# Maxwell AFB Elementary / Middle School Profile



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## **School's Purpose**

The primary focus for Maxwell Elementary and Middle School (MEMS) is to provide an exemplary educational program to prepare students for success in the global environment. All stakeholders are committed to do *whatever it takes* to create a community atmosphere that will enable all children to fulfill dreams and reach their highest potential. We believe that all children should learn in a rigorous, innovative, and engaging environment taught by highly qualified teachers and supported by a professional staff. The majority of our teachers has achieved advanced degrees and participates in ongoing professional development beyond what is offered through the school.

#### **MEMS Vision**

Whatever it Takes!

#### **MEMS Mission**

A community partnership enabling students to fulfill dreams and reach their highest potential

#### **DoDEA Vision**

To be among the world's leaders in education, enriching the lives of military-connected students and the communities in which they live.

#### **DoDEA Mission**

Educate, Engage and Empower each student to succeed in a dynamic world.

## **Core Values / Belief Statements**

Maxwell Elementary and Middle School belief statements are based on the Air Force Core Values and tenets of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning:

- Integrity: We believe our Maxwell community strives to demonstrate courage, honesty, and responsibility holding us all accountable for our actions.
- Service before self: We believe that our Maxwell community strives to demonstrate respect for others while maintaining an atmosphere of discipline and self control.
- Excellence in all we do: We believe that our Maxwell community strives to demonstrate a sustained passion for continuous improvement and innovation that will guide us into reaching our highest potential.
- We believe that our Maxwell community strives to demonstrate the 4 C's of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning, Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking Skills, and Communication.
  - Every child needs these skills to be an effective citizen and participant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

• Teachers and education support personnel have a huge role to play to ensure that every student is adequately prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

## **Overview of the Community and School**

Maxwell Air Force Base Elementary School, a Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) was established in 1963 in Montgomery, Alabama. Since its inception, the school has provided superior education for Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade children of United States military personnel living in permanent housing on Maxwell Air Force Base. In 2002, students who resided at Gunter Air Base Annex (approximately eight miles away) were declared eligible to attend the school. Gunter Annex students are bused to our school.

Maxwell is part of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents' Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). The Georgia/Alabama DDESS / DoDEA district consists of ten schools: seven at Ft. Benning, GA, two at Ft. Rucker, AL, and one at Maxwell AFB, AL.

Located in Montgomery, Alabama, Maxwell Air Force Base is the intellectual and leadership center of the Air Force. Originally the Wright Brothers' first civilian flying school established in 1910 and later becoming Maxwell Field, today the installation is home to more than 12,500 active duty, reserve, civilian and contractor personnel providing a significant economic and cultural impact on the Montgomery area.

The physical plant at MEMS is a traditional building with 44 classrooms. The school also houses an Informational Center, cafeteria, gymnasium, music room, art room, early childhood center, two science labs, two computer labs, a health office, and an outdoor learning center and classroom. Additional facilities include an auditorium with sound system and three teacher preparation areas. All classrooms are equipped with student computers, SMART boards, student response "clickers" and ELMOs (document cameras). Many classrooms also have SMART slates; we have a SMART table for kindergarten and special education.

Our student population is diverse, consisting of 20% Black/African American, 10% Hispanic/Latino, 58% White/Caucasian, and 8% Multi-Racial. The student body is 46% male and 54% female. Fewer than 20% of our students receive free or reduced lunches, and we have less than 3% English as a Second Language Students (ESL).

MEMS offers a comprehensive course of study for all students based on DODEA Curriculum Standards. Integrated special education services enable staff to focus on individual student needs. Additional support is provided through our gifted program, reading support services, and math intervention instruction, as well as our Preschool for Children with Disabilities (PSCD) for three-and four-year-old children. Speech Language, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy are available for those students who require them. MEMS also has a comprehensive health services program that partners with base medical clinics to provide vision and dental screenings and education on health-related issues. On a daily basis, students are able to have ongoing and acute health needs met in the health office, allowing them to focus on learning. Special area classes in art, music, Foreign Languages for English Speaking Students (FLES) and physical education help to ensure that our students are well rounded and reach their highest potential.

### **School-Wide Goals**

*Problem Solving* – All students will improve mathematical problem solving across the curriculum.

Writing – All students will improve written communication across the curriculum.



















