

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM

ARE YOUR KIDS READY?

Guard/Reserve, Recruiting Duty, Geo-Baching, Unaccompanied tour, or serving at a Geographically Separated Unit (GSU) can be challenging, but navigating your student's education should not be. Your School Liaison is ready to help

you.



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DAF School Liaison Program



## WECANHELP!

## AREAS OF SUPPORT

- Education Community Partnerships
- Transition Support
- Deployment Support
- Homeschool Support
- PreK-12 Education Options/Challenges
- College, Career, and Military Readiness
- Training, Workshops & Professional Development (Parents & Educators)
- Military Interstate Compact Compliance (MIC3)
- Grant Resources & Scholarships
- Special Education Navigation
- Military Family Life Counseling Program
- Federal Impact Aid
- Joint Service-Total Force Reciprocity
- Overseas Education Support
- And More...

STUDENT FOCUSED...PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN

School Liaisons form a Joint Service network to help you connect to services within your specific location. This ensures that all military-connected families are in contact with subject matter experts from their unique areas.



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

- *What is the best school for my child?* All schools are different and have their unique personalities, just like your student. What is an excellent school for one child may not be the best fit for another. Consider the programs, extracurricular activities, and other educational offerings but do your research. Ask yourself what your "must-haves" are, and then relay those to your School Liaison.
- *How can I make sure that my child's school transition is smooth?* You can start with your local School Liaison. Establishing open communication between the sending/receiving school and preparing your child for the move can help. As a family, research facts about the new area and find activities to help you and the whole family connect with the new community. Ask about school transition programs or sponsorship programs.
- Is there anyone I can connect with who understands military children's needs? You can contact the Military Interstate Compact State Commissioner, School Liaisons, and some states have a military liaison who works for the State Superintendent of Education.
- Are military children given priority in selecting classes or enrolling in specialty programs? No, however, there may be some instances that the Military Interstate Children's Compact (MIC3) can help if your child was in the class/program at the sending school and the receiving school offers it. MIC3 allows for flexibility but does not require schools to provide the same program.
- *What information do I need to homeschool?* Homeschool laws vary from state to state and overseas. School Liaisons can connect you with resources in the local community or school districts as well as provide resources.
- *Whom can I contact to resolve issues at the school?* Schools have a chain of command similar to the military. Start with the teacher and work your way through to administration. Depending on the issue, you may need to contact your local school liaison for help or to assist in elevating to the state level.
- *How old does my child have to be to enroll in school?* Age requirements to enroll in school vary from state to state, and your local school liaison can assist you with the state policy.
- What do I need to enroll my child in school? Most school districts require a birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency. Some districts require a copy of the sponsor's orders. You can visit the district's webpage for a complete list of enrollment requirements. Your School Liaison will provide information on laws and waivers available.
- *Can the School Liaison force or make a school or local education agency change their policies?* No, they are Department of Defense employees and prohibited from participating in activities that may influence in any manner an official of any government (federal, state, or local). Law and DoD policy require them to exemplify the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity when interacting with non-federal entities.

Tutoring & Test Prep https://www.tutor.com/military

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission https://www.mic3.net/

> Military OneSource https://www.militaryonesource.mil/

Key Resources

