



Communicating with Schools During Transition

Before you move:

- ☐ Can you *register* your child *prior* to arriving?
- ☐ What *forms and documents* are needed to register?
- ☐ Is it possible to *register on-line*?
- ☐ Will my child be able to remain in their school if registered with a *temporary address*?
- ☐ Do they conduct a *youth sponsorship* program?
- ☐ What are the requirements for *special education services*?
- ☐ Are there *deadlines for extracurricular* try-outs? (sports, theater, etc.)
- ☐ What are the *immunization* requirements?
- ☐ Are there specific *graduation requirements*?
- ☐ What is the school *schedule/cycle*?
- ☐ What are the *beginning and ending dates* for the school year?
- ☐ High School – are they on a *block schedule*?
- ☐ High School – *compare graduations requirements* of your current and new school to identify any conflicts
- ☐ Research *zones for schools* and bus routes

Once you arrive at your new duty station:

- ☐ What is the *daily schedule*?
- ☐ What are the *grading periods* (6wk, 9wk, 12wk, or 18wk)?
- ☐ Does the school participate in a *grading system parents can access*?
- ☐ What is the *attendance policy*?
- ☐ What are the *standardized testing procedures and requirements*?
- ☐ Communicate with the new school regarding any *course substitutions* that might be needed to meet course graduation requirements.

Other Transition Considerations:

- ☐ Let the school know of upcoming deployments or additional transitions
- ☐ Discuss concerns about transition that both your child and you might have with school personnel
- ☐ Provide the school behavioral changes they should be aware of indicating challenges with transition

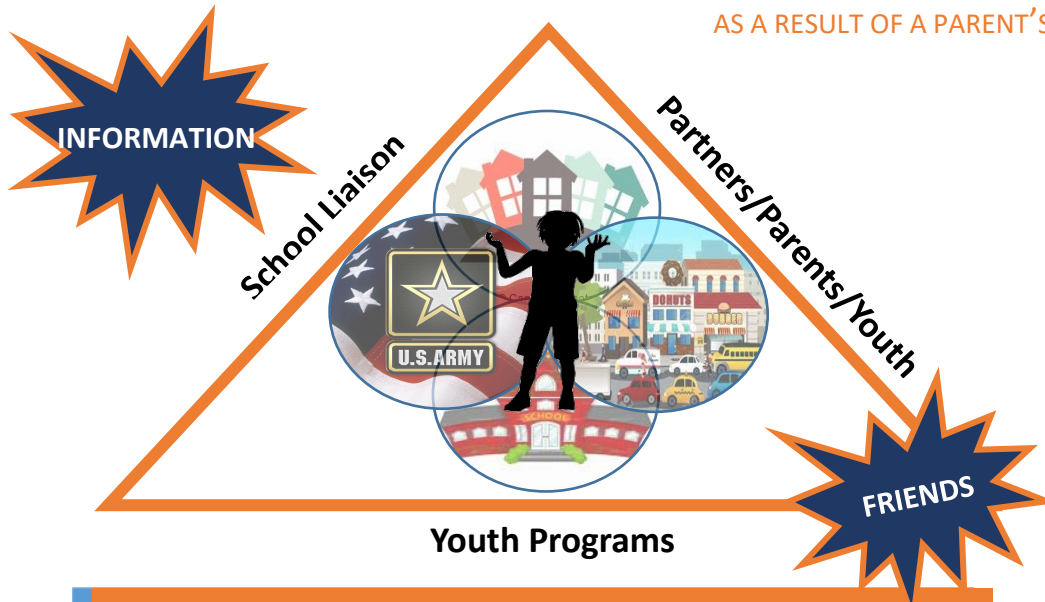


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YOUTH SPONSORSHIP

“REQUIREMENT: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SHALL REQUIRE THAT THERE BE AT EACH MILITARY INSTALLATION A YOUTH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE INTEGRATION OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES INTO NEW SURROUNDINGS WHEN MOVING TO THAT MILITARY INSTALLATION AS A RESULT OF A PARENT’S PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.”

Public Law 104-106, Section 1785



Youth Sponsorship Programs

Ease transition for military youth by connecting transitioning youth to their communities through peer to peer networks prior to transition. Transitions may include:

- Permanent Change of Station
- Deployment
- Sports
- Developmental

Successful Sponsorship Programs have systems for:

- Identifying incoming and outgoing youth
- Identifying youth in transition
- Communication strategies between programs
- Providing peer to peer networking
- Connecting youth to their new communities prior to their arrival
- Involving youth in the program

Roles

School Liaison Officers: Assist in identifying incoming and outgoing youth and assist schools with developing a school sponsorship program.

Installation Youth Programs: Operate an installation sponsorship program providing incoming youth with peer to peer connections, information, and networking even before they move.

Schools: Operate school sponsorship programs welcoming transitioning students, connecting them with peers and supportive adults easing school transition.

Parents: Ask about and enroll in the youth sponsorship programs prior to leaving their current duty station.

Youth: Actively participate in the program upon arrival. Youth also act as sponsors once they are integrated into their new community.

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SCHOOL RECORDS

Creating an educational binder and portfolio for each of your child can save you time and energy during the PCS process. Having all of your child's education records in one place will make school enrollment easier for you, your child, and the school.

A portfolio takes the educational binder a step further and creates a living record dedicated to documenting your child's education progress.

Items to Maintain in an Educational Binder:

- ☐ All school reports cards
- ☐ Standardized test scores
- ☐ Transcripts highlighting different curricula at different schools
- ☐ IEP/504 Plans
- ☐ Education Assessments
- ☐ School Contact Information

Additional Items to Include in a Portfolio:

- ☐ Student biographical information
- ☐ School contact information for all previous schools attended
- ☐ Course information – to include course descriptions
- ☐ Academic work samples from different subjects and different grades
 - Writing Samples
 - Research Papers
 - Math Assignments/Tests
 - Projects
 - Speech/Presentation
- ☐ Create work samples from different subjects and different grades
- ☐ Service information
- ☐ Extracurricular activities
 - Memberships in Clubs/Organizations including: dates, leadership role, etc.
 - Student Government positions and roles and responsibilities
 - Participation in Special Interest Groups
 - Athletics
 - Band
 - Educational Travel
 - ROTC
 - Model UN
 - Theater/Arts
- ☐ IEP/504 Plan history and special education documents (if applicable)
- ☐ Personal References



WEB RESOURCES

Army Educational Outreach Program – <http://www.usaeop.com>



AEOP provide STEM opportunities for military connected youth. The website provides information about AEOP programs available to youth, scholarship opportunities, news, and ways to get involved.

Army Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation - <https://www.armymwr.com/>



Link to F&MWR installation services Army-wide; find your installation points of contacts and offered services. F&MWR provides a variety of recreation and Family programs for eligible ID card holders. Programs include: recreation, tours and travel, sports, Child and Youth Services, Army Community Services and more.

<https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/family-assist/child-youth-school-services/> - takes you directly to the Child and Youth Services section of the Army-wide MWR site.

<https://www.armymwr.com/communities> will take you directly to installation search page. From here you can find your installation and then select “CYS Services” then “School Support Services” which will provide you with your SLO contact information, forms requesting a youth sponsor and information about local schools.

<https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil> is a one stop shop for a wide range of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and services offered at Army Garrisons world-wide. Under the Child and Youth Services option, you can initiate CYS registration, enroll in activities, reserve hourly care, make payments, print reports such as household calendar, receipts, child care tax statements, and current enrollments. You can also update your Family file, print forms for re-registration and more. As a guest you can browse services offered at any Garrison, you must register with the Garrison to finalize actions. Each Garrison site has instructions available. Note, some garrisons do not currently have WebTrac abilities.



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Back To School Army Performance Triad Toolkit -



<http://glwach.amedd.army.mil/Documents/PerformanceTriad.pdf>

The Performance Triad combines sleep, activity and nutrition to help members of the Total Army Family perform at their best. This toolkit provides parents with resources to help their children perform at their best.

Department of Defense Education Activity – <http://www.dodea.edu>



Information on DoDEA schools; initiatives in education regarding military connected students, locate DoDEA schools at your duty station, parent and student resources and more.

<http://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/interstateCompact.cfm> - direct link to the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children

Khan Academy – <https://www.khanacademy.org/>



Free on-line learning developed by experts for every subject and every level. Get extra practice at math, English, science and other subjects. Career and college prep is also available.

March2Success – <https://www.march2success.com>



March2Success is a DoD sponsored site that helps students prepare for standardized tests, improve school work and review materials. There are also tools for educators and parents to track their students. The site offers full length practice tests for both the SAT and ACT as well as provides videos to help students learn about the college admissions practice and where they can find financial aid. This is offered free of charge.

Military Child Care – www.militarychildcare.com



MCC is a Department of Defense website that provides a single online gateway for military Families seeking child care. It provides a consistent request for care process for military-operated and military subsidized child care options worldwide. The program expedites the child care request for care process by enabling military Families to independently search for and request care, manage their requests and update their profiles.



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Military Child Education Coalition – <http://www.militarychild.org>



MCEC focuses on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Their site provide resources for military Families and educators in military connected schools.

Military Installations - <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil/MOS/f?p=MI:ENTRY:0>



Find any military installation world-wide. Points of contact, articles; installation, newcomer's and sponsorship, and school information; installation maps, and more. Military Installations helps you prepare for your next move.

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission –



The MIC3 is focused on ensuring states that have agreed to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children uphold the compact. This site provides individuals with resources about military transition and the latest agreements included in the compact. The Commission can assist with resolution of issues associated with the compact and continues to improve education for military connected youth.

Military Kids Connect - <http://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/>



An online community for military children (ages 6-17) that provides access to age-appropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life developed by the Department of Defense.

Military One Source - <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



Links to resources that answer questions about military life. Access the Plan My Move and Plan My Deployment calendar; download information sheets on benefits, parenting, deployment, etc; access 24/7 no cost, confidential counseling resources; download podcasts on military topics.

www.militaryonesource.mil/for-military-youth-and-teens provides resources specific to military youth including information about Military Youth and Teen programs and DoD Summer Camps.



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National Center for Education Statistics - https://nces.ed.gov/global_allocator/



Department of Education branch dedicated to the statistic, research, and evaluation of education in the United States. Information provided on this site is based in fact and non-biased. Parents can find specific schools, compare schools, and use the data to make sound educational decisions.

National Assessment for Education Progress (NAEP) -

<https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>



NAEP provides a common measure of student achievement across the country and is considered the “Nation’s Report Card” on education. This is possible as NAEP provides assessments nationwide on all subjects. This allows for a standard of assessment allowing parents to properly compare school performance accurately.

School Liaison Scholarship Database –

<https://sites.google.com/view/militaryconnectedscholarships/home>



Listing of crowd sourced scholarships for military connected youth. Scholarships are listed in alphabetical order and provide information on deadlines and qualifications.

Tutor.com - <http://military.tutor.com/home>



Tutoring and homework help provided at no cost to active duty service members and their eligible dependents



School Liaison Officer

School Support Services

A Driving Force for Student Success

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services

Contact Information New Duty Station:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Web-site:

Your School Liaison Officer Can:

1. Act as your primary point of contact for all school related matters
2. Provide resources/tools to prepare for transition including:
 - a. Relocation
 - b. Age – Developmental
 - c. Deployment
3. Provide information on the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children and how it applies to your circumstances
4. Connect your children to youth sponsorship programs

Assist with problem resolution for issues associated with the Interstate Compact