

# Education and Youth

## Key Programs & Service Areas

The Education and Youth Team liaises with other offices in the U.S. Department of State including the Office of Overseas Schools, the Office of Allowances, and the Child and Family Program in MED to provide information and referrals, as well as to clarify the process for families on homeschooling, allowances, special needs education, gifted and talented resources, teaching overseas, and transition and re-entry planning.

### Boarding Schools

The Global Community Liaison Office (GCLO) visits boarding schools (both in the U.S. and abroad) and can share insight and additional resources. The Education and Youth Team can also help answer questions regarding planning, allowances, special needs concerns, and school applications, and can connect families with boarding school admissions staff. GCLO's website provides a useful overview of the different types of schools available.

### Public & Private Schools in the Washington, DC Area

GCLO's Education and Youth Team maintains contact with administrators from DC-area school districts to familiarize them with the lifestyle of and challenges facing Foreign Service families. GCLO collects resources from public schools and can provide families with guidance on transitioning into local school systems. As with all other educational decisions, it's helpful to take time, well in advance of a move to the U.S., to research schools and find the right fit for each child.



## Homeschooling

GCLO can assist in weighing the homeschooling option. Before deciding, families currently or planning on living abroad should understand that homeschooling is not a legal practice in every country. Check directly with post management and the CLO Coordinator. Once confirmed, the Education and Youth Team can provide options for researching curricula, as well as provide information on allowances applicable to overseas homeschooling.

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## Evacuation Assistance

Sometimes families have less than optimal time to prepare for educational changes when an evacuation happens. GCLO can assist with decisions that must be made on a shorter timeline to aid with educational continuity.

## Special Needs Education

GCLO works with U.S. Department of State partners at the Office of Overseas Schools and within the Bureau of Medical Services Child and Family Program to understand the considerations that are important to Foreign Service families with children who have special educational needs. These key offices can help parents find optimal resources and educational options for each child. GCLO guides parents to the right source of information, and assists with understanding and advocating for transparency of the process.

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## College Preparedness

Deciding on the right college for a child is an important decision that takes time and research. Visit the Education and Youth resources on GCLO's website for information on the college search, the application process, scholarship resources, residency requirements, and links to helpful articles.

Learn more at [www.state.gov/gclo/keytopics](http://www.state.gov/gclo/keytopics).