Grand Forks AFB School Information

Grand Forks is located along the North Dakota/Minnesota border along the Red River of the North. It is the third-largest city in the state of North Dakota and the proud home of the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks. According to the 2010 census, the city’s population was 52,838, while the total of the city and surrounding metropolitan area was 98,461. Recent actions that have marked Grand Forks as the epicenter of all things Unmanned Arial Systems (UAS) include ground breaking industry giants Northrup Grumman and General Atomics, the signing of a Joint Use Agreement between the US Air Force and Grand Sky to utilize the GFAFB runway for private and public operations, and work with the FAA on integrating airspace for both manned and unmanned vehicles. School placement in North Dakota for public schools is based on where you live. Additionally, there are private and parochial schools to choose from. For more information on local public, private or home education, please contact your Grand Forks AFB School Liaison Office at 701-747-5033 or 319FSS.FSY.youtheducationsvs@us.af.mil

### Public Schools Serving GFAFB and Neighboring Districts

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**Important Links:**

Nathan Twining Elementary and Middle School: [https://nd02203034.schoolwires.net/Domain/651](https://nd02203034.schoolwires.net/Domain/651)

Nathan Twining Elementary before and after school care option at the GFAFB Youth Center, 1707 J. St. Bldg. 121, 701-747-5031: [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com)

Grand Forks Central High School: [https://www.gfschools.org/Domain/381](https://www.gfschools.org/Domain/381)

Grand Forks Area Career and Technology Center: [www.gfareactc.org](http://www.gfareactc.org)

Grand Forks Central and Red River High School JROTC: [https://www.gfschools.org/Page/5784](https://www.gfschools.org/Page/5784)

Grand Forks Public Schools Address Map: [https://app.guidek12.com/grandforks/school_search/current/](https://app.guidek12.com/grandforks/school_search/current/)

Grand Forks Public Schools Registration Information: [https://nd02203034.schoolwires.net/domain/1251](https://nd02203034.schoolwires.net/domain/1251)
Emerado Elementary School: https://www.emeradok8.com/
Larimore Public School District: https://larimorek12.org/

Cavalier Air Force Station Schools: www.northborder.k12.nd.us
https://www.cavaliernd.com/school
Cavalier Community Information https://www.cavaliernd.com

The Insights.nd.gov is the state’s official source for information about public education across North Dakota. The North Dakota School Dashboard provides parents and educators with meaningful information on school and district progress so they can participate in decisions to improve student learning. The North Dakota School Dashboard goes beyond test scores alone to provide a more complete picture of how schools and districts are meeting the needs of all students. https://insights.nd.gov/Education/Mapsearch?zl=10&clg=-97.39530514649998&clt=47.93413111705621

K-12 Education Content Standards serve as expectation for what students should know and be able to do for each grade span. The standards serve as goals for teaching and learning. In North Dakota, the content standards serve as a model. Each school district may set more rigorous standards; however, no district shall use any state content standards less rigorous than those set forth in the North Dakota Century Code 15.1-21. https://www.nd.gov/dpi/districtsschools/k-12-education-content-standards

Enrollment Documents Needed:

1. Proof of Residency – 2 documents required
2. Residency Affidavit
3. Records Release Form
4. Parent/Guardian ID
5. Original Birth certificate
6. Immunization record – student is given 30 days from date of enrollment to bring it up-to-date
7. Withdrawal slip (if mid-year), name and address of previous school (unofficial transcripts required for 10th-12th grade students
8. Last Report Card - middle school students and incoming 9th grade students

Transportation Services - There is a school bus for high school students living on GFAFB to Central High School.

Important Dates:
GFAFB Military Spouses Meetings:
Feb, 8:15-9:15am – Twining Elementary School - Supporting Your Child through Deployment
May, 8:15-9:15am – Twining Elementary School - Building Resiliency in Children

April Month of the Military Child – Purple Up! For Military Kids, April 24, 2020

Supports in place for military students:
JuniorStudent2Student
Youth Sponsorship with SAC at Youth Center, and Open Rec and Teens at Liberty Square
FAQs based on the School Liaison’s Core Services:

School Transition Services

My child is ready to transition out of the CDC and I need to register my child for Kindergarten, how do I do that?
Parents can attend a Kindergarten Transition Brief that is offered at their CDC. The brief provides information such as eligibility, enrollment requirements, school options, checklists, and resources. The School Liaison Office also provides this service to families on an individual basis, if needed.

We are PCSing this summer and the schools are closed. We have several questions that need to be answered. Who do we contact?
The first step is to look online at the schools’ webpages listed above. There you will find answers to most of your questions. If you need more information, the School Liaison works year round and is available to answer your questions throughout the summer.

How do I request before and after school care?
If you attend Nathan Twining Elementary on GFAFB and need before and after school care, visit militarychildcare.com where you can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care you need and submit a request for care at any time and from any location. Open Recreation is open to students ages 9-18 at Liberty Square. This facility provides limited transportation to their site after school. Please call 701-747-3428 for additional information about Open Rec or 701-747-5031 for information about before and after school care.

What is Youth Sponsorship?
Youth Sponsorship is for transitioning military youth and provides access to positive peer groups and social activities that help military children feel connected to their new community. If you are interested in connecting your child with a local youth sponsor, please complete the Military Communication Form and email it to: 319FSS.FSY.youtheducationsvs@us.af.mil. Youth Sponsorship is available for any K-12th grade student enrolled in the youth program, at no cost.

How do I dis-enroll my child from school?
Over the holidays is a busy time for schools as many current students transfer to new locations. Requesting unofficial records from the school’s office at least one week prior to transferring will allow enough time for the school to make copies. Also, student obligations must be cleared before the release packet is given to the parent/guardian. This includes the following: return of library books, textbooks, and other educational materials, payment for lost or damaged materials, and lunch account must be cleared. Informing the front office at least one week prior to leaving will ensure a smooth transition from the current school to the receiving school.

What is the Interstate Compact and what can it do for my family?
The Interstate Compact seeks to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. More information can be found at: www.mic3.net.
Deployment Support

What deployment supports are in place for students (and their parents)?
Operation Pals, an after-school deployment club, operates at Twining Elementary School, for students in grades K-5. Students meet monthly, on early release Wednesday’s throughout the school year, and are mentored by Airmen, who assist with homework and participate in an activity with them. Twining has an MFLC (Military Family Life Counselor) that offers individual counseling, as well as group counseling to students for deployment support. Deployment Club, Military Kids club, and Divorce Club are just a few of the options that military students can participate in. GFAFB Military Spouses meets quarterly from 8:15am-9:15am at Twining and offers deployment support for military spouses in the community. The MFLC leads the themed interactive discussions and provides an opportunity for spouses to share their experiences and gain new insights from other experienced spouses. In addition, the School Liaison has a list of deployment resources you may find useful.

Command, School, Community Communications

What are Federal Impact Aid Survey Cards and why are they important?
At the beginning of every new school year the Federal Impact Aid Survey Cards will be sent home to every student in the district. A separate card must be completed and returned for each child. These completed cards will result in more federal money to help reimburse the North Dakota Department of Education for the cost of educating federally connected (military and DoD civilian) children whose families do not pay North Dakota state taxes. This will mean more resources for the schools and ultimately our children. These funds help to pay for things such as text books, technology, and substitute teachers which can impact our military connected child’s learning. Your information is not going to be shared with anyone outside the state and federal government, and the money for the school districts comes directly from the Department of Education and is based on the number of military connected children educated by the state.

Home School Linkage and Support

What supports are in place for my K-12 homeschool students? The GFAFB Homeschool Network meets quarterly for STEAM outings on Grand Forks AFB. Students have the opportunity to experience static displays at local squadrons and parents have the opportunity to network with other families that are homeschooling their children.

Partnerships in Education (PIE)

How are Air Force squadrons providing support in the local schools?
Airmen are volunteering in the local schools by providing support for jog-a-thons, Operation PALS, fall festivals, spring carnivals, and other special events. Airmen enjoy participating in community service to the local schools and have provided numerous volunteer hours to our local districts. If your squadron is looking for an opportunity to provide community service, please contact the School Liaison office.

Post-Secondary Preparation

I have the Post 9/11 GI Bill benefit and I’d like to transfer it to my child. Can I do that?
Transferability of the Post 9/11 GI Bill is a retention tool and in order to find out if you are eligible to transfer it, you must contact the VA. The School Liaison can provide you with the contact information. Additional information can be found at: www.GiBill.va.gov

Special Needs System Navigation

My child is 3 years old and I suspect there are delays that require early intervention. What should I do? You must first contact the Special Education Department at your neighborhood School District. There are five basic steps to become familiar with in the special education process:
1. Referral or request for evaluation,
2. Evaluation,
3. Eligibility determination,
4. Individualized Educational Program (IEP) development, and
5. Progress Monitoring and IEP review.

*My child has an IEP and I need an advocate. Can the SLO advocate?*

The School Liaison is a liaison between the school and the military and cannot be an advocate for a family. There are other organizations that can, and the School Liaison can refer to those organizations. The School Liaison’s role is to assist families in navigating the special education system within the school district and to assist with connecting you to the right people at the school or district office. The School Liaison can also connect you to military resources that are available.