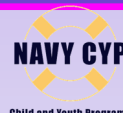




SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM NEWS



Child and Youth Programs

Did You Know?

What is the Military Students Interstate Compact?

It is important for transitioning military families with school-aged children to be familiar with the Military Interstate Compact. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)), addresses the key educational transitional issues encountered by military families. MIC3 is a contractual transitional issues encountered by military families. MIC3 is a contract between states that allow the government to work collaboratively when addressing common sense issues or concerns across boundaries. The compacts are an effective mechanism for states to utilize and solve the problems often avoiding federal intervention

MIC3 provides consistency across states and was drafted with the intent to avoid conflict with existing state codes where possible. It replaces widely varying policies that affect transitioning military students and supports uniform treatment for military-connected students as they transfer between school districts and member states. While the Compact is not exhaustive in its coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families: eligibility, enrollment, placement and graduation.

MIC3 is governed by a model language that was used as the framework to adopt the Compact into legislation by all States and the District of Columbia. The Commission follows a specific set of rules and bylaws to conduct its business and ensure compliance among states, unfortunately, not all issues can be resolved at the local and state level. The enforcement provisions of the Compact allow for the National Office to intercede, mediate issues, and assist the states in finding equitable solutions. Assistance is available and can be requested on issues such as: clarification of rules and bylaws, state statute interpretation, legal questions, and annual state dues payments.

The Commonwealth of VA and the state of MD has MIC3 representatives to the commission. Please visit your state's Department of Education website for information.

To learn more about the Military Interstate Compact for Military Students, visit www.mic3.net.

April is Month of the Military Child

Established by former U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the designation of April as the Month of the Military Child acknowledges the significant role military youth play in our communities. Why purple? Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is a combination of Army green, Marine red, & the blue of the Coast Guard, Air Force & Navy.

As of Jan. 2021, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) reports there are 965,710 children of active military families, ages 0-18 years old. The Commonwealth of VA has the second to the largest number of military children with approximately 75,000 while Maryland is the 8th with around 30,000.

Join the schools around the nation including Overseas Continental US (OCONUS) in celebrating the Month of the Military Child in April!

**"If we don't stand up for children,
then we don't stand for much."**

-Marian Wright Edelman

**MOVING OR TRANSITIONING WITH SCHOOL-AGE!
CONTACT YOUR YOUTH CENTER FOR A SPONSOR!**

•Tutor.com is a free online tutoring program for military families, K-12 and college students funded by Department of Defense. Sign up at www.tutor.com

•Each school district has its own school reopening plans that it can be different than your current district. As you transition from one school district to another, ensure to contact your School Liaison to get the updated information.

•The Military One Source is a one-stop shop for all your military needs from filing taxes, counseling, emotional health, relationships including educational assistance? Visit www.militaryonesource.com.

•Military Family Life Counselor offers non-clinical counseling, (no records being kept) is available for military families at Dahlgren School. To take advantage of this resource, please see your child's teacher.

•Wave of Honors program offers FREE amusement parks admission to military & dependents including veterans. Visit militarybridge.com for more info.

•There are various free resources with articles, webinars and podcasts of different topics to assist you with life's challenges available at your fingertips such as [Families Overcoming Under Stress \(FOCUS\)](#), [Sesame Street for Military Families](#), [Military Child Education Coalition](#), [US Department of Defense Military Life Support](#), etc.

•DOD launches the "My MillIFE Guide" text message Program to boost wellness sending text messages designed to help the military community while navigating stresses related to COVID-19.

Month of the Military Child Purple Up Day!

Wear purple on 21 April, in observance of the sacrifices and dedications of all military-connected children!

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