

Transforming Fort Bragg Schools

Within the past few years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District has completed more than \$100 million worth of family support projects at Fort Bragg, N.C. These include schools and child development centers, which help meet the demand of military families arriving at the installation due to Army stationing initiatives. The Department of Defense Education Activity finances and manages the schools world-wide while Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation finances the childcare facilities. "Family support facilities like these not only help to improve the quality of life for deserving military families who support soldiers, but they also provide convincing incentives for soldiers to continue their service," said Michelle Peralta, Corps project manager for schools at Fort Bragg. Between 2013 and 2020, another \$90 million is budgeted for continued school facility development at Fort Bragg. 

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Students use the computer lab at the Irwin Intermediate School. The Savannah district completed construction on the new \$14.9 million facility in April 2012, replacing the original Irwin building built in 1962. Located off of Normandy Drive, near Butler and Murray elementary schools, the new facility serves 725 students in grades two through five. Amenities include art, music, and general purpose classrooms, computer labs, a playground, gymnasium, and multipurpose rooms with a stage and kitchen. USACE Photos by Tracy Robillard.



Front view of Irwin Intermediate School