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USAG-RP CYS School Liaison

The Kaiserslautern Military Community and Baumholder Military Community School Liaison Offices are dedicated to assisting community partners in providing military families the best possible education for all students. The School Liaison Offices serve as community facilitators; connecting schools, families and community services to address issues impacting the education of military children. The School Liaison Office believes that education is a parental choice; we neither encourage, nor discourage, Department of Defense sponsors from pursuing alternative education services or programs.

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Rhine Ordnance Barracks BLDG 162	Ramstein Air Base BLDG 2203
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**Child and Youth Services (CYS)** offers programs for children of all ages, whether it be full day care, part day preschool, before and after school care, sports programs or youth programs. CYS is staffed with early childhood and youth development professionals who are committed to providing quality programs while maintaining the highest standards. All CYS programs are certified by the Department of Defense. Child Development Centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). School Age Centers are accredited by the Council on Accreditation.

To get started for programs in the Child Development Centers, Before and After School programs or Family Child Care, please visit <u>MilitaryChildCare</u> (https://www.militarychildcare.com/) to be placed on the waiting list. When space is available, you will be contacted.

**Kleber Child Development Center** 

BLDG 3224 DSN: 541-9035 CIV: 0611-143-541-9035

Landstuhl Child Development Center 1

BLDG 93802 DSN: 486-7350/8254 CIV: 06371-86-7350/8254

Landstuhl Child Development Center 2

BLDG 3812 DSN: 486-6566 CIV: 06371-86-6566

Miesau Child Development Center

BLDG 1314 DSN: 481-3774/3639 CIV: 06372-842-3774/3639

Ramstein Child Development Centers

BLDG 799 Infants DSN: 480-6011 CIV: 06371-47-6011

(6 weeks-12 months)

BLDG 800 Pre-Toddlers **D**SN: 480-2268 CIV: 06371-47-2268

BLDG 832 Toddlers DSN: 480-5237 CIV: 06371-47-5237

(24-36 months and Preschoolers 3-5 yrs)

Sembach Child Development Center

BLDG 83 DSN: 541-9099 CIV: 0611-143-541-9099

**Smith Child Development Center** 

BLDG 8099 DSN: 531-2935 CIV: 0611-143-531-2935

**Vogelweh Child Development Centers** 

BLDG 1030 Infants and Pre-Toddlers DSN: 489-7149 CIV: 0631-536-7149

(ages 6 weeks-24 months)

BLDG 1029 Toddlers & Preschoolers DSN: 489-6372 CIV: 0631-536-6372

(ages 24 months-5 yrs)

**Wetzel Child Development Center** 

BLDG 8879 DSN: 531-3415 CIV: 0611-143-531-3415

**School Age Centers** offer services before and after school. On school out days, the centers are open all day. During the summer, camp weeks are provided. To sign up for these programs, please visit MiltaryChildCare (https://www.militarychildcare.com/) to be placed on the waiting list. The School Age Centers serve children in Kindergarten through grade 5.

Kapaun School Age Center BLDG 2785	DSN: 489-6028/6050	CIV: 0631-536-6028/6050
Landstuhl School Age Center BLDG 3851	DSN: 486-7281	CIV: 06371-86-7281
Ramstein School Age Center BLDG 1003	DSN: 480-3272/3273	CIV: 06371-47-3272/3273
Sembach School Age Center BLDG 66	DSN: 541-9305	CIV: 0611-143-541-9305
Vogelweh School Age Center BLDG 1028 &1058	DSN: 489-6362	CIV: 0631-536-6362
Wetzel School Age Center BLDG 8879	DSN: 531-3418	CIV: 0611-143-531-3418

# **Family Child Care**

The Family Child Care Program strives to help meet the needs of the community by maintaining high quality child care. A Family Child Care provider is a licensed individual who cares for child in his/her home on/off base. FCC providers go through the same training as CYS employees.

There are two Family Child Care offices in this community:

#### Baumholder

Wetzel BLDG 8876 DSN: 531-3437 CIV: 0611-143-531-3437

Ramstein (for the KMC) DSN: 478-7420 CIV: 06371-405-7420

**Youth/Teen Centers** are free CYS designated programs geared to accommodate youth who are in grades 6-12. CYS programs utilize partnerships with 4-H Clubs and Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Landstuhl Youth Center Grades 6-12 BLDG 93812	DSN: 486-8658	CIV: 06371-85-8658
Ramstein Youth Center Ages: 9-12 BLDG 428	DSN: 480-6444	CIV: 06371-47-6444
Ramstein Teen Center BLDG 411	DSN: 480-3111	CIV: 06371-47-3111
<b>Vogelweh Youth Center Ages 9-12</b> BLDG 1057	DSN: 489-6504	CIV: 0631-536-6504
Vogelweh Teen Center BLDG 2059	DSN: 489-6155	CIV: 0631-536-6155
Wetzel Youth Center Grades 6-12 BLDG 8876	DSN: 531-3423	CIV: 0611-143-531-3423

# **Youth Sports Programs**

Youth Sports Programs offer individual and team sports, and fitness and health programs.

Landstuhl Youth Sports BLDG 3819	DSN: 486-8375	CIV: 06371-86-8375
Ramstein Youth Sports BLDG 428	DSN: 480-5660	CIV: 06371-47-5660
Wetzel Youth Sports BLDG. 8876	DSN: 531-2939	CIV: 0611-143-531-2939

# **SKIES/Instructional Classes**

Classes offer a variety of cultural, physical and artistic activities for youth. Programs are available for toddlers through teens. Please contact the offices below to see what programs are offered in your area.

USAG-RP CYS SKIES DSN: 486-5412 CIV: 06371-86-5412

Ramstein Instructional

Offices BLDG 428 DSN: 480-6444/2851 CIV: 06371-47-6444/2851

### **PARENT CENTRAL SERVICES**

For any questions regarding any CYS program, please contact either Parent Central Services for Army programs or Resource and Referral for Air Force Programs.

Army programs are located on Baumholder (Smith and Wetzel), Landstuhl, Miesau, Kleber, Rhine Ordnance Barracks, and Sembach. Air Force programs are located on Ramstein and Vogelweh.

Parent Central Services Parent Central Services Resource and Rhine Ordnance Barracks Wetzel (Bamholder) Referral (Ramstein)

BLDG 162 BLDG 8876 BLDG 799

DSN: 541-9066/9065/9067 DSN: 531-3440 DSN: 480-8782 CIV: 0611-143-541-9066/9065/9067 CIV: 0611-143-531-3440 CIV: 06371-47-8782

Kaiserslautern Army MWR Baumholder Army MWR 86th FSS

# **Youth Sponsorship**

youth Sponsorship programs are available at all Army installations. The purpose of the sponsorship program is to alleviate stress associated with transitions. This program gives youth the opportunity to assist their peers by providing school and community information.

Students who are interested in being sponsors, receive training. When incoming youth request a sponsor, they are paired up with another youth who has similar interests. The two youth staying in touch until the new youth arrive.

This program is a win-win situation for both students as it is rewarding for the youth sponsor and the new youth has an acquaintance prior to arrive.

If your youth is interested in having a youth sponsor, prior to arriving in the Kaiserslautern or Baumholder Military Communities, please email the <a href="mailto:School Liaison">School Liaison (usarmy.rheinland-pfalz.id-europe.mbx.dfmwr-slo@army.mil)</a> .

### **DoDEA School Information**

There are 12 DoDEA schools between the Baumholder and Kaiserslautern Military Communities. The schools are listed below.

Baumholder Middle High School (grades 6-12)

Kaiserslautern Elementary School (grades K-5)

Kaiserslautern Middle School (grades 6-8)

Kaiserslautern High School (grades 9-12)

Landstuhl Elementary School (grades K-5)

Ramstein Elementary School (grades K-2)

Ramstein Intermediate School (grades 3-5)

Ramstein Middle School (grades 6-8)

Ramstein High School (grades 9-12)

Sembach Elementary School (grades K-5)

Smith Elementary School (grades K-5)

Vogelweh Elementary School (grades K-5)

Where a family lives determines where children will attend school. The Feeder Zone listing can be obtained from the Housing Office, Student Transportation Office or the School Liaison Office. Please refer to pages 11-13 of this document for the Feeder zone listings.

The following documents are required to enroll students in DoDEA:

- \* Sponsor's Orders
- \* Proof of residence or TLA
- \* Immunization records
- \* Proof of age for Kindergarten
- \* Previous school records

To register, please visit <u>Aspen: Log On (myfollett.com)</u> https://dodeasis.myfollett.com/aspen/logon.do to pre-register online. To complete the registration process, please contact the school registrar.

#### **School Meal Program**

AAFES administers the Student Meal Program for the schools in Kaiserslautern and Baumholder. Parents can open a student lunch account by visiting their child's school cafeteria or the Customer Service area at the Exchange. Parents will need the student ID number which can be obtained from the school registrar.

The **Free and Reduced Meal Program** is managed by AAFES. Eligibility is based on total household size and income. Families must include Base Pay, BAS and any other income contributed to the household. Apply online through the AAFES website: https://www.aafes.com/about-exchange/school-lunch-program/

## **Bright Eyes Program**

The Kaiserslautern Landstuhl Spouses Association and the Baumholder Spouses Association provides a program called Bright Eyes. The program is for children of active duty families. If your child wears glasses, your family can receive a voucher for glasses, however, you must qualify for the meal program.

Please contact the KLSA at <u>KMC Bright Eyes</u> (brighteyes.klsa@gmail.com and for Baumholder, reach out to <u>Baumholder Bright Eyes</u> (brighteyesbcsc@gmail.com)

### Sure Start- DoDEA Schools

The Sure Start program is committed to providing the highest quality preschool education for eligible children of families living at military installations overseas. Children must be 4 years old by Sept 1st at the beginning of the school year. Priority will be given to students whose sponsor is equivalent to E-1 to E-4 or GS 1 to GS-04. Other stipulations apply; please contact the schools below, or the School Liaison Offices for more information.

Kaiserslautern Elementary School	DSN: 545-1400	CIV: 0611-143-545-1400
Ramstein Elementary School	DSN: 480-3996	CIV: 06371-47-3996
Sembach Elementary School	DSN: 545-1100	CIV: 0611-143-545-1100
Smith Elementary School	DSN: 545-1225	CIV: 0611-143-545-1225

# Homeschooling in Germany

### **DoDEA Home School Support**

DoDEA schools will provide and offer home schooled DoD dependents classes and/or special education services, Library usage, JROTC, testing and extracurricular programs, consistent with existing regulations and policy.

Dependents of sponsors electing to take a single class or more must complete a registration form and comply with registry procedures and requirements. For further information contact your local DoD Education Activity School office. (DoDEA AI 1375.01. April 10, 2018)

#### **Baumholder Homeschoolers**

This group can be found on Facebook as Baumholder Homeschoolers. They set up field trips, play dates and support each other by sharing ideas.

#### **Kaiserslautern Homeschoolers**

This group can be found on Facebook as KMC Homeschoolers. They plan field trips, co-ops, book clubs, etc.

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#### **United Homeschoolers of Germany**

UHSG is a volunteer lead inclusive support group for homeschooling families in the Kaiserslautern/Ramstein area. The members are comprised of homeschooling families living temporarily in Germany. They encourage diversity and welcome all regardless of race, religion, or homeschool style. Together, they provide a network of support where homeschooling families can share ideas, organize field trips or enrichment classes, connect with local organizations, provide information about living in Germany, and help families new to homeschooling. Because of the unique and often transient nature of this community, UHSG strives to offer a welcoming and safe place for parents as well as children. Email: United Homeschoolers (unitedhomeschoolersofgermany@gmail.com)

Facebook: UnitedHomeschoolersofGermay

### German Kindergarten Information

German Kindergartens serve children ages 2-6 and are varied in their policies. Priority for spaces are for citizens of the EU in many of the kindergartens. Some programs having waiting lists, so please take that into consideration when looking for care. If spaces are available, they will probably accept your child right away. Some kindergartens do not allow families with SOFA status in their programs, due to spaces are for families who pay German taxes.

There is no single listing of kindergartens as almost every village has one. Some are run by the church and others through the local city government. As you decide on potential locations to live, you can begin to inquire about the local kindergartens. Please check directly with your Rathaus or Verbandsgemeindeverwaltung ("City Hall") for your village to check if there are any spots available at your local German Kindergarten.

There are Waldkindergartens, "Forest Kindergartens" in some villages. Children are primarily outdoors.

Information regarding Waldkindergartens can be found here.

Once you know where you will live, it will be much easier to define what your choices are especially with regard to German Kindergartens.

### **GERMAN SCHOOL INFORMATION**

In general, to enroll, for Elementary School (Grundschule grades 1-4), you will need to visit the school which serves the area you live. Administrators can request a basic knowledge of the German language, however it is not mandatory. Admission will have to be discussed with the administration of the school, who usually requests approval from the German Authorities.

Just like in the US, your residence determines where your child will go to school. Before starting school, the children will need to be screened by a German doctor at the Health Department correlating to the school they are zoned for.

Elementary Schools in Germany service grades 1-4. After 4<sup>th</sup> grade, the German school system splits, based on your child's academic abilities. For more information, please talk to your village's elementary school or Rathaus (City Hall).

German schools often start around 0800, but let out earlier in the afternoon. Elementary schools usually end between 1215 and 1315. Students are required to bring a snack/bag lunch to eat during recess around 1000. In general, there is no option to purchase food or drinks at the schools and there are no water foundations.

Keep in mind, the German School System may follow different recess schedules. They will have to attend school on several US Holidays (Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, etc), but will be out on German Holidays.

The German Public school system is free of charge, with the exception of required books and materials, which need to be purchased by the parents. Some schools may offer for students to rent books for a reasonable fee.

Students stay in a "Klassenverband" all through Elementary School, meaning they remain with the same classmates for the entire four years of Elementary School. They often keep the same homeroom teacher throughout the entire time as well, but will still be taught by other teachers in classes like PE or Music, for example.

Check out these links for more information:

<u>German Way</u> (www.german-way.com/history-and-culture/education/) <u>How To Germany - International Schools in Germany</u> (howtogermany.com/pages/internalschools.html)

\*\* For more information on the German school system, please visit the Rathaus (City Hall) in your village.\*\*

## Preschool Options on the Economy

#### St. David's Primary School

This school aims to educate the whole person. Pupils will be encouraged to develop lively and enquiring minds, a sense of self-esteem and the self-discipline that comes from working in an orderly school environment.

Education is subject to tuition payment, please contact the school for more information. Grades: PreK-6 Schulstrasse 4

66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

+49(0)6371-42717

Email: stdavids.office@modschools.org

#### **Faith Baptist Elementary and Middle School**

This is a Christian oriented institution, offering a variety of secular and Christian curriculum taught based on the Truth from the Word of god for grades 4K-8. 4K students must by 4 by September 1st and Kindergarten students must by 5 years old by September 1st of the enrolling school year. The school is approximately 10 minutes from Ramstein. For further details, please contact the school:

Lichtenbrucher Str 17

67661 Kaiserslautern-Einsiedlerhof

+49(0)631-3187519

Email: school @faithbaptistchurch.de

#### International Schools

Some families choose for their children to attend an International School. The following International Schools are some which have been attended by American children.

#### International School of Neustadt an der Weinstrasse GmbH Co-educational, full-day

#### **Cambridge International School**

Grades: PreK-12

Starting age: 4, early entrance possible 3.5yr olds

Adress: Maximilianstraße 43, 67433 Neustadt a. d. Weinstraße Phone: +49

(0) 6321 890 09 60

Email: info@is-neustadt.de Caution-www.is-neustadt.de

#### **International School Westpfalz**

Starting age: 4 (Early years), ending in year 12 Nikolaus-von-Weis Strasse

10 66849 Landstuhl Phone: 06371-980-930

# **SCHOOL ZONE INFORMATION**

# **Baumholder Military Community**

School bus transportation will be provided from the villages listed below, to/from Baumholder Middle/High School and to/from Smith Elementary School. Villages and towns not specifically identified in the list below are considered outside the commuting zone.

Abentheuer Niederhambach-Boeschweiler

Achtelsbach Niederhambach-Burbach Baumholder Niederhambach-Heupweiler

Birkenfeld Oberbrombach

Brueken (Birkenfeld)

Berschweiler

Bledesbach

Oberkirchen

Patersbach

Pfeffelbach

Dienstweiler Rammelsbach Ehweiler Rathsweiler Eitzweiler Reichweiler

Erdesbach Reitscheid Fohren-Linden Rohrbach

Freisen Rueckweiler Frauenberg Reichenbach Hammerstein Ruschberg Heimbach Ruthweiler

Heimbach Ruthweiler Hoppstaedten Schwarzerden Idar-Oberstein Selchenbach

Konken Thallichtenberg

Kusel Ulmet

Mettweiler Weiersbach

Niederalben

## **Kaiserslautern Military Community**

### Please take note:

\*\*Students living in the Landstuhl, Sembach and Vogelweh School Zones, who are in grades 6-8 will attend Kaiserslautern Middle School and students in grades 9-12 will attend Kaiserslautern High School. \*\*

	<u>Kaisers</u>	<u>lautern</u>	School	<u>Zone</u>
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#### Dansenberg Linden Erzenhausen Molschbach Erzhütten Morlautern Espensteig Niederkirchen Eulenbis Olsbrücken Froeschen Queidersbach Geiselberg Rodenbach Heltersberg Schopp Hermersberg Steinalben Hoheinod Stelzenberg Hoheischweiler Sulbachtal Hohenecken Thaleischweiler-Horbach Froschen Kaiserslautern Trippstadt City-Engelshof Waldfischbach Kapaun Housing Weilerbach Kreimbach-Wiesentahlerhof Kaulbach Wörsbach Krickenbach

## Landstuhl School Zone

Althuetterhof	Langwieden
Bann	Martinshöhe
Bechhofen	Mittelbrunn
Bruchmühlbach	Mörsbach
Drehentalerhof	Neumühle
Gerhardsbrunn	Niederhausen
Gross/Kleinbundenbach	Oberarnbach
Harsberg	Oberhausen
Hauptstuhl	Obernheim
Herschberg	Potzbach
Hettenhausen	Rosenkopf
Käshofen	Saalstadt
Kirchenarnbach	Schauerberg
Knopp	Schmalenberg
Krähenberg	Schmittshausen
Labach	Vogelbach
Lambsborn	Wallhalben
Landstuhl-Atzel	Weselberg
Landstuhl-City	Wiesbach
Landstuhl-Melkerei	Winterbach

## **Sembach School Zone**

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Alsenborn	Gonbach	Mehlbach	Schneckenhausen
Baalborn	Heiligenmoschel	Mehlingen	Schweissweiler
Börrstadt	Hirschhorn	Münchweiler a.d. Alsenz	Sembach-Town
Breunigweiler	Hochspeyer	Neuhemsbach	Sippersfeld
Enkenbach	Höringen Imsbach	Otterbach	Wartenberg
Erfenbach	Katzweiler	Otterberg	Winnweiler
Erlenbach	Kuehboerncheshof	Rohrbach	
Fischbach	Langmeil	Sambach	
Gersweilerhof	Lohnsfeld	Schallodenbach	

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## Ramstein School Zone

Albersbach Liebsthal
Altenglan Matzenbach
Altenkirchen Miesau

Bettenhausen Miesau-Buchholz Börsborn Miesau Depot Bosenbach Miesenbach Brücken Mühlbach

Dietschweiler Nanzdietschweiler

Dittweiler Nanzweiler

Elschbach Neunkirchen a. Potzberg

Elschbacherhof Niedermohr

Elschbach Am Bahnhof Niederstaufenbach

Etschberg Obermohr

Fockenberg-Limbach Oberstaufenbach

Föckelberg Ohmbach
Mackenbach Quirnbach
Gimsbach Ramstein-City
Glan-Münchweiler Rehweiler

Gries Reichenbach-Steegen

Haschbach Reuschbach Henschtal Rothselberg

Herschweiler-Pettersheim Rusweiler am. Glan

Hüffler Schellweiler Hütschenhausen Schmittweiler Jägersburg Schönenberg Schrollbach Jettenbach Katzenbach Schwedelbach Kirchmohr Spesbach Kollweiler Steinbach Kottweiler-Schwanden Steinwenden Krottelbach Theisbergstegen Waldmohr Kübelberg Weltersbach Landstuhl-Langwiesen

### **Vogelweh School Zone**

Einsiedlerhof

Forsthaus-Einsiedlerhof

Kindsbach Siegelbach

Vogelweh Housing-East

#### **Student Transportation Offices**

### Kaiserslautern Student Transportation

\* Kaiserslautern

\* Landstuhl

\* Sembach

Schools

\*Vogelweh

PHONE: DSN: 545-1343

COM: 0611-143-545-1343

BLDG 1178 Vogelweh housing

Ramstein Student Transportation

Serving all Ramstein Schools PHONE: DSN: 480-2877

COM: 06371-47-2877

**BLDG 994T Ramstein Elementary School campus** 

**Baumholder Student Transportation** 

Serving all Baumholder Schools PHONE: DSN: 545-1212/1213

COM: 0611-143-545-1212/1213

BLDG 8801 Wetzel Kaserne