



Minot AFB

Child & Youth Education Services

School Liaison Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the local school options?

Minot Public Schools- There are no DoD schools at Minot AFB. The Minot Public School (MPS) system operates the public schools located on the installation. MPS has 13 elementary schools (K – 5th grade), two of which are on base. There are three middle schools (6th – 8th grade), with one on base. There is one high school for Minot Public which is divided between two campuses: Central Campus for 9th and 10th grade and Magic City Campus for 11th and 12th grade. Minot Public Schools also offers an Adult Learning Center, Head Start program and alternative schools. To access information on any of the schools go to the Minot Public Schools website (<http://www.minot.k12.nd.us/>) and select the 'Schools' tab.

Other Public Districts- The below are located near Minot AFB, distance ranges from 15-35 miles.

District	Website	Phone Number
Glenburn	http://www.glenburn.k12.nd.us/	701- 362-7426
South Prairie	https://www.south-prairie.k12.nd.us/	701-722-3280
Des Lacs/Burlington	http://www.dbhs.united.k12.nd.us/	701-725-4334
Mohall	https://www.mls.k12.nd.us/	701-756-6660
Nedrose	https://www.nedrose.k12.nd.us/	701-838-5550
Surrey	http://www.surrey.k12.nd.us/	701-838-1262
Kenmare	https://www.kenmare.k12.nd.us/	701-385-4996
Lewis & Clark (Berthold)	https://www.lewisandclark.k12.nd.us/	701-453-3484

Private Schools- The below are located near Minot AFB, average distance is 15 miles.

School	Website	Phone Number
Bishop Ryan Catholic School	https://bishopryan.com/	701-838-3355
Our Redeemer's Christian School	http://www.orcsknights.org/	701-839-0772

Registration and enrollment procedures will vary by district, please contact the district directly for specific enrollment instructions or check their website for information. Minot Public Schools enrollment information is provided in this FAQ.

What does the school calendar look like?

All public/private schools have a 9 month school year. The school year traditionally begins before Labor Day and ends around Memorial Day. You can visit any of the above school district/private school websites to see the current calendar.



How old must a child be to start school?

Age requirements for North Dakota Public Schools are governed by state law. If a child has not attended school before, parents must bring a birth certificate, or other proof of age, and shot records to the school at time of registration. Kindergarten is not required for the state of North Dakota.

For entrance into:

Kindergarten-Child must be 5 years old by 1 August of the school year unless they have already attended Kindergarten at prior location.

First Grade-Child must be 6 years old by 1 August of the school year unless they have already completed Kindergarten at prior location and have already entered into the first grade.

What does transportation to and from school look like?

Minot Public School District:

In-town: Busing is not provided for elementary, middle, and high school students. Families can opt for students to ride the city bus. Bussing is provided for the following: students with special needs, shuttles between Magic City Campus and Central Campus, field trips, extra-curricular, Bell Elementary, McKinley Township, Eureka Township and students living in the former Jefferson Elementary area who attend Sunnyside Elementary.

On-base: Busing is provided by MPS to students with special needs, field trips, extra-curricular and students attending Magic City Campus, Central Campus, Souris River Campus, and the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (Approximately 30 minute ride).

Minot AFB Contracted Busing:

Contracted busing provided by Minot AFB is available during the winter months for students who attend Dakota Elementary, North Plains Elementary, and Memorial Middle. These bus routes include stops within housing, at TLF, and at the Youth Center and School-Age Care facilities. The average distance for a house on-base to a school on-base is approximately 1 mile and the average bus ride is about 15 minutes. Outside of the contracted 100 day bussing period and on early-release days, parents are responsible for coordinating school transportation for their student.

Other Local School Districts:

For students living within the town boundaries of one of the other local school districts there may be public school busing available. Glenburn School District will bus Minot AFB students to and from the base Youth Center. Contact the specific school district for details on their current bussing plan.



What are the schools' rankings: test scores, financials, demographics, etc?

Visit the following state websites for the most up-to-date statistics:

- <https://insights.nd.gov/Education>
- <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/districtschools/assessment/actworkkeys/act-state-reports>

What preschool options are available?

There is not universal pre-K in the state of North Dakota. There are several preschools in the local area. Minot Public Schools runs the Headstart Program which is a needs based pre-K. Visit <https://www.minot.af.mil/Base-Units/School-Liaison-Officer/> for a listing of some local preschool options.

What are the state procedures for home schooling?

Military personnel and family members, who decide to home school, should review the information available on the North Dakota Department of Instruction website:

<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/parentscommunity/parents/home-education>.

The North Dakota Home School Association's website (www.ndhsa.org) includes an online packet of information designed for families beginning the home school adventure in North Dakota. It contains the law, statement of intent, testing information, immunization records, free national magazines, and information on educational philosophies. Minot Public Schools can also help in navigating Home School, contact the district office at 701-857-4400 to be connected with Home School Support.

What kind of out-of-school care programs are available for students?

On-Base: Minot AFB Youth Programs offers developmentally appropriate curriculum, high energy activities, and expanded learning opportunities in a safe and healthy environment. The School-Age Care Program has two facilities for youth ages 5-12. Parents must visit militarychildcare.org to begin the registration process for this program. For preteens and teens, the Youth Center has the Open-Rec After-School Program (9-12 year olds) and Teens After-School Program (13-18 year olds). Contact the David C. Jones Youth Center at 701-723-2838 or 5SVS.YOUTH@us.af.mil for enrollment information.

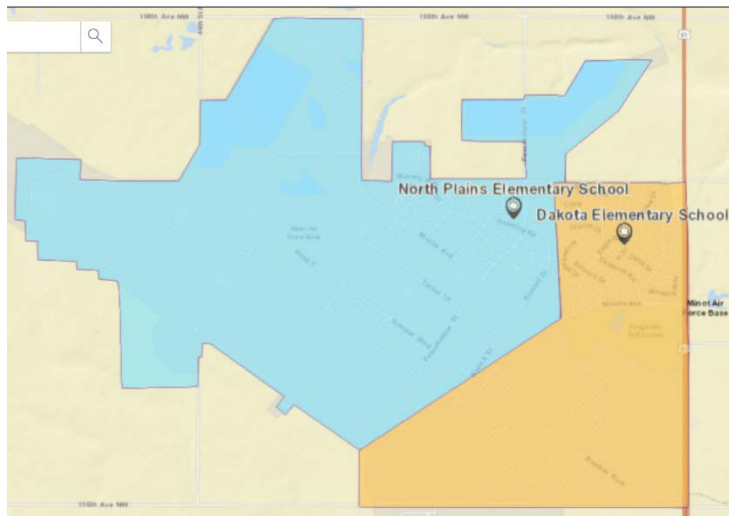
Off-Base: Minot Public Schools offers before and after school care through varying options. Currently, McKinley Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Sunnyside Elementary, and Washington Elementary are sites funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. In addition, Bel Air Elementary, Edison Elementary, Lewis & Clark Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, John Hoeven Elementary and Perkett Elementary offer before and after school care; Erik Ramstad Middle offers after school care. Contact the [MPS CLC office](#) at 701-857-8780 or at www.minot.k12.nd.us for additional information regarding program services.



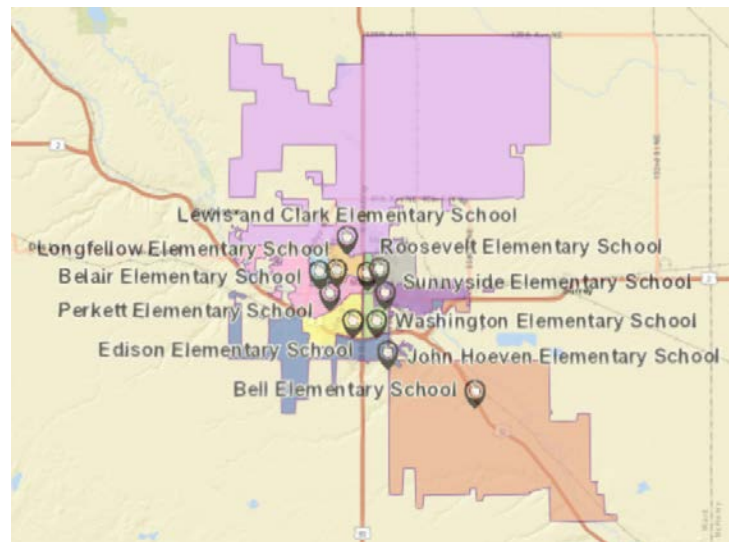


What are the elementary schools' boundary lines for MPS?

On-base Elementary- Elementary students on the west side of base attend North Plains Elementary and elementary students on the east side of base attend Dakota Elementary.



Off-Base Elementary



Visit <http://minot.k12.nd.mapmyschools.com/Locator> to view an interactive boundary map for Minot Public Schools. For the most up-to-date off base district boundary lines contact the District Enrollment Specialist at 701-857-4444.



What are the Open Enrollment options for MPS?

The Minot Public School District only allows 'Open Enrollment' for the following circumstances:

- The child is military dependent and will attend school on Minot AFB.
- If the family moves out of the Minot Public School District, the child may finish the school year with Minot Public Schools. A tuition waiver must be signed by the resident district. If the student of the family moving out of the Minot Public School District is a senior, he or she may finish high school and graduate from Minot Public Schools. Note, siblings of students who opt to finish high school under this provision are not eligible to open enroll into the Minot Public Schools.

What is the school registration procedure for MPS?

The registration process for Minot Public Schools begins with contacting the District Enrollment Specialist and setting up an initial registration appointment. The alternative online registration option will be accomplished at www.minot.k12.nd.us.

Contact information for the District Enrollment Office:

Ms. Bev Paulin
District Enrollment Specialist
215 2nd
Street SE
Minot, ND 58701
beverly.paulin@minot.k12.nd.us
Phone: 701-857-4444
Fax: 701-857-4472

Office Hours: (Open Year Round)
Monday-Thursday – 0800-1600
Friday – 0800-1200

Required Documents- You will need all of these required items for enrollment.

- Parent/guardian photo identification
- Copy of state-certified birth certificate for each child you are enrolling
- Copy of the certificate of Immunizations records for each child you are enrolling
- Primary proof of residence such as: a current utility bill, lease/renter's agreement, homeowner's or renter's insurance, Home Purchase Agreement, or Ward County Property Tax Statement. Parents who reside on Minot AFB can use any one of the following for proof of residence: lease, military orders, utility bill, or military id
- Completed Registration Forms (forms are available at the enrollment office if you don't have access to a computer and printer)
- Custody/Guardianship Documentation (if applicable)

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