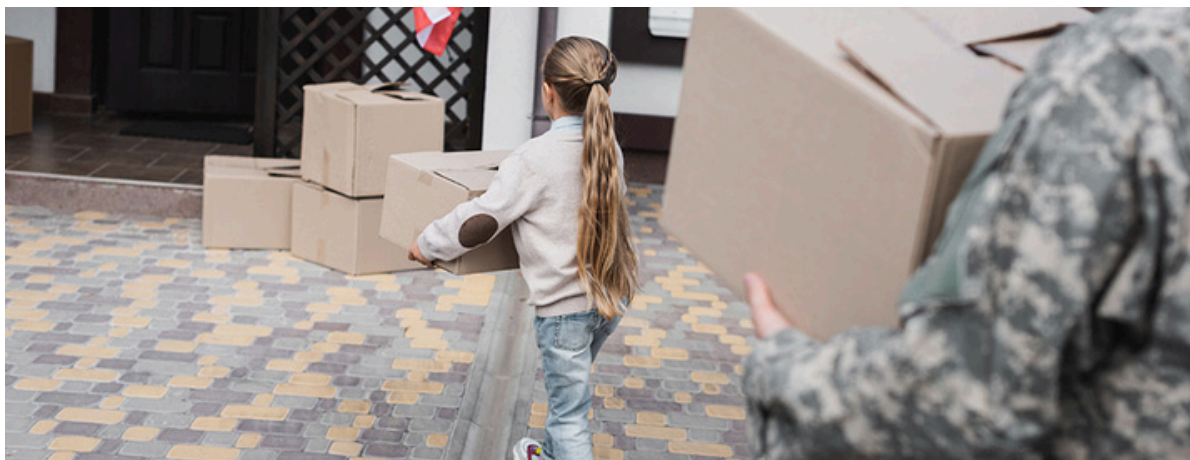




The Bridge

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Mid-Year Moves: Tips for a Smooth Move

Before You Go

*Create an exit plan with your child's teachers. Set up final due dates for projects, schedule a farewell party, and complete all school withdrawal policies including securing records for the next school.

*If possible, update immunizations before you go.

*Update any IEP/504/gifted and talented forms if needed.

*Contact your local school liaison (SL) to be connected with your new installation's SL.

*Ask your child's teacher to write a teacher-to-teacher letter introducing your child to their next teacher. For example, what are their strengths, seating preferences, and learning styles?

*Bring a treat to school for a farewell party. Allow students to sign a card or book for your child to keep.

*Keep any favorite teacher's contact information.

*Ask for assignment packets to reduce learning loss during transition.

*Update (or create) an education binder with your child's pertinent education documents.

Once You Arrive

*Register for school, determine class placement, and get any necessary immunizations.

*Visit the school before the first day. Have an initial meeting with the classroom teacher(s). Bring your teacher-to-teacher letter and an overview of the work that your child completed at the last school.

*Allow your child to express whatever emotions they are feeling.

*Consider starting on a Thursday or Friday to acclimate before a full week.

*If needed, ask the school for supplies and a buddy to show your student around.

*Ask teachers to consider an ice breaker activity or to give your child an assigned seat that isn't in the back of the room.

*Ask the school if you can be connected with a parent familiar with the school.

*Have a follow-up teacher conference after 1-2 weeks. Check in with how your child is acclimating. Do they have friends at lunch or recess? Do they participate in class? Are they ahead or behind the current curriculum?



MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, also known as MIC3, is used to support uniform treatment for military-connected children as they transfer schools due to military relocations.

The goal of the compact is to level the playing field for military youth given that they potentially move every 2-3 years and may attend upwards of 6-9 different schools in their K-12 education.

Currently, all 50 states and D.C. are members of the Compact. The Compact only applies to public schools, and covers topics including educational records, immunizations, kindergarten and first grade entrance age, absences related to deployment, eligibility for extracurricular participation, and graduation.

One example of the Compact is that "Compacting States shall give thirty (30) calendar days from the date of enrollment" for students to receive required immunizations. This allows your child to enroll in school while you schedule the appointment to get the necessary immunizations and ensures that they don't have to miss more school in the meantime.

The Compact also states that school's "administrative officials shall waive specific courses required for graduation if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed." If your child completed Washington state history, then moved to Virginia and is required to take Virginia history as a graduation requirement, this course may be able to be waived under the Compact. Ultimately, this allows schools to work with graduating seniors to ensure that they graduate on time despite moving during their high school years.

I encourage you to learn more about MIC3 by meeting with your School Liaison or checking out their website at mic3.net.



Attention High School Seniors: Scholarship Opportunity

2026 Navy Family Scholarships by NOSCDC

Application Deadline: March 1, 2026

Each year, NOSCDC awards merit-based scholarships to high-school seniors living in the National Capital Region that are dependent high school graduating seniors of an active duty, activated reservist, retired from active duty, or deceased USN service member.

Application and full requirements are available here: <https://noscdc.org/philanthropy>
To learn more about the NOSCDC Scholarship Program, please contact scholarships@noscdc.com



Need some extra help with school work this year? Check out [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) for free 24/7 tutoring on 100+ subjects!

New to the area? Maryland organizes schools by county. Anne Arundel County Public Schools are organized into clusters. To check which school your student attends, find information about bus routes, and review data about the district, [click here!](#)

Updates

AACPS Magnet Programs Application window is still open and will close on November 6.

AACPS is currently redistricting to address increasing student enrollment and overcrowding. A final plan will be adopted in November and take affect next school year (2026-2027).

Be sure to check out your individual school's webpage for their newsletters and upcoming activities like coffee with the principal, boosters meetings, and other PTA sponsored events.

November 12: Schools closed for Elementary and Middle school.

November 24, 25: Schools closed for all students. Parent/Teacher Conferences.

November 26-28: All Schools and Central Office closed for Thanksgiving.



Queen Anne's County Public Schools services 15 different buildings that feed into two high schools. To check which school your student attends, [click here!](#)

Additionally, the district's and individual buildings' military family resources are [linked here.](#)

November 21: ½ day for Elementary and Middle School

November 26-28: All Schools and Central Office closed for Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Community Events

November 3: EFMP Meet and Greet, 1PM, Virtual, call 410-293-2641 to register

November 6: Unlocking EFMP: From Enrollment to Empowerment, 11AM, call 410-293-2641 to register

November 7, 8, 14, 15: The Diary of Anne Frank Production 7:30PM, AACC Theatre Mainstage Production

November 10 and 18: CPR Friends and Family Training, 5:30-7:30PM, Fire Training Academy 415 Maxwell Frye Rd.

November 11: Homeschool Program: Kids of Colonial London Town, 10-11:30AM, Historic London Town and Gardens 839 Londontown Rd.

November 13: Virtual MIC3 Compact Training, 7PM, click link to register

November 22: Teens Nature Book Club at Beverly Triton Nature Park, 1-2PM

November 25: Skate with EFMP, call 410-293-2641 to register

November 27: Thanksgiving, all schools closed

All month long: Anne Arundel County Library hosts story time and play activities each week at varying times. Check out their website for schedules and times.



Youth Sponsorship

Have you ever been the new kid in school? Would you like to help other new kids? Find out about school based programs at local middle and high schools in AACPS including Annapolis, Broadneck, Severna Park, Old Mill, Meade, and more!

Contact your School Liaison at 410-293-2605 for more information about this great opportunity to become a leader and help others.

If you are new to the area and would like a youth sponsor, please reach out today to get connected!

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See you next month!
