

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY (USAFA) RELOCATION INFORMATION & RESOURCES



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MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING PERSONNEL

FROM: 10 FSS/FSH

SUBJECT: Relocation Assistance Program

1. The Airman & Family Readiness Center's Relocation Assistance Program extends a warm welcome to you and your family, as you relocate to the United States Air Force Academy community. There is a Relocation Assistance Program at each Airman & Family Readiness Center Air Force wide that stands ready to assist you with your PCS needs.

2. Before departing your losing base there are several programs you should access through your Relocation Assistance Program:

Military Installations (MI) – Automated database containing specific information on every military installation world-wide. The following information is included in MI: installation and community information, housing, medical facilities, educational opportunities, child-youth services, area employment information, transportation, support services, household goods and POV shipments, pet information, reporting procedures and more!

Go to: <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil>

Plan My Move / Smooth Move – Be sure to attend a relocation briefing at your losing base. This will assist you in preparing for your move. You will be provided information from various base agencies such as legal, housing, transportation management, accounting and finance, health benefits advisor, and the Airman & Family Readiness Center team.

3. Upon arrival at the United States Air Force Academy the Relocation Assistance Program can assist you with the following newcomer needs:

One-on-One Relocation Assistance – If you have questions about the base or local area or need other personal assistance the Relocation Assistance Program can help.

Newcomers Orientation – All the required briefings one needs to start their assignment at the United States Air Force Academy. Senior Leaders Welcome and Mission Brief set the stage for an informative day-long orientation on the history and purpose of the Academy, Fire and Safety, Sexual Assault Reporting, Anti-Terrorism, Services and much, much more. ***Attendance is mandatory; please sign up with your gaining CSS.***

Information Fair – Base agency representatives give you up-to-date information on their organizations and available programs. This is a part of the monthly Newcomer's Orientation.

Loan Locker – You can borrow household items to help you get settled until your household goods arrive. There is no charge for this service. You will need to bring a copy of your PCS orders

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to check items out. The Loan Locker is located at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, 6248 W. Pine Loop (corner of Pine Drive and West Pine Loop), (719) 333-3444.

Spouse Employment Program – If you have a spouse who is seeking employment, this is your first stop! Assistance is available in career planning, resume writing, improving job search skills, and educational opportunities.

Volunteer Resource Program – Volunteering is an excellent opportunity to network with others and increase employment marketability. This program is the focal point for all installation volunteer activity.

Personal Financial Readiness Program – This program offers information, education and personal financial counseling. A certified counselor can provide advice on budgeting, credit management, and investments.

Air Force Aid Society – This nonprofit organization can assist individuals in emergency financial situations. They offer interest free loans or grants for emergency situations and basic living needs.

Child Care for PCS – Up to 20 hours of child care, per child, within 60 days of arrival is available to all ranks. Child care is provided in licensed Family Child Care homes on and off base and is paid for by the Air Force Aid Society.

Heart Link – Heart Link is a Commanders' program established to strengthen military families and enhance mission readiness by increasing spouse awareness of the Air Force mission, customs, traditions, protocol, and support resources and services available to them. Contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center for information and registration.

Voting Assistance Program – Your Installation Voter Assistance Office is located in the Airman & Family Readiness Center. We can help you to register to vote, request an absentee ballot and notify your local election officials back home of a change of address. The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website is <http://www.fvap.gov>.

4. Please feel free to contact the United States Air Force Academy Airman & Family Readiness Center's Relocation Assistance Program at (719) 333-3444 or DSN (312) 333-3444. We look forward to assisting you with your relocation needs.

USAF ACADEMY & PIKES PEAK REGION RELOCATION WEBSITES & INFORMATION

USAF ACADEMY INSTALLATION INFORMATION:

- Military Installations – www.installations.militaryonesource.mil; ‘USAF Academy’
 - Installation homepage links, medical, dental, education, relocation, youth, financial, casualty and loss information
- Base Website – www.usafa.af.mil
- 10 Air Base Wing (ABW) – Download app from Apple or Google Play store
- 10 Force Support Squadron (FSS) Website – www.usafasupport.com
- Installation Guides – www.mybaseguide.com; click on military branch, than base name
- Hometown News Service (Public Affairs) – <https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>; designed to highlight the accomplishments and worldwide activities of Airmen.

PIKES PEAK AREA INFORMATION:

- Colorado – www.colorado.gov
- Colorado Springs – www.coloradosprings.com
- Colorado Springs Relocation – www.coloradospringsrelocationguide.net / www.springsmag.com
- Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance – www.coloradospringsbusinessalliance.com
- Colorado springs Newspaper – www.gazette.com
- Denver Newspaper – www.denverpost.com
- Colorado DMV – www.colorado.gov/revenue/dmv

AREA SCHOOLS:

There are 10 school districts and approximately 15 private/charter schools in the Colorado Springs area. The primary servicing school districts for the Air Force Academy is District 20 and 38.

- District 20 – www.asd20.org
- District 38 – www.lewispalmer.org
- Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission - www.mic3.net
- Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) – www.militarychild.org
- School Information – www.greatschools.org

HOUSING:

- On Base & General Housing Info.– www.airforceacademyhousing.com / www.housing.af.mil
- Off Base Rentals – www.ahrn.com
www.ForRent.com
www.apartmentguide.com
www.move.com
- Home Purchase – www.realtor.com
www.zillow.com
www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans

TRAVEL:

- Maps, distances & driving directions – www.google.com/maps
- Pet travel/hotels – www.dogfriendly.com
- Weather Information – www.weather.com

MEDICAL:

- TRICARE Information – www.tricareonline.com

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

- Federal Jobs Search Information – www.usajobs.gov
www.nafjobs.org
- Local Employment Information – www.ppwfc.org / www.connectingcolorado.com
www.indeed.com
<https://regionalhelpwanted.com/colorado-springs-jobs>



Commonly Referenced Numbers United States Air Force Academy

(for ALL emergencies dial 9-1-1)

Agency: Airman & Family Readiness Center
Commercial: 719-333-3444/3445

Agency: American Red Cross
Commercial: 719-333-5075
Emergency: 1-877-272-7337

Agency: Base Exchange - AAFES
Commercial: 719-472-0861

Agency: Base Library
Commercial: 719-333-4665/3198

Agency: Billeting - Rampart Lodge
Commercial: 719-333-4910

Agency: Chapels
Cadet: 719-333-2636/4515
Community Center: 719-333-3300

Agency: Child Development Center
Commercial: 719-333-6779

Agency: Civilian Personnel Office
Commercial: 719-333-4363

Agency: Commissary
Commercial: 719-333-2227

Agency: Education Office
Commercial: 719-333-3298

Agency: Exceptional Family Member
IDENTIFICATION-Commercial: 719-333-5991
RESOURCES-Commercial: 719-333-3444

Agency: Falcon Club
Commercial: 719-333-4253

Agency: Family Advocacy
Commercial: 719-333-5270

Agency: Finance Office - Military
Commercial: 719-333-4298

Agency: Housing - Forest City Office
Commercial: 719-867-9688

Agency: Housing Referral Office
Commercial: 719-867-9688

Agency: Joint Personal Property Shipping
Office - (formerly TMO)
Commercial: 719-333-3007

Agency: Legal Office
Commercial: 719-333-3940

Agency: Military Treatment Facility
Appt. Line: 719-524-2273
Information: 719-333-5111
Pharmacy Info: 719-333-5157
Community Ctr Refill: 719-333-9801

Agency: Outdoor Recreation
Commercial: 719-333-4475

Agency: Military Personnel Section
Commercial: 719-333-8766

Agency: Pass & Registration (South Gate)
Commercial: 719-333-0443/0444

Agency: Post Office – Community Center
Commercial: 719-472-0510

Agency: Security Police Desk
Commercial: 719-333-2000

Agency: Ticket Office – Academy Concerts
Commercial: 719-333-4497

Agency: Ticket Office - Athletics
Commercial: 719-472-1895

Agency: Travel Office - Official
Commercial: 877-231-2238

Agency: Veterinary Services
Commercial: 719-333-4055

Agency: Youth Center
Commercial: 719-333-4169

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FACT SHEET

U. S. Air Force Fact Sheet AIR FORCE ACADEMY HISTORY

The United States Air Force Academy was established April 1, 1954, the culmination of an idea that had been years in the making. Airpower leaders, long before the Air Force was a separate service, had argued that they needed a school, dedicated to war in the air, at which to train the country's future Airmen. After September 1947, when the Air Force was established as a separate service, this idea finally had the legitimacy of the new service behind it.

In 1948, the Air Force appointed a board, later named the Stearns-Eisenhower Board for its chairmen, to study the existing military academies and to study the options for an Air Force Academy. Their conclusions were strongly put: the Air Force needed its own school, and they recommended additionally that at least 40 percent of future officers be service academy graduates.

After Congress passed the bill establishing the Air Force Academy, the secretary of the Air Force appointed a commission to recommend a location. After traveling 21,000 miles and considering hundreds of sites all over the country, the commission recommended Colorado Springs as its first choice. The secretary agreed, and the purchasing of the thousands of acres began. The state of Colorado contributed \$1 million to the purchase of the land.

On July 11, 1955, the same year construction began in Colorado Springs, the first class of 306 men was sworn in at a temporary site, Lowry Air Force Base, in Denver. Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, a key figure in the development of early plans for an Academy, was recalled from retirement by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to become the first superintendent.

Two years later, Maj. Gen. James Briggs took over as the Academy's second superintendent. On Aug. 29, 1958, the wing of 1,145 cadets moved to its permanent site from Denver. Less than a year later, the Academy received academic accreditation and graduated its first class of 207 on June 3, 1959. In 1964, the authorized strength of the Cadet Wing was increased to 4,417. The present authorized strength is 4,000.

Perhaps the most controversial event in the Academy's history was the admission of women. President Gerald R. Ford signed legislation Oct. 7, 1975, permitting women to enter the military academies. Women entered the Air Force Academy for the first time on June 28, 1976. The first class including women graduated in 1980.

As with any institution, the Air Force Academy has suffered growing pains and continues to evolve. Even in its relatively short existence, the school has excelled in its quest for excellence.

The Academy celebrated the 50th anniversary of its inception April 1, 2004. Three noteworthy events occurred in connection with the celebration. First, a 37-cent commemorative stamp was issued honoring the Academy, with the chapel strikingly portrayed. The Academy was also declared a national historic landmark, and a plaque was installed on the Honor Court marking the occasion. Finally, Harmon was officially named as the father of the Air Force Academy, honoring the pivotal role he played in its planning and establishment. Further anniversaries were marked during the next four years, culminating with the 50th anniversary of the first commencement at the Academy in 2009.

The Academy has provided the Air Force with a corps of officers dedicated to upholding the high standards of their profession. The Air Force, in turn has provided a proving ground for these officers and sent back to its Academy dedicated staff members to educate and train these future leaders. Fifty years after the first class entered, the Academy has now graduated over 37,000 young officers' intent on serving their country.



High Altitude & Health

Visiting the high country can be a memorable experience. The beauty of the mountains, the peacefulness of nature, can be enjoyed by all. In the high country you can hike, climb, camp, fish, hunt, and ski. Any outdoor activity is good for you; it increases your physical fitness.

But that clean, cool mountain air is drier than air you are probably used to and has less oxygen in it. Less oxygen in the air might affect your body. So before you go up that mountain, even in a car, and before you run down that hill, be aware of the potential affects.

In an effort to help insure that your trip to the high country will be enjoyable, the doctors at National Jewish Hospital/National Asthma Center in Denver, Colorado offer these tips on the effects of high altitude.

◆ **How high is “high”?**

Altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level are high if you come from sea level. Above 10,000 feet everyone will be affected to some degree. Denver’s altitude is 5,280 feet above sea level. Many Colorado highways are 8,000 to 11,000 feet above sea level.

◆ **How does the altitude affect your body?**

At high altitudes air is less dense than at sea level. This means that you are breathing air with less oxygen in it. To supply the necessary oxygen, your body must take in more air and so you breathe more often. Until the body adjusts to the new environment, there may be some temporary side effects.

◆ **What are the effects?**

The effects vary from person to person. If you are only going to high country for several hours, you may notice nothing more than a shortness of breath when you exercise. During the first days of a longer stay, some experience headaches, nosebleed, loss of appetite, fatigue, and shortness of breath. Some may find it harder to concentrate and have trouble sleeping at night. The dryness of the air might also cause you to be thirsty.

◆ **Are the effects serious?**

No, the problems, if any, should disappear as your body adjusts to the air. In order to compensate for the reduced oxygen, your body has to manufacture more red blood cells. This process could take anywhere from three days to three weeks, depending on your age and health. However, it is a good idea to check with your doctor if you plan strenuous exercise at high altitude. If you have a history of heart, circulatory or lung disease, it is vital that you check with your doctor before you go to a high altitude. The extra strain on your body could bring on more serious problems. Pneumonia is more serious at high altitudes, so we suggest that you stay at lower elevation if you have a respiratory infection.

◆ **Is there any way to lessen the effects?**

Good physical conditioning can minimize the effects. Start well before your visit to the high country with a physical fitness program. Sustained exercise that builds stamina is best, but even a few minutes of calisthenics a day will help to increase your staying power.

◆ **What about first aid?**

By taking the proper precautions, you can avoid most high country emergencies. Still, knowing first aid can be valuable; an injury or illness is more serious at high altitudes because of isolation and lack of judgment. For this reason, always be with a companion.

Know what to do if an emergency should arise. If you are going to a ski resort, find out how to notify the ski patrol. If you are planning on a hunting trip, mountain climbing or camping where emergency aid is not available, make sure you have a first aid kit.

♦ **Mistakes**

Probably the most common mistake “flatlanders” make when hiking in the mountains is failing to dress properly. Sudden severe storms are common in the high country. Loss of body heat (hypothermia) can kill you in even relatively mild temperatures.

Don’t wear cotton T-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes. Take a waterproof poncho. A nylon jacket will block the wind, but it isn’t waterproof. In short, protect yourself from the wind and wet!

On any excursion into the high country, if a companion suddenly feels dizzy or weak, have him/her sit or lie down. Should he/she feel sick, keep them warm and quiet until you can get medical help. If you can’t get medical help, transport him/her to lower elevations and have them receive medical attention there.

Occasionally, healthy persons coming from sea level to high altitudes develop acute pulmonary edema after strenuous exercise. This is a rare, but potentially serious problem. Its onset is signaled by such symptoms as continued severe coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and chest pain. It can be reversed by immediate descent to lower altitude and by prompt medical treatment, like breathing oxygen.

Pregnant women should seek the advice of their physician before engaging in exercise at high altitudes.

♦ **Any final suggestions?**

Enjoy yourself, but use good sense. Even a trained athlete may not do as well at sustained exercise at high altitudes, as he/she would at sea level. Don’t overexert yourself. You will tire more easily, but a brief rest should restore your strength. When the time comes that a brief rest will not restore your strength, call it a day. Don’t make that last run down the slopes if you feel tired. Most ski accidents occur at the end of the day, and the third day of skiing is potentially the most hazardous. (By the third day, your body should be partly adjusted to high altitude, but don’t be fooled by the extra energy you might feel on the third afternoon of skiing.) When you feel sleepy, take a nap. Keep in mind that the effects of alcohol, smoking and tranquilizers can be dangerously heightened by altitude. Even though you might be thirstier at high altitudes, don’t drink so much alcohol as you usually do. Again, remember that the most troublesome effects are only temporary. Take them into account on your high country visit and you’ll enjoy it to the fullest.

<u>Elevations:</u>	
Aspen	7,908
Berthoud Pass	11,314
Colorado Springs	6,035
Eisenhower Tunnel	11,158
Independence Pass	12,095
Loveland Pass	11,992
Monarch Pass	11,312
Monument	6,972
Monument Hills	7,352
Mt. Evans	14,264
Pikes Peak	14,110
Trail Ridge high point	12,183
USAF Academy	7,200
Vail	8,150
Wolf Creek Pass	10,850

School Liaison – Assistance to Relocating Families – FAQs

Academy School Liaison, (719) 333-3444

Relocating families often choose where they live based on quality of schools. Here are answers to frequently asked questions by inbound parents:

What schools do children/youth living on the installation attend?

Elementary: Douglass Valley E.S. – located on-base

Middle: Eagle View M.S. – located off-base (bus service available from installation to/from school)

High: Air Academy H.S. – located on-base

What schools do children/youth living off base attend?

Families residing in northern Colorado Springs attend District 20

Families residing in Monument (Tri-Lakes area) attend District 38

When do district schools start?

Calendar information for District 20 can be found at:

<https://www.asd20.org/Pages/Currentyeardistrictcal.aspx>

Calendar information for District 38 can be found at: <http://www.lewispalmer.org> – select “Calendar” in the toolbar across the top

How old must a child be to start school?

Visit LPSD website – <http://www.lewispalmer.org> and select “Parent/Students” then select “Enrollment Information”

Visit District 20 website – <https://www.asd20.org> and select “Enrollment”

What are the school’s accountability data (rankings, test scores, financial, demographics, etc.)?

Visit Academy District 20 website for the latest information – www.asd20.org

(Note: District 20 was recently “accredited with distinction” by the CO Dept. of Education for the second year in a row).

Visit Lewis Palmer District 38 website for the latest information – www.lewispalmer.org

How far is the walk to/from the nearest school bus stop?

District 20 – Walk-to-bus stop parameter for all elementary level students is set at approximately .50 miles and walk-to-bus stop parameter for all secondary school students is set at approximately .75 mile

District 38 – Walk-to-bus stop parameter for all elementary level students is set at approximately 1.0 mile and walk-to-bus stop parameter for all secondary school students is set at approximately 1.5 mile.

(Note: School websites will list this information in much greater detail and answer FAQs on this topic; look in the “Transportation” section on the website.)

What are the boundaries for various off-base schools?

District 20 – www.asd20.org, click on “Schools”; interactive boundary map where you can enter your address to find which school (ES, MS, HS) your child will attend.

District 38 - <http://lewispalmer.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=97660>

What is the school registration process?

District 20 – www.asd20.org

District 38 – www.lewispalmer.org

What kind of before & after school and holiday care programs are available?

The USAFA Youth Programs offer Before and After School-Age Care at the Falcon Trails Youth Center. Enroll your children ages 6-12 yrs. Please call 719-333-4169 for more information.

The YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region and Lewis-Palmer School District #38 are proud to announce that the Y will provide before and after school care to children at the District's five elementary schools for the 2016–2017 school year. The Y's Before and After School Child Care program serves children ages 5–12 years. To register contact: Lilly Cross: (719) 329-7289 or lcross@ppymca.org or go to <http://ppymca.org/d38>

What is Educational CHOICE for families?

The purpose of the CHOICE program is to provide educational opportunities for families in order to meet the learning needs of their students. While some schools may have specific focus areas, all schools teach the CO standards and offer comprehensive programs for students. During the CHOICE enrollment period, students may apply to attend any district school, beginning the following fall semester. Space availability dictates the number of applicants accepted in the choice school.

What are the state procedures for home schooling?

http://www.cde.state.co.us/choice/homeschool_faq

District 20 Home School Academy: <https://homeschool.asd20.org/>

District 20 Air Academy High School Online: <https://www.asd20.org/schools/aohs/Pages/default.aspx>

District 38 Lewis Palmer Home School: <http://lewis.schoolwires.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=7196>

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

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Military Interstate
Children's Compact Commission



Military Interstate Children's
Compact Commission
2760 Research Park Drive
Lexington, Kentucky 40578



(859) 244-8133

www.mic3.net



RESOLVING EDUCATION
TRANSITION ISSUES
FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

What Are the Issues?

Military families encounter school challenges for their children for enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation due to frequent relocations in service to our country.

What is the Compact?

The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. It was developed by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, departments of education, school administrators and military families.

What Happens After a State Joins the Compact?

Each state must adopt the Compact through their legislative process. Participation is voluntary. Each state appoints representation to a governing commission responsible for enacting rules to implement the Compact. Each participating state also creates a state council based on the requirements of their state legislation.

How Do I Learn More About the Compact?

You should visit the Interstate Commission's website at: www.mic3.net

What Children Are Eligible for Assistance Under the Compact?

Children of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for (1) year
- Members who die on active duty

What Children Are Not Eligible for Assistance Under the Compact?

Children of:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves
- Members now retired not covered above
- Veterans not covered above
- Department of Defense personnel, federal agency civilians and contract employees not defined as active duty

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

What Are Some of the Specific Educational Issues That the Compact Covers?

Enrollment

- Educational Records
- Immunizations
- Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

Placement & Attendance

- Course & Educational Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- Placement Flexibility
- Absence Related to Deployment Activities

Eligibility

- Eligibility for Student Enrollment
- Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation

Graduation

- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

Who Do I Contact in My State or School District to Learn More About What is and is Not Covered in the Compact?

You should contact your State Compact Commissioner. Contact information for each State commissioner can be found on the Commission website at: www.mic3.net



Is There a Person at the Military Installation Who Can Help Me Understand the Compact Issues and Requirements for Local School Districts?

You should contact the School Liaison Officer at your local installation. For a listing of School Liaisons in your area, visit the Military K—12 Partners website at:

www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu

What Happens if the Member State Does Not Comply with the Compact?

The Compact provides for a governance structure at both the state and national levels for enforcement and compliance.

Where is the Compact in Terms of Implementation at the National and State Levels?

Over forty states have adopted the Compact. The Department of Defense will continue to work with the Commission, Council of State Governments, national organizations, and state leaders to bring the remaining states on board. Member states are forming their State Councils and informing school districts of the terms of the Compact. The Commission meets annually working to implement and communicate the requirements of the Compact.



**Military Interstate Children's
Compact Commission**
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School Transfer Checklist

Moving is hectic, especially if you're enrolling kids in new schools. Think twice about packing your essential school documents. You might want to keep them with you rather than risk losing them amid the chaos of packing and unpacking.

Check with your child's new school to make sure you have all the required paperwork. In general, you can expect to need these documents:

- D Original birth certificate or another certified document proving your child's age.
- D Transcripts or report cards from previous schools. You may be able to authorize your child's former schools to release these directly to the new school.
- D Discipline reports from previous schools, often required for grades 7-12.
- D Proof of immunization.
- D Proof of residence, such as a utility bill, rental agreement, or mortgage document.
- D Individualized education program documents, if applicable.
- D Medical information, as required by the state. Some states require vision, hearing, and dental screenings.
- D Proof of custody if you are your child's legal guardian but not the child's parent.
- D Parent or guardian's photo ID.

If you will be discussing placement, the following items may be helpful:

- D Test scores.
- D A portfolio of your child's work, including writing samples.
- D Notes from previous teachers about learning styles or other pertinent information.

