cause health issues or is against his/her beliefs.

Please contact the school nurse if you have questions about immunizations. Raymond W. Bliss Army Medical Center has an Immunization Clinic and some local clinics offer free or low cost immunizations.