

Welcome from the Vance AFB School Liaison!

Hello,

My name is Nicole Painter and I am the School Liaison at Vance AFB. Working closely with military children and families for the last 11 years, I understand the stress comes with a PCS. If your spouse would like to contact me as well, please share my email or my work or cell phone numbers at the bottom of this email. Additionally, the Vance AFB school liaison Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/436714514316961>

The school district closest to Vance AFB is Enid Public Schools (EPS). EPS has 11 Elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 1 High school, 2 Early Childhood Centers, and Lincoln Academy which is an alternative school. EPS has an enrollment of ~7,966 children from Enid and the surrounding area. Vance AFB housing area has one elementary school that offers grades PreK-5th. You will enroll your school age children online or in-person at the Welcome Center in downtown Enid (not at your local school). The link for EPS is [www.enidpublicschools.org](http://www.enidpublicschools.org). **If you live on base**, Eisenhower (Pre-K-5) is the elementary school choice and Emerson is the middle school choice, although you may submit an open-enrollment transfer request to change schools based on availability. If you are accepted in a school outside your boundary you will be responsible for transportation to and from school. Your older children will attend Enid High and a bus transports from Emerson and Enid High, to and from Vance. Keep in mind that Eisenhower on base is a very small school and fills up fast. If that happens EPS will place your child in another school.

**HOWEVER, as of JANUARY 1, 2022** military children are allowed to transfer to any district. Alternative Districts are listed below. Parents who elect this option will be responsible for their own transportation.

The other schools that many Vance AFB students attend in the area is Chisholm School District (about 8 miles away), [www.chisholm.k12.ok.us](http://www.chisholm.k12.ok.us), located in North Enid. Chisholm has an elementary, middle, and high school. Chisholm School District requires students live in the same district as the school, but you may submit a transfer request. There are a number of smaller school districts that are a short commute to Vance as well, some of the closer ones are:

DISTRICT	Distance (miles)
Waukomis	7.6
Drummond	12.4
Cimarron (Lahoma)	12.9
Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	13.1
Hillsdale	16.8
Kremlin	16.8
Hennessey	18.6

Douglas	22.3
Garber	23
Pond Creek	27

Newly passed Oklahoma Legislation allows up to a \$7500 tax credit per student if enrolled in private school. Enid has a few private to choose from:

St. Paul Lutheran	PreK-5
St. Joseph Catholic	PreK-5
Emmanuel Christian School	PreK-5
Oklahoma Bible Academy	6th-12th

Oklahoma has a unique scholarship for private and parochial schools for students who were/are on an IEP/ISP or were former juvenile affairs or foster program children. The scholarships vary depending on the circumstances of the child but may be enough to cover the full cost of private/parochial school tuition. Info can be found at <https://sde.ok.gov/lindsey-nicole-henry-lnh-scholarship-program-children-disabilities>

If you choose to homeschool your child, state guidelines for homeschooling can be found at: <https://sde.ok.gov/home-school>

Additionally, Vance AFB offers child care options for ages infant through 18. Request care for the first 2 options below on [www.Militarychildcare.com](http://www.Militarychildcare.com).

Child Development Center (CDC) (6 weeks-5 years) CDC offers care Mon-Fri from 0700-1730. The Vance CDC is nationally accredited through NAEYC. The CDC uses ELM Curriculum to teach developmentally appropriate skills through hands on activities. Children are assigned to classrooms based on their age and developmental needs: Infants (6 wks - 11 months), Pre-tods (1 year olds), toddlers (2 year olds), and preschool (3-5 year olds).

School Age Care (SAC) (5-12 yrs.)- Vance School Age Care is a nationally accredited program through COA and (offers before school, after school, school holidays, and summer care Monday through Friday and is located across from the base pool. Vance SAC is an accredited program by the Council on Accreditation. All programs are designed to enrich your child's social, cognitive, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth and development. Our staff works in partnership with parents to meet each individual child's needs in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment.

The Teen Center (TC) provides youth ages 13 through 18 a safe and exciting place to go after school. It is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America and offers many of the BGCA programs, as well as Air Force programs too. Programs such as the Cooking Club, Photography Club, Robotics, the Keystone Club which includes Leadership skills, College Trips and Community Service. Also, a recreation area with pool, pool table, gaming room, art room and study room.

Open Recreation is a transitional program between the SAC and TC. It is housed from the TC but developed for younger youth ages 9-12 years who can visit the TC daily for the first few hours.

Youth Sponsorship Program: Request if your youth would enjoy a tour of Youth Programs from another youth call (580) 213-7166.

The Vance CDC contact info is 0630-1730. Comm: 580-213-7310. DSN: 448-7310

School Age Care contact info is Comm: 580-213-7474. DSN: 448-7474

The Teen Center contact info is Comm: 580-213-7166. DSN: 448-7166

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any question you may have, I am here to serve you and your family.

Sincerely,

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