Support for Military Connected Students



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Military Support

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Virginia has the most militaryconnected school age children of any US state.

> 25% of VBCPS students are military-connected

"Most military children say goodbye to more significant people by age 18 than the average person does in a lifetime."

Military-Connected Student Support

	Assist with Academic Transitions	Raise Awareness and Responsiveness	Encourage Peer Transition Support (S2S and Anchored4Life)	THE HOREDALIE
POST ★ 9/11 GI BILL It's Your Future	Post-Secondary Planning	Military Community Networking	Social Emotional Support	student 2 student A Military Child Education Coalition* Initiative

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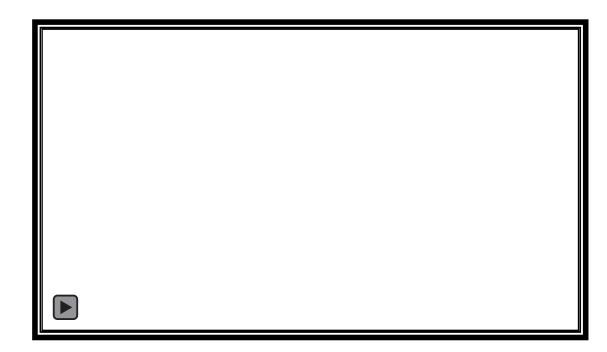
Common Terms

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PCS	Dependent	SM
SLO	Gold Star	EFMP
OpSec	POA	Tricare

Improving Responsiveness through Professional Development

- Understanding of military circumstances
- Understanding military culture & language
- Awareness of resources





Military Resources



MilitaryKidsConnect.org





MilitaryOneSource.mil



TrevorRomain.com



GiveAnHour.org



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MilitaryChild.org



Families BlueStarFam.org

Military Support at the State Level

Military Interstate Compact Council

- Supported by VDOE's MSSPAT
- Attend quarterly meetings

Purple Star Designation



Required Activities

- School point of contact (POC) for military students and families (some)
- POC completes professional development on special considerations for military students and families (many)
- School maintains a student-led transition program (most)
- POC informs teachers of the military-connected students in their classrooms
- School keeps a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families
- School division has assigned a central office staff member to be the contact for the school based liaison and military families

Optional Activities (1 required)

- Local school board passes a resolution of the school's support for military children and families
- School hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school (many)
- School provides professional development on military considerations to all school staff (many)

Military Family Life Counselors (MFLCs)

- 27 MFLCs serving 45 schools
- Contracted by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)
- Collaboration
- Training

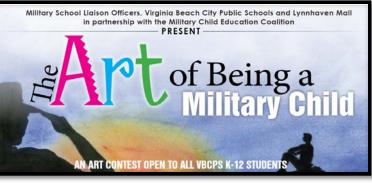




Collaboration with Military School Liaison Officers (SLOs)

- Connect outgoing families to their new schools
- Connect incoming families to us
- Recruit military volunteers









Support On Base



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Oyster Restoration at JEB Little Creek



Anchored4Life

- Student-led peer transition program
- Support for
 - New students
 - Students leaving
 - Deployment/Reintegration
- Each school receives
 - 165 kits based on their needs
 - Small group lessons & DVDs
 - Small group activities
 - Character development quotes



Tutor.com



Air Show / Blue Angels Speakers



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Divisionwide Military Partnerships



Military Partnerships at Shelton Park Elementary

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek – Environmental Department

Sharon Waligora, Environmental Program Director

Roger White, Lead Protection Specialist

After-school Oyster Club



Military Partnerships at Shelton Park Elementary

Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek – Explosive Ordnance Disposal Expeditionary Support Unit – Unit 2 (EODESU TWO) MM1 (EXW) Tyler Robinson, contact

One-on-One Volunteerism with Students and School Activities

