

New Student Transition to Poquoson City Public Schools (PCPS)

The average military-connected student moves between six and nine times during his/her K-12 years. Students faced with frequent moves must constantly integrate into a new educational system, new community, and find new friends. The Military Child Education Coalition Student 2 Student® (S2S™) program is a student led organization that welcomes incoming students to their school and helps departing students prepare for their next school. S2S eases transitions and creates a positive environment.

The S2S program is offered at Poquoson High School and is student run with the support of faculty advisors. *Any* student new to Poquoson City Schools who will enter Poquoson High School is encouraged to participate in the program. The program starts prior to the start of school in August. For more information please contact Poquoson High School.

Poquoson Middle School and Poquoson Elementary School also offer support as students new to Poquoson City Public Schools transition to their new schools. Students are connected with student mentors and provided support from faculty and staff to ensure they immediately feel welcomed and are able to easily make new friends. The transition to Poquoson Primary School is supported by faculty and staff. More information is available through the school offices.

In August, the PCPS Parent Teacher Organizations work with school division staff to provide a welcome dinner for all families new to Poquoson City Public Schools. Families are provided with information about the school division as well as tips on how to help students transition to a new school. Parents are invited to this event when registering their children. Activities are provided for the new students at the event.

Our goal is to make transitions smoother for our new students. Please call any of our schools or the School Board Office for assistance.