

## Mission, Philosophy, and Goals

The mission of CYS is to reduce the conflict between mission readiness and parental responsibility by offering quality programs and accountability for children and youth.

It is our mission at the McChord SAC Program to meet the needs of our community by providing the highest quality child care, activities and events for youth ages 5 – 12. The object is to provide opportunities for fun, leadership, friendship and learning for youth through a partnership with families, schools, the base community and outlying areas.

It is the philosophy of CYS to support and promote an age-appropriate, loving, secure environment for children and youth.

Our philosophy is to provide a developmentally appropriate program of the highest quality that adheres to and exceeds all regulations and standards for out-of-school care of children ages 5-12.

Our goal is to give children the protection and security they need when away from their parent(s)/guardians. We strive to accomplish this through ongoing observation and feedback designed to continuously improve upon the quality of care provided. Parents and family members are highly encouraged to become and remain involved in the program throughout the year.

### Parent Participation Program

Parent involvement is a key factor in a successful program. Families are an integral part of the McChord School Age Program. The Parent

Participation Program is an important component of parent involvement .

Parents may earn a fee reduction for volunteering a minimum of ten hours in their child's program. Points may be accumulated from month to month until 10 points are earned to receive a 10% reduction on one month's fee for one child.

Current Parent Participation opportunities are posted in the program.

*Eligibility for Army CYS Services is as follows:* Active duty military, APF & NAF DoD civilian personnel, Reserve and National Guard on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training and DoD contractors. Retirees and Reserve/National Guard not on active duty are not eligible.

Family fee determination occurs during the CYS Services registration process prior to enrollment in a regularly scheduled full- or part-day program.

Fees for full-day and regularly scheduled part-day programs are collected in advance of services rendered. Payments may be made with cash, check, credit card, auto debit or through WebTrac.



Joint Base Lewis-McChord  
Child, Youth & School Services

## Joint Base Lewis- McChord School Age Program

Building 560, Lincoln Blvd  
JBLM, WA 98438  
Phone: (253)982-2203  
(253)982-9056

Program Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
0600-1800  
Early Drop Off available  
with Command approval



The School Age Program is a tobacco, alcohol, weapon, and drug free zone. This includes the grounds and any special events sponsored by the program.

DoD Child Abuse & Safety Violation Hotline—  
1 877-790-1197  
JBLM Family Advocacy Program—  
(253)968-4159  
WA Child Protective Services —  
1-866-END-HARM

## Bill of Rights



### YOUTH BILL OF RIGHTS

As a youth attending the School Age Program:

- I have the right to be happy and treated fairly.
- I have the right to be safe.
  - I have the right to be healthy.
- I have a right to be heard.
- I have a right to have fun.



### PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

As a parent of a youth attending the School Age Program, I have a right to:



\*Visit the program to observe and interact with my child at any time.

- \*Request a parent conference at any time.
- \*Participate in monthly Parent Advisory Council meetings.
- \*Be notified when my youth is injured, requires medical attention or has behavioral concerns.
- \*Expect a learning environment that is nurturing and safe both physically and emotionally.
- \*Volunteer in my child's classroom or at program special events and field trips.

***Children, youth, and families have the right to fair and equitable treatment including the right to be treated in a non-discriminatory manner.***

## Program Scope

The McChord School Age Program at Joint Base Lewis-McChord is designed to offer children in grades K—5 with a variety of learning environments that are developmentally appropriate. Classroom environments include arts and crafts, science and math, games room, dramatic and imaginative play, technology lab, and outside play. Power Hour homework help is offered Monday-Thursday, 3pm-5pm

Program staff are trained on providing developmental and goal driven curriculum, meeting children's individual needs, and hands-on learning. Children learn the importance of making choices in their behavior and have the daily option to play individually or in small or large groups.

The School Age Program is an affiliate of 4-H and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. There are Five Core Service areas that drive our programming:

1. Education Support & Career Exploration
2. Character and Leadership Development
3. Health, Wellness and Life Skills
4. Sports, Fitness and Recreation
5. The Arts

**The integration and implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) throughout program content at all levels.**

The McChord School Age Program maintains high standards of care through National Accreditation with the Council on Accreditation.



## Character Counts!

In the McChord School Age program, we promote Character Counts, and encourage the youth to be TRRFCC.

1. Trustworthiness
2. Responsibility
3. Respect
4. Fairness
5. Caring
6. Citizenship

We are a Bully Free Zone and promote conflict resolution and communication.

Frequent recognition opportunities recognize youth for their positive choices.

