

DR. TONI BILBAO PREPARATORY ACADEMY WELCOMES **MILITARY FAMILIES**



WELCOME

It is an honor to welcome you to Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy. We hope you find the resources listed helpful in getting acquainted with our school and the Miami-Dade County Public School System.

- Transition Planning for Military Families
- Academic Planning for Military Families
- Resources and Educational Opportunities for Military Students
- Student-led Transition Services
- Exceptional Student Education Services
- Mental Health Services
- Military Recognition Events



TRANSITION PLANNING FOR **MILITARY FAMILIES**

SCHOOL MILITARY POINT OF CONTACT

The Military Point of Contact (MPOC) at our school is Ms. Bianca Bolanos, Counselor. The MPOC assists military families with student enrollment, record transfer, and accessing district school and community resources available for military students and their families. You can contact Ms. Bolanos at 305-863-5750.

GETTING STARTED

We understand that military transitions for children include much more than school plans and enrollment. If you are transitioning to the Navy, Marine Reserve Center, Miami Recruiting Battalion, or U.S. Southern Command with school-age children, every address in our school district is served by a residentially zoned elementary school, one residentially zoned middle school, and one residentially zoned high school.

If you are interested in enrolling your student at Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy, please contact Ms. Vanessa Lugo, Registrar, at 305-863-5750.



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ENROLLING IN M-DCPS

Enrolling your child in our school system shouldn't be the toughest part of your transition to our area! Let us help you with a step-by-step guide!

- To begin, you may need to complete an "online enrollment application" if your child has never received public school services in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. If your child already exists in our school district's student information system, please DO NOT create an additional record. However, if your child does not already exist in our system, proceed to the online enrollment application to begin the process.
- Items you'll need to help you create a simple record of your child in the online enrollment application system are:
 - Emergency Contact Information
 - Health Insurance Information
 - Medical Information
- Documents you'll need to have with you to register at the school include:
 - Proof of Address (Any ONE of the following will suffice):
 - A current utility bill—either water, electricity, or gas (These are the most used proofs of residence.)
 - A copy of a signed lease or housing agreement. (If your family is staying with another family and consequently does not have proof of address, use the address verification form and attach one of the aforementioned proofs of residence to the notarized address verification form.)
 - If you reside in temporary housing (such as the Navy Lodge, etc.), please bring a copy of the most recent bill/invoice/receipt.
 - Recent Physical (within the past 12 months).
 - Current immunization records.
 - Verification of Age (most commonly, an authorized copy of the child's official birth certificate).
 - Social Security Number(if applicable).
 - State- or Government-Issued Photo ID of the parent/guardian enrolling the child.

ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR **MILITARY FAMILIES**

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The school's comprehensive academic overview emphasizes a holistic and rigorous approach to education, highlighted by its STEAM program which promotes critical thinking through hands-on work in science, technology, and the arts, alongside a vibrant Fine Arts curriculum encompassing visual arts, music, theater, and dance. Furthermore, the commitment to global competency is clear through the Dual Language Immersion program, which fosters bilingualism and cultural understanding in English and Spanish. For high-achieving students, Advanced and Gifted Programs offer challenging, research-based coursework, complemented by the Cambridge Primary Program that builds confidence, critical thinking, and collaborative skills in core subjects. This diverse instruction is further enriched by Extracurricular Activities, including clubs, sports, and competitions, all designed to enhance leadership, teamwork, and overall personal growth, ultimately preparing students for a successful future.



RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR **MILITARY STUDENTS**

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After-school tutoring services are available for all students who need extra academic support. Our dedicated team of tutors offer personalized assistance in a wide range of subjects including math, science and reading. This is a great opportunity to improve grades and build confidence in your child's academic and educational success.

MILITARY ONESOURCE

OneSource is your 24/7 connection to information, answers, and support to help you reach your goals, overcome challenges, and thrive. As a member of our military family, you can use this Department of Defense-funded program anytime, anywhere. Turn to Military OneSource for tax services, spouse employment help, webinars and online training, relocation and deployment tools, and more.

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

MILITARY KIDS CONNECT

Military Kids Connect is an online community for military children ages 6-17, and provides access to age-appropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life. MKC offers informative activities, helpful videos, and an online community that can build and reinforce understanding, resilience, and coping skills in military children and their peers.

<https://militarykidsconnect.>

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MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION

MCEC works to ensure that every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready through inclusive and quality educational opportunities. MCEC® delivers programs and services to meet the needs of military students and parents. Providing educational resources, support, and connections to empower military children.

<https://www.militarychild.org/>

TUTOR.COM

[Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families](#) makes live tutors available online 24/7 to help with more than 40 core subjects and standardized test preparation.

KHAN ACADEMY

A personalized learning resource for all ages Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. We tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, SAT and more.

KhanAcademy.org.



STUDENT-LED TRANSITION SERVICES

AMBASSADOR/PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our school's Military Point of Contact organizes a student-led transition program at our school. Student leaders are identified and trained to assist new students. When a new student from a military family enters the school, he/she is paired with one of the identified leaders who shows the student around the school and serves as a peer mentor for the new student as they transition to the school. The year-long pairing ensures that new students will be familiarized with the building, staff, resources, and traditions.

For more information, contact Ms. Bolanos, Counselor, at 305-863-5750.



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION SERVICES

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Students with disabilities are welcome at all Miami-Dade County Public Schools as it is the mission of the Exceptional Student Education Department to support and sustain educational structures and practices, to be inclusive of all students with or without disabilities, and to empower them to become responsible and productive citizens in today's global society. Each student will be welcomed, valued, given access to rigorous teaching, and appropriately supported to access the general education curriculum.



Our students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) receive services through consultation, support facilitation, resource, and specialized instruction classes.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Positive mental wellness is essential to a child's healthy development. School and community mental health services can improve academics, provide access to building social skills, promote leadership, increase self-awareness, and help children make caring connections in school and the community.

Military-connected students face unique challenges, including extended parental deployments, frequent school transitions, and leaving behind friends. These experiences can impact their academic and emotional well-being. To support your child during these times, the school's Student Services staff— such as the School Counselor, Mental Health Coordinator, School Psychologist, and School Social Worker—are available to offer assistance and provide resources to ensure that military-connected students and their families receive comprehensive care and support. They can help your child navigate the emotional and social difficulties associated with these challenges.

Additionally, families are encouraged to explore the Miami-Dade County Public Schools [Student Services website](#) and [Mental Health website](#) for further support, which includes tools and resources tailored to the needs of all families. The site offers guidance on coping strategies, mental health awareness, and community resources.

For additional support, contact our Student Services Department at 305-863-5750.

Ms. Bolanos, Counselor

Ms. Dinzey, Mental Health Coordinator

Ms. Criado, School Psychologist

Ms. Baxter, School Social Worker

MILITARY RECOGNITION EVENTS

PURPLE UP DAY! – APRIL 10, 2026

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – APRIL

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2025

Recognition Breakfast – November 14, 2025

Career/Truck Day with Military representatives – March 19, 2026

Memorial Day – May 26, 2026