Impact Aid FAQs

What is Impact Aid?

Federal impact aid is a Department of Education initiative available to help school districts manage the cost of educating federally connected children, such as military and Native American students, the families of Department of Defense and installation employees.

How does it help my student?

Harnett County Schools receives federal aid based on the number of impacted students. Based on impact aid percentages, additional funding may also be available to the school system. For example, if we have a school with 10% or more military students, Harnett County Schools could be eligible to apply for DODEA Grants designed to assist our military families. Schools are able to purchase additional instructional resources, classroom technology, provide tuturing and many other things.

Does Fort Bragg support the Impact Aid Survey?

Yes. Impact Aid is a federal initiative that the Fort Bragg Garrison Command, USASOC, JSOC, FORSCOM, XVIII Airborne Corps, and Pope Army Airfield support. The Fort Bragg Garrison Command letter can be found on the Harnett County Schools website.

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?

A designated Impact Aid Representative collects surveys at each school. The Business and Finance Department consolidates and securely stores all completed surveys. Our Assistant Superintendent of Financial Services manages the Impact Aid program.

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

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

Yes. Impact Aid is based on total student surveys from each school, and we do not consolidate family information on one survey.

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 request a Military Family Liaison Counselor (MFLC support), qualify for DoDEA Grants, and reduce funds shared with individual schools.

For more information, visit the Harnett County School website at
https://www.harnett.k12.nc.us/families/federally-connected-survey