

REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOMES

MILITARY FAMILIES



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It is an honor to welcome you to **Redland Middle School**. 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 **Mrs. Jeniffer Zelaya - Trust 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 Mrs. Jeniffer Zelaya - Trust Counselor at 305-247-6112 ext 2215 or email: jzelaya@dadeschools.net*

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 **Redland Middle School**, please contact our registrar Ms. Lloyd at 305-247-6112 or email: mlloyd@dadeschools.net



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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

Redland Middle School's ***Academy of Organic Agriculture (AOA) and Robotics'*** vision is to provide inclusive and diverse learning opportunities in an academic environment that nurtures problem-solving, teamwork, communication, creative and critical thinking skills. Our mission is to enrich the lives of our diverse students by creating well-rounded and responsible citizens. Our (AOA) magnet students earn industry certifications, become members of the ***National Future Farmers of America***, and the ***National Student Vocational Organization for Agriculture***.

Our Robotics program integrates science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to prepare our students for careers as computer programmers, robotics operators, and engineers. The AOA and Robotics magnet program students, are exposed to real-world experiences through innovative classroom activities and opportunities to participate in local, state, and national competitions.

Redland Middle School also offers advanced academic courses, such as Algebra, Physical Science, and Biology at the *high school level*. Our ***English Learner students*** benefit from a well-rounded ELL program that offers support in developing and enhancing English language acquisition and proficiency. Redland Middle School is also proud of its strong sports program, which allows students to participate in different sports and compete with other schools at the district, state, and national levels.

Additionally, Redland Middle School participates in the ***"One-Thousand Orchid Challenge"*** sponsored by the Fairchild Gardens Foundation. Our students tend and care for the different gardening areas around the school, such as the Everglades orchid garden, the tropical orchid garden, and the Asian orchid garden. All students are encouraged to participate in environmental responsible initiatives around the school.



RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR **MILITARY STUDENTS**

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

The **"All Stars"** afterschool program at Redland Middle is sponsored by Florida International University. This program allows students to participate in different afterschool clubs, such as "Guitar over Guns", the culinary club, and chess club. In addition, students receive support in completing school assignments using our library resources and computer stations. To further assist students who are interested, FIU provides transportation for All Star students at the end of the school day.

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

At Redland Middle School, our students' voices are heard through the ***Student Perspective*** initiative. All students are represented by Student Ambassadors by grade level, demographic subgroup, English proficiency (ELL), and Special Education.

Additionally, in collaboration with our ***Show Me The Way club*** we have a welcoming team of students that are assigned to new students to help them with transitioning. These students take our new students on a tour around our school, show them where each of their classes are located and where the appropriate offices for staff and teachers are. This ensures new students feel welcomed and are now part of our Royal Family.

To provide further support for our incoming 6th grade class we have in place a ***Student-to-Student Mentoring Program*** where Well-rounded Grade 8 students are paired with Grade 6 students as mentors and mentees. This initiative promotes peer support amongst our students and creates strong positive relationships.



EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION SERVICES

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE)

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.

Point of Contact: Dr. Denise Goytia, dgoytia@dadeschools.net

☀ **At Redland Middle School**, we are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students, including those with disabilities. Our Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program offers a variety of services tailored to meet the unique needs of each learner.

🧩 Our ESE Services Include:

- **Inclusion Classrooms**
- Students with disabilities learn alongside their general education peers, with support from ESE teachers and staff to ensure academic success.
- Support Facilitation Models
- ESE teachers work collaboratively with general education teachers to provide targeted support within the classroom setting.
- **Self-Contained Classrooms**
- Specialized instruction is available for students identified with:
 - **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**
 - **Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (EBD)**
 - **Other Health Impairments (OHI)**



🎉 Inclusion Beyond the Classroom

Redland Middle School actively promotes the inclusion of students with disabilities in all school activities and social events. From clubs and sports to dances and field trips, we strive to ensure every student feels welcomed, valued, and part of our vibrant school community.

👪 Partnering with Families

We believe that collaboration with families is key to student success. If you have questions about our ESE services or how we can support your child, please feel free to reach out.

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**.

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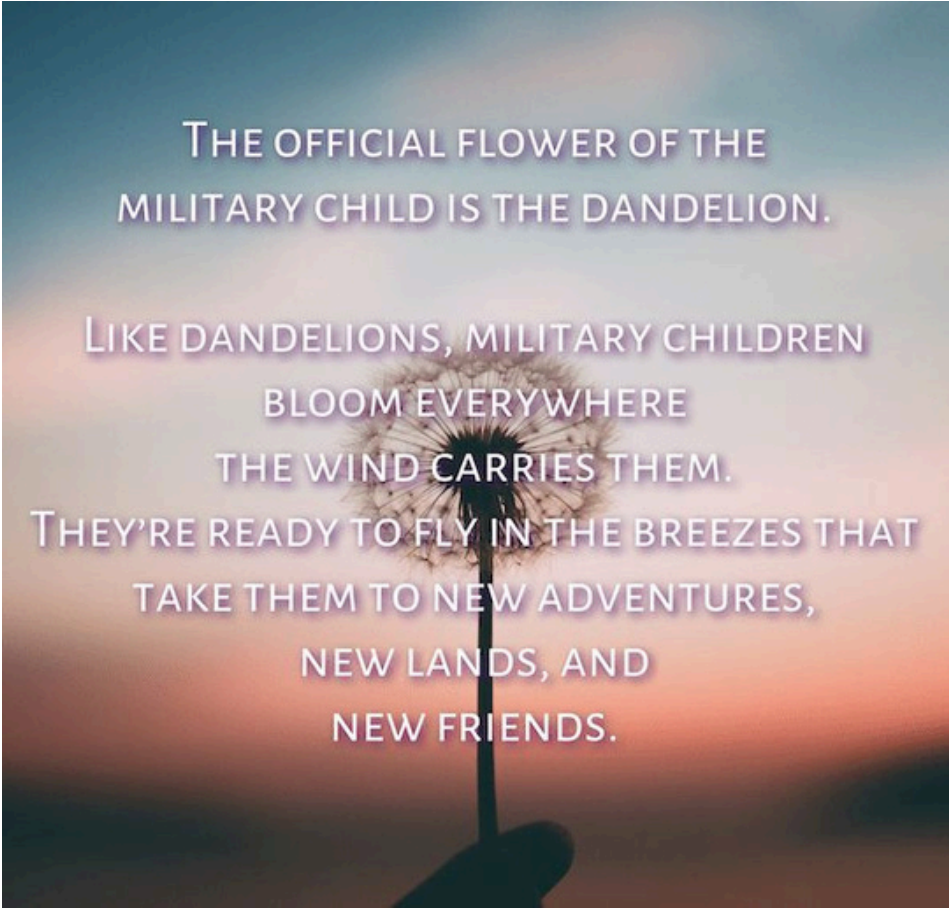
MILITARY RECOGNITION EVENTS

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD – APRIL

PURPLE UP DAY! – APRIL 10, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY EVENT – MAY

VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES – NOVEMBER

A photograph of a dandelion seed head in the center, with its seeds blowing away. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset sky with warm orange and pink tones. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER OF THE
MILITARY CHILD IS THE DANDELION.

LIKE DANDELIONS, MILITARY CHILDREN
BLOOM EVERYWHERE
THE WIND CARRIES THEM.
THEY'RE READY TO FLY IN THE BREEZES THAT
TAKE THEM TO NEW ADVENTURES,
NEW LANDS, AND
NEW FRIENDS.