LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

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254. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee recognizes the challenges encountered by children of military families due to the frequent moves and deployment of their parents/guardians. The Joint Operating Committee is committed to eliminating barriers to student attendance, education and graduation; and to providing additional supports to children of military families in compliance with federal and state laws, regulations and Joint Operating Committee policy.

Definitions

Active duty – means full-time duty status in the active uniformed services of the United States, including members of the National Guard and reserve on active duty orders.[1][2]

Children of military families - means a school-aged child, enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, normally residing in the household of an active duty member **or in accordance with applicable law**. Specifically, this includes children of:[3][4]

1. Active duty members of the uniformed services.
2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year after medical discharge or retirement.
3. 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 (1) year after death.
4. **Members of the National Guard or reserve who are required to move to perform responsibilities in their service, which results in the child having to transfer from a public school in another state to a public school in this state.**

This does not include the children of:[3]

1. Inactive members of the National Guard and military reserves.
2. Members of the uniformed services now retired, except as otherwise stated in this policy.
3. Veterans of the uniformed services, except as otherwise stated in this

	policy. 4. Other United States Department of Defense personnel and other federal agency civilian and contract employees not defined as active duty members of the uniformed services. **State Council** – an entity to coordinate the state's participation and compliance among its government agencies, school entities and military installations. **Uniformed services** – means the U.S. armed forces, Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service.[5] **U.S. armed forces** – means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Space Force.[5]
Authority	The Joint Operating Committee directs the school to comply with the provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) and this Joint Operating Committee policy by:[3][6] 1. Facilitating the timely admittance of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from previous school entities or variations in entrance requirements.[7][8][9] 2. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content or assessment.[10][11][12][13] 3. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for participation in extracurricular and social activities.[14][15] 4. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.[15] 5. Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of the Compact. 6. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among states, schools and military families under the Compact. 7. Promoting coordination between the Compact and other compacts affecting military children. 8. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents/guardians and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

	The Joint Operating Committee shall ensure that children of military families have equal access to the same educational programs, activities and services provided to other school students.
Delegation of Responsibility	The Administrative Director shall be authorized to waive specific requirements in Joint Operating Committee policies, procedures and administrative regulations to the extent that they create barriers for the admission, placement and attendance of children of military families.[7][8][11][14][17] The Administrative Director or designee shall collaborate with the military family education liaison designated by the State Council, school staff, the student's school district of residence, other school entities, local agencies and other entities in supporting the needs of children of military families.
Guidelines	Children of military families admitted to the school shall be provided support and services, as appropriate to each individual student's needs, in accordance with the Compact and Joint Operating Committee policy.[18][19][20][21] **PSBA Revised 9/24 © 2024 PSBA** Legal References 1. 10 U.S.C. 12301 et seq 2. 10 U.S.C. 12401 et seq 3. 24 P.S. 7302 4. 24 P.S. 1184 5. 10 U.S.C. 101 6. 24 P.S. 7301 7. Pol. 201 8. Pol. 202 9. Pol. 216 10. Pol. 127 11. Pol. 204 12. Pol. 212 13. Pol. 215 14. Pol. 122 15. Pol. 231 16. Pol. 217 17. Pol. 203 18. Pol. 103.1 19. Pol. 113 20. Pol. 114 21. Pol. 138 Pol. 113.3

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