



What is Impact Aid?

Federal impact aid is a Department of Defense initiative and is available to help school districts handle the cost of educating federally connected children, such as children from military families, as well as children of Department of Defense civilian workers and government contractors.

How does it help my student?

Harnett County Schools receives federal aid based on the total number of impacted students. Additional funding is also available to the school system based on impact aid percentages. For example, if we have a school with 15% or more military students, Harnett County Schools would be eligible to apply for DODEA Grants designed to assist our military families.

Is this supported by Fort Bragg?

Yes. Impact Aid is a federal initiative that is supported by the Fort Bragg Garrison Command, 82nd Airborne Division, USASOC, JSOC, FORSCOM, and Pope Army Airfield.

Does this violate OPSEC requirements?

No. Impact Aid forms do not collect unit-specific information or personal details for military personnel beyond what is already included in your student's enrollment paperwork. The only additional information collected is the service member's grade and rank.

What happens to my form after it is submitted?

Forms are collected at each school by a designated Impact Aid Representative. All completed forms are then sent to the Harnett County Schools Central Office Finance Department where they are sorted and consolidated. The annual application is submitted based on the number of identified, eligible students.

Forms are NOT sent to the Department of Defense. Harnett County Schools only submits total numbers of federally connected students on its application. Personal information about students or the service member is NOT included.

Do I need to submit a form for each of my children?

Yes. Impact Aid is based on total student forms from each school and does not allow us to consolidate families on one application.

What happens if I don't submit a form?

While there are no repercussions for not submitting a form, limited forms reduce Harnett County School's ability to seek additional federal funding for programs designed to support military students, such as transition counselors and tutoring services. Additionally, with dwindling state and county funding for education, Impact Aid funds are imperative to ensuring the success of our military children.

**For more information about Impact Aid,
visit the Harnett County Schools website at
www.harnett.k12.nc.us**



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Dear Military Families,

Impact Aid is a Federal Government's reimbursement to school districts for the presence of nontaxable federal property, (i.e. military installations, Indian Lands, Federal low rent housing, national laboratories, and grasslands) and federal connected students. The program is designed to assist local school districts having lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property, or have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected students.

Each year, school districts conduct a census of federally connected students. Parents are being asked to complete a Federal Impact Aid Card for each child enrolled in the public school system. Information compiled from these forms will assist in determining the district's allotment of Federal Impact Aid. It is critical the forms are signed, dated and returned in the timeframe requested by the school district.

The cost of education increases yearly. Funding appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including academic materials, technology, staff or transportation, supporting all students. Failure to sign and return the form results in the school districts not receiving their correct allotments, and consequently impacts the quality of education.

The goal of the Impact Aid program is to provide quality education to all affected children. I appreciate your continued efforts in supporting our local school districts and strongly encourage you to continue showing your support by completing and returning the Federal Impact Aid Card.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Pence", is written over a large, stylized, looping flourish.

**Scott Pence
Colonel, U.S. Army
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