

ENHANCING AND SUSTAINING PreK-12 Education

Supporting Readiness, Retention, Recruiting and Resilience



Department of War HQ SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM



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War Department School Liaison Program

The School Liaison Program offers an array of services and resources to support students, parents, installation leadership, schools and the community. School liaisons are local leaders who serve as the primary point of contact through 12 for education and afterschool programs. By working together, the Liaison Program builds the best possible education for connected children.

School liaisons at each installation provide information and build partnerships with the civilian and military community to address common education challenges of military families. School liaisons are also an initial point of contact for participation in the Youth Sponsorship Program to build resilience in youth and ease the transition to civilian life.

MILITARY ONE SOURCE

War Department School Liaison Program

The School Liaison

- Identify barriers to education
- Develop solutions
- Promote partnerships between military and civilian communities
- Develop a plan
- Provide the tools and resources needed for success

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SCAN ME



Worldwide Listing of
School Liaisons

CHARGE TO COMMUNITY LEADERS

- Military families often base their decision to continue service on public education opportunities for their children
- Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force informed the National Governor's Association about this concern

"Eliminating or mitigating these barriers will improve quality of life for our military families and ease the stress of transferring duty stations with consideration for long-term career implications. We realize improving schools... will take time. Over the long term, however, leaders who want to make a difference for the military and our missions will make the most impact if we focus on what matters."

— February 23, 2018



WHO WE SERVE

- Active Duty, Guard & Reserve & Retirees
- DOD Civilians and Contractors
- Recruiters & ROTC Instructors
- Geographically Separated Units (GSU)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- US Public Health Service (USPHS)
- Foreign national personnel and allied partners
- Educators & Community

JOINT SERVICE
School Liaison Program

OUTREACH ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIP



About Us

School Liaisons (SLs) are the central point of contact for commanders, communities, military families, and school districts on Preschool-12th grade school matters. They advocate for military connected students at the local, state and national level.



Our Mission

Empower PreK-12 students, parents, educators, and communities through comprehensive services and strong partnerships between civilian and military sectors.



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Education Partnerships



Local School & Homeschool Navigation



Special Education Navigation



Deployment Support



College, Career & Military Readiness



Grants & Scholarships



Professional Development



Transition Support



Legislation, Policy & MIC3 Compliance



Emergency Response & Preparedness



Connect Today!



PROGRAM OVERVIEW



PreK-12 Education



Public Schools on
Military Installations
& DoWEA



Military & Family Life
Counseling Program



296

School Liaisons

171

PSMI

161

DoWEA

1.3K

School-Embedded
MFLCs

776K+

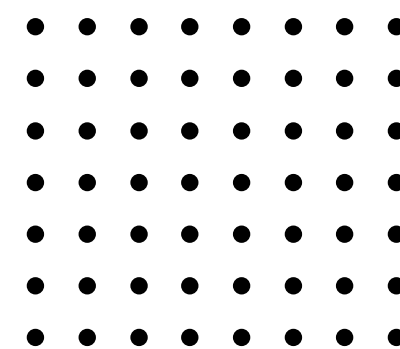
Military-connected
students

24K

Schools Served

200+

Transition Programs





DEPT. OF WAR SCHOOL LIAISONS

Primary OPR for all PreK-12 engagements, challenges, concerns, education programming components to include Special Education, state-level or host-nation representation, and education community partnerships.

- Direct access to the Installation Commander
- Engagement with educational institutions
- Annual OSW certification inspection
- Responsibilities at both local and state levels
- Identification of educational gaps, along with coordination and advocacy
- Joint service reciprocity



FROM COMMUNICATION TO COORDINATION

With military-connected students constituting less than 1% of the total student population in many of our military impacted schools, **cultivating and sustaining** Education Community Partnerships are vital.



- **PreK-12 Education SME**
- **Installation Commander Driven Program**
- **Lynchpin, Influencer and Ambassador**
- **Mutually Beneficial**

Command Team

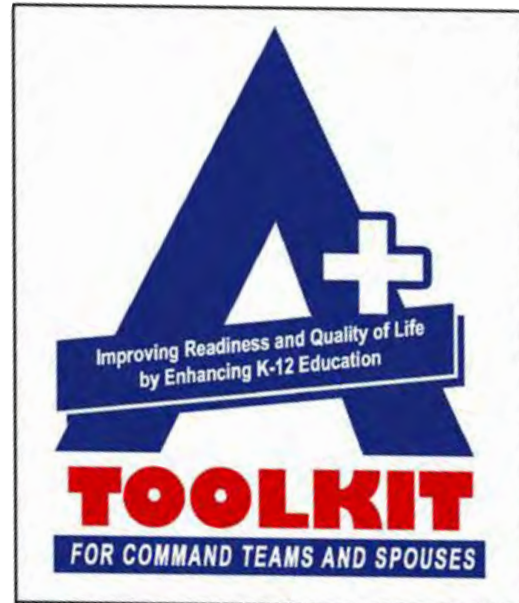
Families

Educators

**Installation and Community
Stakeholders**



How Our School Liaisons Support Military Leadership



A+ TOOLKIT FOR COMMAND TEAMS AND SPOUSES

IMPROVING READINESS AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY ENHANCING K-12 EDUCATION

The heart of the A+ Toolkit is the change model, which provides a guide or framework. The model has three phases:

- [1. Identify Issues](#)
- [2. Initial Efforts](#)
- [3. Gain/Sustain Momentum.](#)



Command teams cannot improve public K-12 education in isolation; collaboration with local school districts and boards of education is essential.



Chapter 300

Transfer of Education Records and Enrollment

Chapter 400

Graduation

Chapter 500

Placement and Attendance

Chapter 600

Eligibility



MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

The Compact addresses the educational challenges encountered by military children due to their frequent relocations. It facilitates consistent treatment for these children as they transition between school districts across member states.

STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Active-duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who die on active duty, for a period of one year after death.
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)





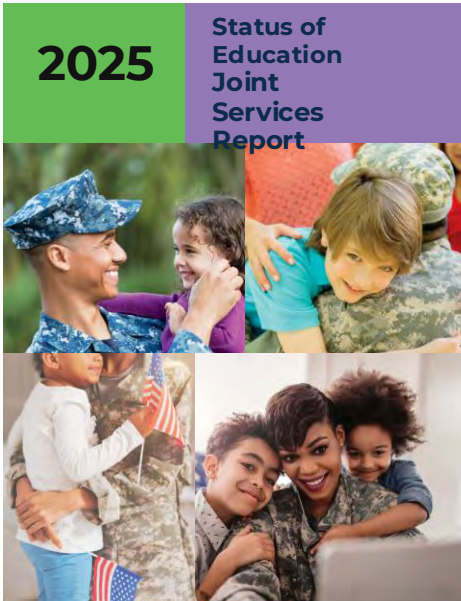
What Is the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or MIC3?

Graduation and MIC3

Situation: A PCS during junior/senior year puts graduation at risk due to differing state requirements.

Why it Matters: On-time graduation, scholarships, family stress

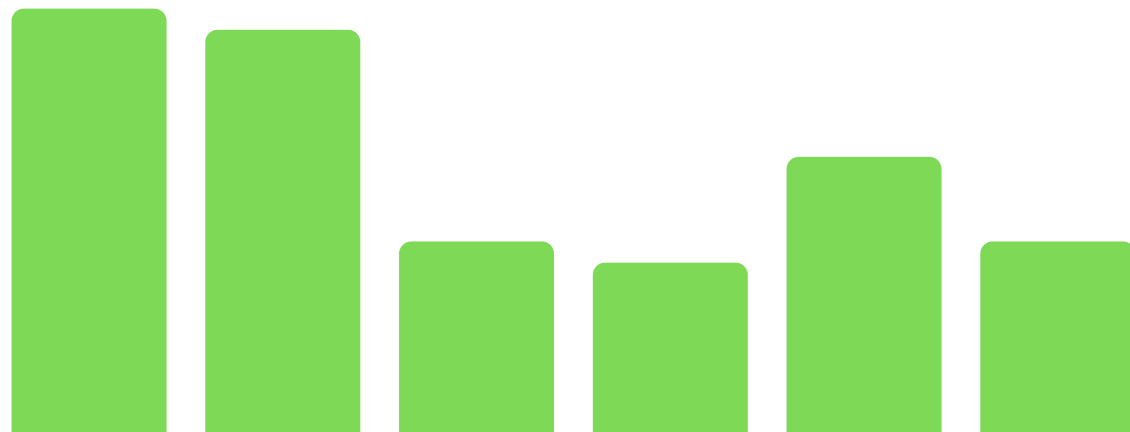




Department of War Joint Service

Status of Education

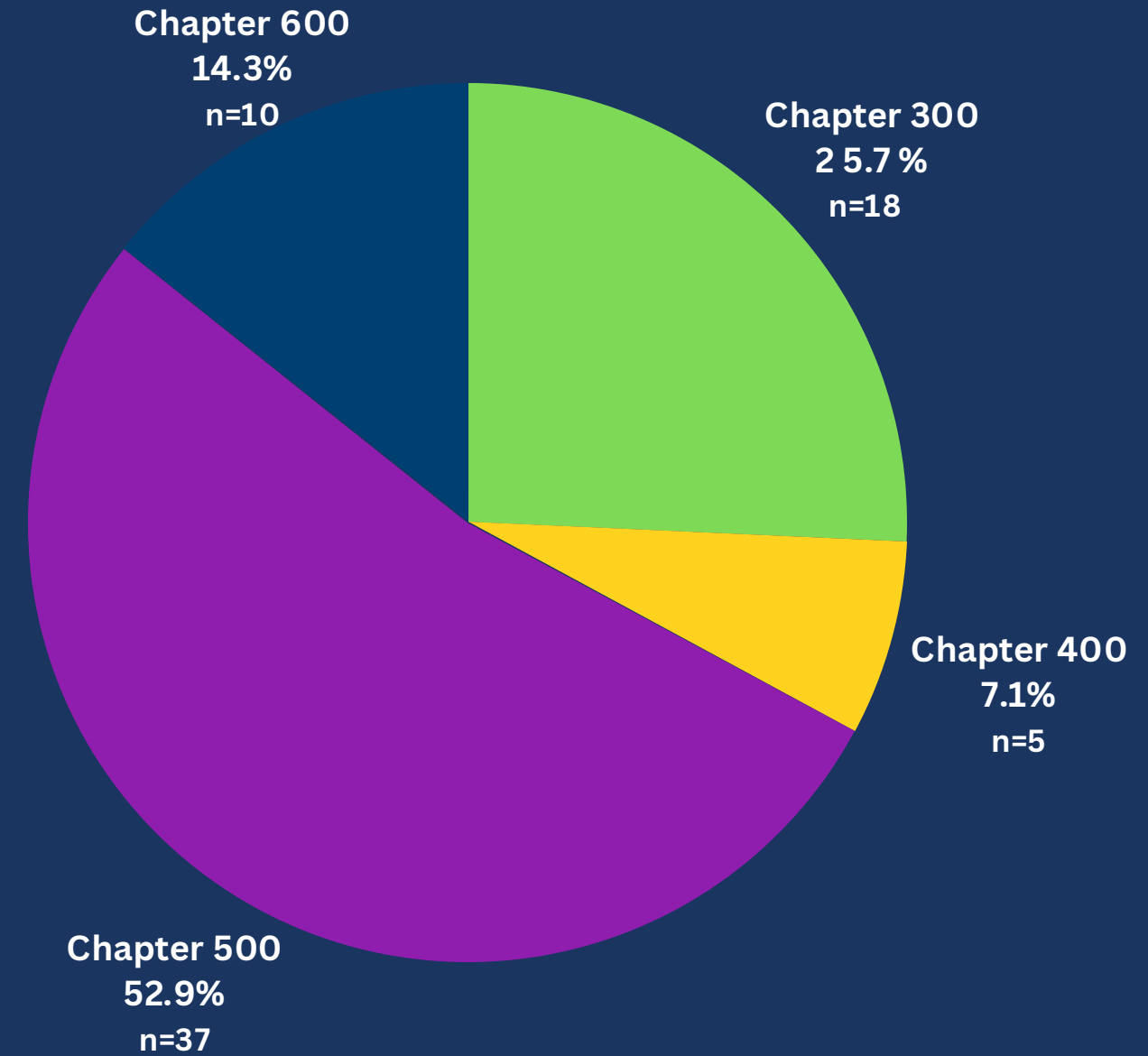
Non-MIC3 Educational Trends



1. Teacher Shortages
2. Universal PreK (UPK) not available
3. Military Student Identifier (MSI) data not available
4. Open Enrollment/School Choice unavailable or denied
5. Educational Funding
6. Homeschool Issues

MIC3 Educational Trends

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- Chapter 600 - Eligibility



Approximately 45% of placement and attendance issues were related to students not receiving comparable special education services when transitioning to a new school. This is up 7% from last year.

Legislation and Policy

Situation: Parents have reported delays in services resulting from challenges associated with the seamless transfer of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) between states. A member has requested that a senior leader contact the superintendent to address the disagreement.

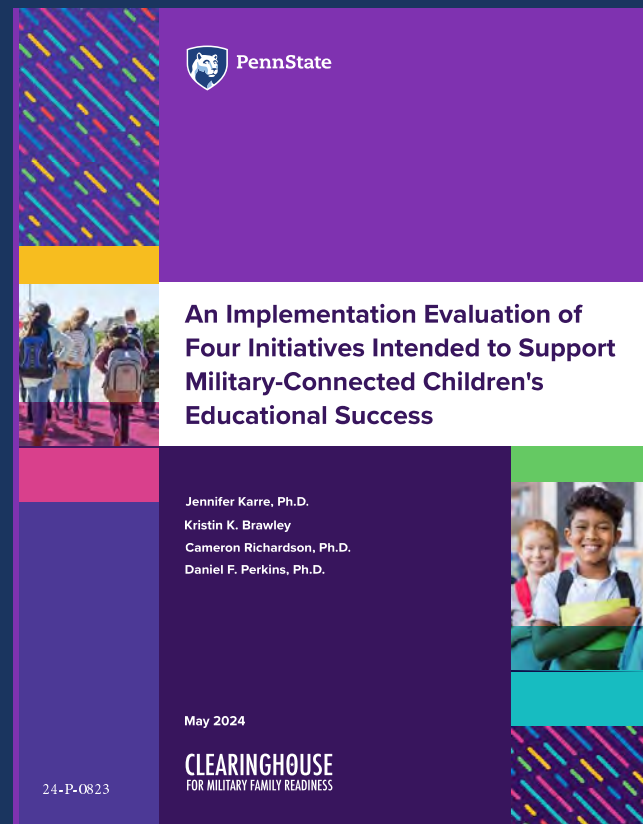
Why it Matters: Legal compliance, child well-being, family trust



Colorado Senate Bill 25-073 - Military-Connected Children with Disabilities

The initiative aims to support military families by advocating for SB25-073, which requires local education agencies to provide timely services and accommodations for incoming military students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. This ensures they receive necessary support without delays upon enrollment, facilitated by Colorado SLPs, the Regional Defense State Liaison, and community stakeholders.

Penn State Supportive Policies to Improve Educational Experiences and Achievement for K-12 (SPEAK) Military Children Report



AE

State Legislation

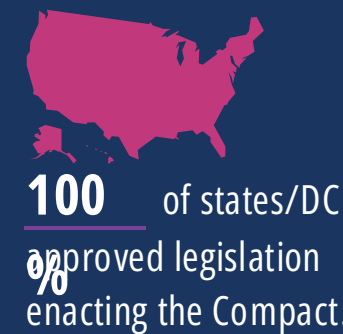


Advanced Enrollment (AE) is an initiative that allows parents to enroll their children in a public school based on military orders rather than traditional means of establishing residency (e.g., lease, mortgage statement).



Compact

State Legislation



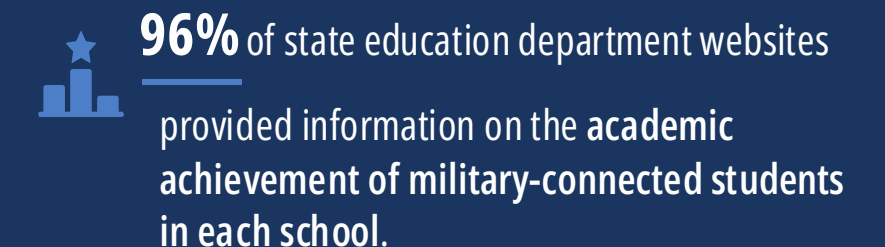
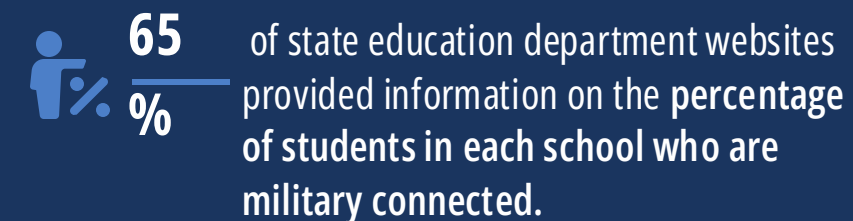
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) is intended to reduce some of the challenges students can encounter when transferring to a new school. Specifically, the Compact is designed to address challenges related to enrollment, transferring records, immunizations, program placement, deployment-related absences, extracurricular activities, and graduation.



MSI

State Implementation

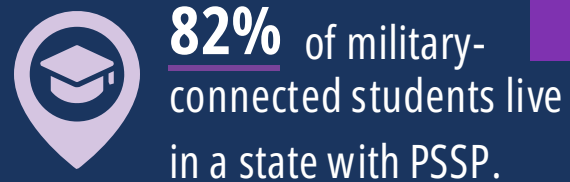
Military Student Identifier (MSI) is a federally required data point that requires schools to ask about students' military affiliation, similar to how race, ethnicity, gender, and economic disadvantage data must be collected.



Purple Star Schools Program



Purple Star Schools Program (PSSP) is a state-sponsored recognition program for schools that have taken specific steps to be military friendly.





Crisis Response and Student Mental Health

Situation: A school faces a crisis involving a student suicide, a threat, or an incident that significantly affects military-connected students.

Why it Matters: Trauma-informed responses, Readiness, Communication Challenges (Rumors), Installation Morale

Emergency & Contingency Planning

In close collaboration with installation agencies, military first responders, and local emergency services from the City of Mountain Home, Mountain Home AFB conducted an exercise of the Emergency Preparedness Plan for their PSMI. Following the drill, a debriefing session was held to assess its effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

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THANK YOU

- Provide support—Tools —Programs—Advocacy
- Partnerships Drive Results
- Call Anytime!
- Your Voice Can Make A Difference