

## Wakulla County Military Student Form

In 2008 the Florida Legislature enacted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The purpose of the compact is to enable member states to uniformly address educational transition issues faced by military families. The compact governs member states in several areas, including school placement, enrollment, records transfer and graduation for children of military families.

### **Students covered by the compact**

This compact applies to the children of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and reserve on active duty orders;
- Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement;
- Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death

**What documentation must be provided if the parent is not present to enroll the military dependent child?** A special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship of a child of a military family, executed under applicable law is sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.

**What educational records can the school system accept when a new military family enrolls their student?** If official records cannot be released to the parents for the purpose of transfer, the custodian of the records in the school of the sending state shall prepare and furnish to the parent a complete set of unofficial education records. Upon the receipt of the unofficial education records by the school in the receiving state, the school shall enroll and appropriately place, as quickly as possible the student based on the information provided pending validation by the official records.

With the enrollment and conditional placement of a student the school in the receiving state shall request the student's official education record from the school in the sending state. The school in the sending state, upon receipt of such request must furnish the official education records to the school in the receiving state within ten days.

A student is required to obtain any immunization required by the state of Florida within thirty days from the date of enrollment.

The following student is the child of a military family as per s.1000.36, F.S.:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The complete document entitled Questions and Answers for Schools Concerning the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children may be accessed at :

[www.fldoe.org/military/pdf/qamilitary.pdf](http://www.fldoe.org/military/pdf/qamilitary.pdf)