

KMC School Liaison Newsletter

College Night Information

Due to the continued COVID-19 situation in Germany and elsewhere, the annual Kaiserslautern College Night will not occur at this time.

However, in an effort to continue providing opportunities for students to obtain information and have live interactive connection with college/university reps, we have set up a Facebook page, KMC College Search 2020-2021, the link being [Caution-https://www.facebook.com/KMCCollegeSearch20202021](https://www.facebook.com/KMCCollegeSearch20202021)

Schools will be posting and updating their upcoming live interactive college fairs, some of which may be specifically for students from the Kaiserslautern area and others which will be for students from broader areas, but in every case, there will be no cost for students to access, use and join in these events.

We encourage you to look in often to the Facebook page as new event posts are expected on a regular basis. Hopefully colleges which you may be interested will be hosting their live interactive events for you.

We wish you every best success in your college search.

Resource:

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is launching a series of free virtual college fairs this fall. Each fair has over 600 colleges and is truly national. These fairs feature free college information sessions and have skilled counselors available to answer questions. NACAC also has strict standards for participating institutions that insure the organizations offer strong educational value.

"Start your college search for free at a NACAC National College Fair near you. National College Fairs is a program of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)." More information at: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>

How can the School Liaison Office help you?

The School Liaison Office is the communication link between the command, the schools and the families. The School Liaisons (SL) are very familiar with the impacts families feel when transitioning and are available to assist by providing information on the school registration process, school calendars, Child and Youth Services, the Youth Sponsorship Program, School Meal Program, and community information to name only a few topics.

Here in the Kaiserslautern Military Community (KMC) we have two School Liaison Offices, representing both the Air Force and Army. Both offices will help every family, regardless of their branch of service.

Should you wish to learn more about all available school options, please reach out to the School Liaison Offices, as they can provide firsthand material and good-to-know information on all schools. This includes information on DoDEA schools, the German School System, and the International Schools in the area as well as Homeschooling in the community and resources for homeschooling families.

Check out the School Liaison's websites:

<https://kaiserslautern.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer-slo>
<https://www.ramstein.af.mil/86MSGSL0/>

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Parent Teacher Conferences



As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and do well. When parents and teachers talk, each person can share important information about your child's talents and needs. Each can also learn something new about how to help your child. Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to connect with your child's teachers. Following is some advice from the Harvard Family Research Project about how to make the most of parent-teacher conferences so that everyone wins; especially your child.



PARENT TEACHER

CONFERENCE DATES:

Contact your school for specific information on dates and times.

[https://
www.dodea.edu/
schools.cfm](https://www.dodea.edu/schools.cfm)



What should you expect?

A Two Way Conversation

– Conferences are best when both people talk AND listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress. It is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When your child's teacher learns about his/her skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can help him/her more.

Emphasis on Learning–

Good conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also provide information on how a child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your child's homework, tests, and notices before the conference. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask the teacher.

Opportunities and Challenges–

Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will probably hear positive feedback about your child's progress and areas for improvement. Be prepared by thinking about your child's strengths and challenges beforehand. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of his or her challenges.

Checklist: Before the Conference

Show up prepared !

- ◆ Schedule a time to meet. If you can't go at the scheduled time ask the teacher about other times.
- ◆ Review you child's work, grades, and progress reports.
- ◆ Talk with your child about his or her progress in school.
- ◆ Ask your child about concerns they may have and how they think they learn best.
- ◆ Talk with others; family members, after school staff, mentors, coaches, etc. about your child's strengths and needs
- ◆ Make a list of questions to ask during the conference
- ◆ Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child's learning so you can discuss them with the teacher.