

Please return completed forms to the school office.

RCW 28A.300.505(2)(b) applies to parents or guardians regardless if the student resides with the military member or has custodial rights. The parent who usually fills out information about the student is asked to fill out information about military service. Schools are expected to ask parents for this information each year.

Please fill out the accompanying form for your student indicating military status of the student's parent or guardian.

Thank you for your assistance in helping the district gather this required information.

Military Parent or Guardian Affiliation

Beginning the 2016-17 school year, the state legislature passed a law requiring Washington State public schools to collect information on military affiliation beginning with the 2016-17 school year. (<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5163&year=2015>) Reasons for collection of the data include:

- (1) The legislature finds that, nationally, nearly two million students are from military families, where one or more parent or guardian serves in the United States armed forces, reserves, or national guard. There are approximately one hundred thirty-six thousand military families in Washington state.
- (2) The legislature further finds that a United States government accountability office study in 2011 identified that it is not possible to monitor educational outcomes for students from military families due to the lack of a student identifier in state educational data systems. Such an identifier is needed to allow educators and policymakers to monitor critical elements of education success, including academic progress and proficiency, special and advanced program participation, mobility and dropout rates, and patterns over time across states and school districts. Reliable information about student performance will assist educators in more effectively transitioning students to a new school and enable school districts to discover and implement best practices. [2015 c 210 § 1.]

Mark all that apply:

- A = US Armed Forces, active duty G = National Guard Member M = More than one family member currently serving in Armed Forces or National Guard
 N = No affiliation R = US Armed Forces Reserves X = Data Not Available Z = No response/refused to state

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____