

Thinking of Homeschooling... Here are some tips for getting started:

I. Research, Research!

Before making a decision, it's important to gather as much information as you can to find out about the kind of education that would benefit your child the most, whether it's homeschooling or it's another kind of school.

II. Identify a home state of record and know that state's laws on homeschooling

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has no jurisdiction over the education of overseas American military dependent children. It is DoDEA policy to neither encourage nor discourage DoD sponsors from home schooling their minor dependents. DoDEA recognizes that homeschooling is a sponsor's right and can be a legitimate alternative form of education for their dependents. According to DoD policy, the installation Commander's responsibilities are logistical or administrative, there is no educational oversight regarding the public education provided by DoDEA.

It is the parent's responsibility to research thoroughly research state laws to determine which state requirements they will follow.

III. Available Resources

Osan Community:

- DoDEA Schools (Osan Elementary and Osan Middle/High School) www.dodea.edu/Pacific/offices/Education/parents.cfm
- Youth Programs
 https://www.51fss.com/sac/
- Facebook Page titled "Osan Homeschoolers"
- Osan Air Base http://www.osan.af.mil/
- Osan Airman & Family Readiness Center 51FSS web: http://51fss.com/afrc/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/OsanABAirmanFamilyReadinessCenter

Online Resources:

- www.homeschool.com
- www.home-school.com
- http://www.k12.com
- www.homeschool.com/new/10things 10 most important things you need to know about homeschooling

- Military Installations www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil
- Plan My Move https://apps.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=PMM:ENTRY:0
- Military OneSource www.militaryonesource.mil

IV. Locate local activities and nearby homeschooling groups/families

In order for homeschooling to succeed, parents need to have the time and energy to provide instruction on a daily basis and be involved in a local support group. Numerous avenues of support are usually available, so do some research and get connected with a local support group in your community. Some parents form groups with other home-schooled families or encourage their children to join community sports teams, clubs, or other groups. Many families are involved in homeschooling support groups. These groups of parents share responsibilities, including choosing and adapting curriculum, the actual teaching of the lessons, and some method of grading and evaluating whether the student has learned the necessary lessons.

V. Homeschool Parent Resource

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Relocation Information

Osan Air Base

http://www.osan.af.mil/

Osan Airman & Family Readiness Center

51FSS web: http://51fss.com/afrc/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OsanABAirmanFamilyReadinessCenter

Military Installations

www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil

Plan My Move

https://apps.militaryonesource.mil/MOS/f?p=PMM:ENTRY:0

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Private/Off-Base Schools

Eaton House (located in Dongtan area)

Age/Grades: Ages 18 months - 2/3rd grade Full time only, 5 days a week 8:00am-2:30pm Bus pick up/drop off outside main gate Tel: 82-31-613-9963 or 31-613-9953

From Cell: 031-613-9963 or 031-613-9953

Email: liz@etonhouse.co.kr

Web: http://dongtan.etonhousekorea.com/

Korea International School (KIS)

Grades: Pre K - 12th grade

Contact: Principal Danielle Rich (drich@kis.or.kr)

www.kis.kr/about-us

International Christian School (ICS) - Pyeongtaek

Grades: K-12th grade

Address: 53 Shindaegojan-gil Pyeongtaek, Gyeonggi-do 17830

Republic of Korea Tel: (+82) 31-651-1376 From Cell: 031-651-1376 Fax: (+82) 31-653-1375

Headmaster: Gregg Garman
Email: gregg.garman@icsptk.org
High School Principal: Charlie Mooney
Email: charlie.mooney@icsptk.org

Admissions Dircector/Guidance Counselor: Ben Coyner

Email: ben.coyner@icsptk.org

Web: www.icsptk.org

Gyeonggi Suwon International School

Grades: Pre-K (age 3) - 12th grade

Tel: (+82) 31-695-2800 From Cell: 031-695-2800 Fax: (+82) 31-205-5732

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