

**School Liaison Program
MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Ca**



2011-2012 School Year

Welcome Kit

This kit is provided by your MCAGCC School Liaison to make your transition to the desert easier and more enjoyable.

**Twentynine Palms
and the MCAGCC!**





What Can the School Liaison Do for Me?

School Liaison

760-830-1574

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/g5/sl/>

Before you arrive at MCAGCC...

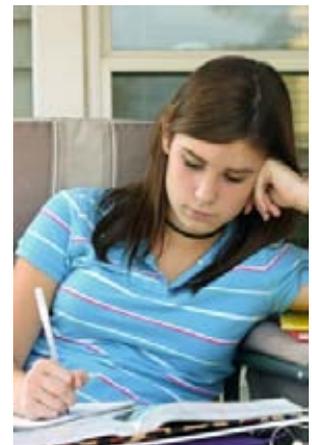
- Support during the transition of schools
- Provide specific academic, location and registration information about MCAGCC schools
- Decipher high school student credit transfers and varying school-to-school academic curriculum and schedules as well as varying graduation requirements

Once you're here...

- Communicate between you and your child's new school
- Increase academic success and school involvement with your child
- Facilitate college and career planning for your high school students
- Consult with school personnel regarding family concerns

When you leave...

- Supply information on how to make another smooth transition
- Provide information on future School Liaison programs





Morongo Unified School District Elementary Schools

Friendly Hills Elementary

- Friendly Hills Elementary is the highest performing school in the district and has an API score of 843.
- FHES offers several after school clubs including 'Student to Student,' a support group for students with family members in the military.
- Every classroom at FHES has a "Smart Board" to facilitate interactive learning in the classroom.

Yucca Mesa Elementary

- Yucca Mesa Elementary offers several family-based activities including movie nights, family dances, a fall festival and more.
- A high-achieving class is offered for students in grades 4-6. This class provides the challenges that high-achieving students often need.
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students are offered after school enrichment programs such as drama and graphic design.

Joshua Tree Elementary

- Joshua Tree Elementary offers a complete Response to Invention Program. Offered for students from Kindergarten through sixth grade, this program expands core curriculum instruction to meet each child's needs. Response to Invention also includes character education.
- Three days a week, JTES offers a sixth grade homework club.
- Once a year, students perform a musical written by Margaret Quirante, one of JTES' teachers.

Yucca Valley Elementary

- Yucca Valley Elementary provides several events to the students and their families including Bingo Nights, Family Photo Night, a Craft Faire, Reading Night, and even a Drive-in Movie night.
- A Character Counts program is instilled throughout the day. This program helps build the characteristics of a quality citizen including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.
- YVES offers a three hour after school program that supports literacy, math, healthy eating and physical education.





Morongo Unified School District Elementary Schools

Twentynine Palms Elementary School

- Twentynine Palms Elementary is a three time recipient of the Title I Academic Achievement Award.
- TPES recently started community service program for students called K-Kids. Sponsored by the Kiwanis club, it teaches children leadership skills.
- TPES provides several military-based programs including Young Marines, Operation Hero and Kids Care, all of which are held after school on campus.

Condor Elementary

- Condor Elementary School is among an elite group of schools statewide that have received both the 2010 California Distinguished School Recognition and 2010 Title I Academic Achievement Award.
- The percentage of students at Condor that score at proficient and advanced levels on standardized state assessments consistently remains above the state average.
- Enrichment is embedded in the school curriculum and further supported with after school events sponsored by the school, student leadership and PTO.

Onaga Elementary

- Onaga Elementary offers after school programs such as choir, drama and band and puts on plays, a musical and a school-wide talent show.
- Onaga's Family Faculty Association (FFA) provides fun events including book fairs, Santa's Secret Shop, Father/Daughter and Mother/Son nights.
- Field trips that Onaga students participate in may include trips to the Living Desert, Morongo Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park, Riley's Farm, California Missions, and the McCallum Theater.

Landers Elementary

- Landers Elementary School Offers a specialized reading program that targets individual students' needs and abilities.
- Landers Elementary offers a small town atmosphere and is the focal point of the local community.
- Several competitions and fairs are held every year to showcase students' talents, including a science fair, art fair, writing competitions and a talent show.

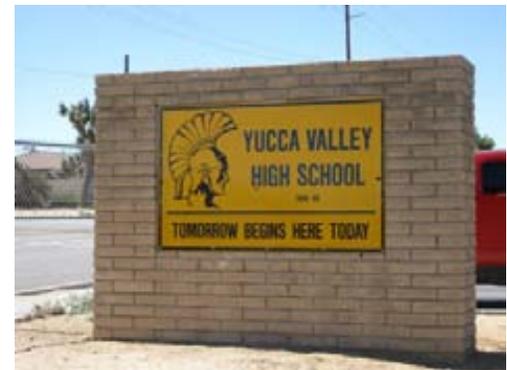




Morongo Unified School District Secondary Schools

Yucca Valley High School

- Yucca Valley High School offers a program called 'School Within a School' that groups ninth and tenth graders into 'pods' for a majority of their core classes. This allows teachers of particular pods the opportunity to collaborate on student needs and academic progress.
- YVHS now offers a culinary arts program through the Regional Occupation Program. Students who participate prepare and serve breakfast to staff who order from the morning menu. At the end of this two-year program can earn a certificate verifying their training in restaurant occupations.
- YVHS Athletics has been recognized three years in a row by the Citrus Belt Athletic Directors Association's Outstanding Athletic Program in the De Anza League. They offer 14 sports and four club teams.



La Contenta Middle School

- La Contenta Middle School offers several sports for students including: football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball.
- Honor Students with a GPA of 3.0 and above receive Renaissance program stickers on their ID cards. Participating local businesses then provide students with discounts when they present their ID cards.
- A working lunch is provided for students to complete homework and classwork. This helps ensure students are successful in all their classes.





Morongo Unified School District Secondary Schools

Twentynine Palms Junior High

- Twentynine Palms Junior High offers a fully certified AVID program for both 7th and 8th grade students. AVID works with students to prepare them for post-secondary education.
- After School programs abound at TPJHS. Students can participate in tutoring, sports, wood shop, and many other clubs.
- TPJHS partners with Rotary and Soroptomist clubs to encourage citizenship, community service and leadership through the Teenage Citizen's Club.



Twentynine Palms High School

- Twentynine Palms High School offers seven Advanced Placement Courses to students on campus as well as an AP Online program that lets students add AP electives to their schedule. These Online AP courses include Art History, Psychology, European History or a Foreign Language.
- The TPHS graduation rate is 90% which is 10% higher than the California state average and one of the highest in San Bernardino County.
- The TPHS Wildcats have a strong athletic program with League Titles and Championships in Football, Boys and Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Swimming, Golf and Volleyball. TPHS also offers cross country, track, soccer and tennis.





California Department of Public Health

510-520-3737

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize>

California Immunization Requirements

Institution	Age	Vaccine	Total Doses Received
Childcare center, day nursery, nursery school, family day care home, development center	Less than 2 months	None	
Same as above	2-3 months	1. Polio..... 2. DTP..... 3. Hib..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	1 dose 1 dose 1 dose 1 dose
Same as above	4-5 months	1. Polio..... 2. DTP or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. HIB..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	2 doses 2 doses 2 doses 2 doses
Same as above	6-14 months	1. Polio..... 2. DTP or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Hib..... 4. Hepatitis B.....	2 doses 3 doses 2 doses 2 doses
Same as above	15-17 months	1. Polio..... 2. DTP or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella, and mumps..... 4. Hib..... 5. Hepatitis B ₂	3 doses 3 doses 1 dose of each separately or combined on or after the first birthday 1 dose at any age (changed from on or after the first birthday) 2 doses
Same as above	18 months - 5 years	1. Polio..... 2. DTP..... 3. Measles, rubella, and mumps..... 4. Hib ₃ 5. Hepatitis B..... 6. Varicella.....	3 doses 4 doses 1 dose of each separately or combined on or after the first birthday 1 dose at any age (changed from on or after the first birthday) 3 doses 1 dose



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California Immunization Requirements cont.

Institution	Age	Vaccine	Total Doses Received
Elementary School at Kindergarten level and above	4-6 years	1. Polio..... 2. DTP or combination of DTP and diphtheria-tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella and mumps..... 4. Hepatitis B ₂ 5. Varicella.....	4 doses, but a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday 5 doses but a total of 4 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday 1 dose each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. Pupils entering a kindergarten (or 1st grade if kindergarten skipped) are required to have 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the 1st birthday. 3 doses 1 dose
Elementary School, Secondary School	7-17 years	1. Polio..... 2. DTP or combination of DTP and diphtheria- tetanus toxoids..... 3. Measles, rubella and mumps..... 4. Varicella ₅	4 doses, but a total of 3 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday 5 doses but a total of 4 doses is acceptable if at least one dose was given on or after the 4th birthday 1 dose each, separately or combined, on or after the 1st birthday. Pupils entering a kindergarten (or 1st grade if kindergarten skipped) are required to have 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, both given on or after the 1st birthday. 1 dose aged 7 through 12 years for students not admitted to California Schools before July 1, 2001. 2 doses for students aged 13 through 17 years not admitted to California schools before July 1, 2001.
Seventh Grade	Any	1. Hepatitis 2. Measles..... Recommended but not required - Tetanus-diphtheria given as DTP, DT, Td or Tetanus...	3 doses 2 doses of measles- containing vaccine, both given on or after the first birthday One Td dose is recommended if 5 years or more have elapsed since the last dose
Any	18-years and older	None	

¹ Oral Polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or any combination of these vaccines is acceptable

² Applies only to children entering at kindergarten level or below on or after August 1, 1997

³ Required only for children who have not reached the age of 4 years 6 months

⁴ Applies only to children (of any age) entering or advancing to the 7th grade on or after July 1, 1999

⁵ Children admitted to California schools at the Kindergarten level or above before July 1, 2001 are exempt from this requirement



Youth Sports

The following sports are offered aboard MCAGCC by MCCS.
Contact them at 760-830-8421 or 760-830-3910 for more information.

Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS)

760-830-8421/3910

www.mccs29palms.com

Winter Sports

Start Smart Basketball:

Register: Nov. and Dec.
Season: Jan. and Feb.
Ages: 3-5

Basketball:

Register Nov. and Dec.
Season: Jan.-Mar.
Ages: 3-5

Cheer/Dance:

Register Nov. and Dec.
Season: Jan. – Mar.
Ages: 5-14

Spring Sports

Start Smart Baseball:

Register: January-March
Season: April and May
Ages 3-5

T-Ball:

Register: January-March
Season: April – June
Ages 4-5

Coach Pitch:

Register: January – March
Season: April-June
Ages 6-8

Summer Sports

British Soccer Camp:

Ages 3-18

Hook a Kid on Golf:

Ages 7-13
(Beginners only)

Bowling League:

Ages 7-18

Start Smart Sports

Development:

Ages 3-5

Cheer Camp:

Ages 5-14

Start Smart Golf:

Ages 5-7

Co-Ed Volleyball:

Ages 7-14

Basketball Camp:

Ages 7-14

Fall Sports

Soccer :

Register: Jul. and Aug.
Season: Sept. - Nov.
Ages: 4-14

Start Smart Soccer:

Register: Jul. and Aug.
Season: Sept. and Oct.
Ages: 3-5

Cheerleading:

Register: Sept. – Nov.
Season: Nov. and Dec.
Ages: 5-14

Flag Football:

Register: Sept. – Nov.
Season: Nov. and Dec.
Ages: 7-14

Smart Start Flag Football:

Register: Sept. – Nov.
Season: Nov. and Dec.
Ages: 5-7



Twentynine Palms Parks and Recreation

(760)367-7562

[http://www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us/
Parks_Recreation.39.0.html](http://www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us/Parks_Recreation.39.0.html)

Youth Sports

The following sports are offered in Twentynine Palms by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fall Sports

Soccer Ages 4-14:

Register: August

Season: September - October

Ages: 4-14

Volleyball

Register: August

Season: September-October

Ages: Grades 4-8

Winter Sports

Basketball

Register: November

Season: January - Early March

Ages: 4-14

Flag Football

Register: October

Season: November

Ages: 7-14

Spring Sports

Arena Soccer Grades

Register: March

Ages: 8-15

Spring Basketball

Register: April

Ages: Grades 7-12

Summer Sports

While Park and Rec doesn't offer sports in the summer due to the heat, they do offer camps to occupy the free time of children.

Bowling Camp

Basketball Camp

Dance Camp (tentative)

Golf Camp (tentative)

Baseball Camp (tentative)





After School Programs

Armed Services YMCA

Bldg 192
Mon. -Fri. 0830-1600
(760) 830-7481
<http://www.twentyninepalmsasymca.org>

Operation Hero -

A ten-week tutoring and mentoring program for children in 2nd-6th grade. The objective of this program is to assist military children with homework, independent reading and fun age appropriate activities. For more information, visit the ASYMC website.

Kids Care Club -

An after school enrichment program for children who have participated in the Operation Hero Program. The children meet every Friday for 10 weeks to create gift items and cards for veterans, the elderly, children in need and those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MCCS Teen Program

Bldg 692
Ages 12-18 years
760-830-3227 ext. 269

Mon - Thurs: 6pm - 8pm
Fridays: 6pm - 10pm
Saturdays: 10am - 10pm
Sundays & Holidays: Closed

Twentynine Palms Youth Club

5882 Luckie Ave
Twentynine Palms Ca 92277
Ages 7 - 17
760-367-5776

The TPYC offers after school and summer programs. Call for more information.



Boy Scouts

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts is for boys who are in first through fifth grade.

To find a local Cub Scout Pack, visit this website:
<http://www.joincubscouting.org/>

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts is for boys who are in 6th grade and older.

To find a local Boy Scout Troop, visit this website:
<http://www.thescoutzone.org/locator.html>

Girl Scouts

Daisies - Kindergarten and 1st grade girls

Brownies - 2nd and 3rd grade girls

Juniors - 4th and 5th grade girls

Cadettes - 6th through 8th grade girls

Seniors - 9th and 10th grade girls

Ambassadors - 11th and 12th grade girls

To find a local Troop, call the San Geronio Girl Scout Council

Central Service Center

909-307-6555

Low Desert Service Center

760-345-1703

Boy Scouts

www.scouting.org

Girl Scouts

www.girlscouts.org





After School activities

Go Swimming!

There are several pools on base including the family pool, training tank and SNCO/Officers pool. There's also a public pool at Luckie Park.

Skate!

There are two skateboard parks in Twentynine Palms. One is located on Del Valle on base and the other can be found near Luckie Park.

Go Bowling!

Visit the Bowladium in town or Sandy Hill Lanes on base to knock down some pins.

Sandy Hill Lanes has Family Cosmic bowling on Saturdays.

Dance!

Sign up for dance classes through MCCS or check out local dance studios or Park and Rec. In town you can take ballet, jazz, modern dance, or hip-hop.

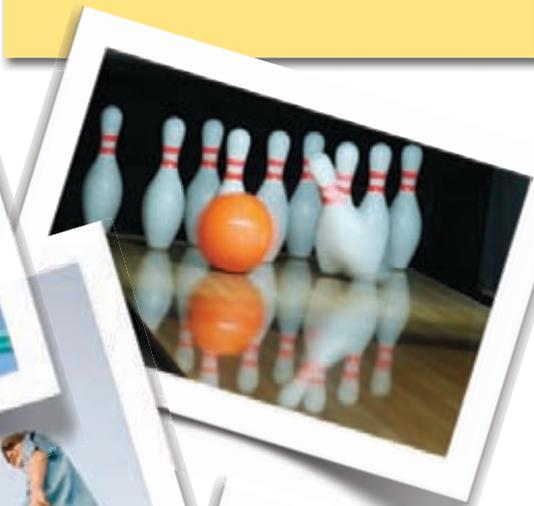
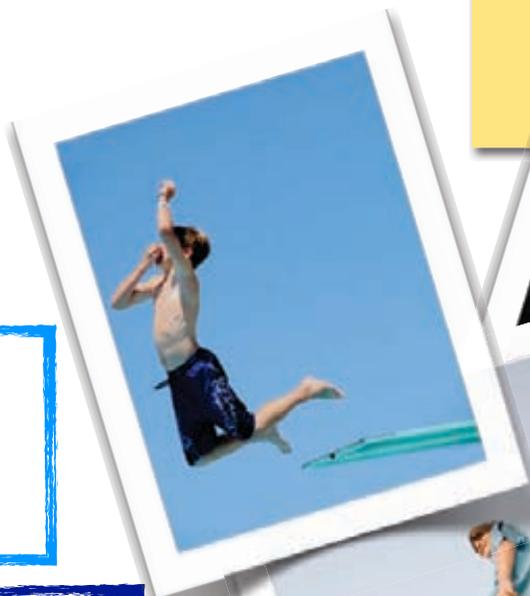
Golf!

Play a round of golf at the Desert Winds Golf Course on base or head out to the Roadrunner Dunes golf course in town. Summer youth camps are offered for beginners at Desert Winds!

Read!

Pick up a book at the local library on Adobe Road or visit the Lifelong Library and check out their growing Young Adult and children's sections. (They also have comic books and manga).

Bored?...
There's plenty to do!





Welcome to California!

<http://www.librarylink.info/29palms/>

California Fun Facts!

- **More turkeys are raised in California than any other state.**
- **The first McDonald's restaurant was opened in San Bernardino.**
- **Fallbrook is called the Avocado Capital of the World.**
- **The longest runway in the world (7.5 miles, or 12 km) is located at Edwards Air Force Base and is used for space shuttle landings.**
- **The National Yo-Yo Museum in Chico has the world's largest yo-yo, weighing 256 pounds (116 kg) and standing 50 inches (127 cm) tall.**
- **There's enough water in Lake Tahoe to cover the whole state of California in 14.5 inches (37 cm) of water.**
- **During the Gold Rush, miners shipped their laundry to Honolulu because the prices in California were too high.**
- **California records about 500,000 detectable tremors or quakes each year.**
- **San Francisco was established in 1776, the same year the United States declared independence from Great Britain.**
- **At almost 300 feet (91 m) below sea level, Death Valley is the lowest point in North America and one of the hottest spots on Earth.**

All these fun facts and more can be found on the Culture Grams database. CultureGrams and other databases are provided free of charge to Marines and their families by the Lifelong Learning Library aboard MCAGCC. Contact or visit the library for more information on logging onto these databases.

**Lifelong Learning Library
(760) 730-6875
Bldg 1528 (6th St)**



California's Symbols

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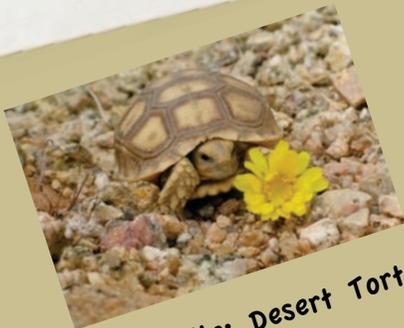
State Capital:
Sacramento



State Flower: California Poppy



Motto of California: "Eureka"
(I have found it.)



State Reptile: Desert Tortoise

State Animal:
Grizzly Bear



State Bird: California Quail



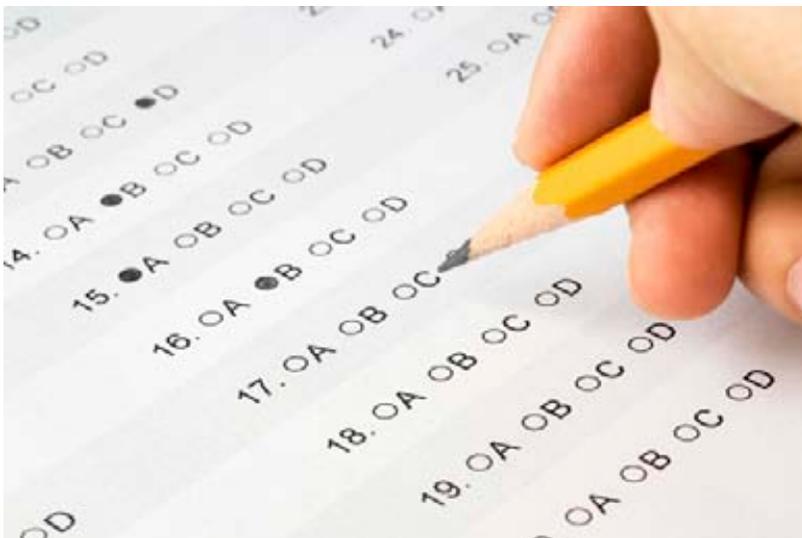


California Department of Motor Vehicles

www.dmv.ca.gov

Getting your driver's license in California

- Permit requirements:
 - Must be at least 15 ½
 - Must have completed Drivers Education
 - Must be in the process of taking or completed behind the wheel drivers training.
 - Must pass a written traffic sign and law test
- Driver's License Requirements:
 - Must be 16 years old
 - Must have had your permit for at least 6 months
 - Must have completed both driver's education and driver's training
 - Must have completed 50 hours of driving practice with an adult 25 years or older who has a valid driver's license.
 - Ten of those 50 hours must have been done at night.
 - Must pass the behind the wheel driving test
- Restrictions on the first year of Driving
 - Driver must not transport anyone under the age of 21
 - Cannot drive alone between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am.





Required "A-G" Courses

A: History/Social Science - 2 YEARS REQUIRED

Two years of history/social science, including one year of world history, cultures and geography; and one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.

B: English - 4 YEARS REQUIRED

Four years of college-preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type course can be used to meet this requirement.

C: Mathematics - 3 YEARS REQUIRED , 4 YEARS RECOMMENDED

Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.

D: Laboratory Science - 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED

Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three foundational subjects: biology, chemistry and physics. Advanced laboratory science classes that have biology, chemistry or physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement, as may approved engineering courses or the final two years of an approved three-year integrated science program that provides rigorous coverage of at least two of the three foundational subjects.

E: Language other than English - 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED

Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. Courses in languages other than English taken in the seventh and eighth grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

F: Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) - 1 YEAR REQUIRED

A single yearlong approved arts course from a single VPA discipline: dance, drama/theatre, music or visual art.

G: College-Preparatory Electives - 1 YEAR REQUIRED

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in "a-f" above, chosen from the following areas: engineering, technology, visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language).