

School Liaison Services

Military Impacted Schools Associated (MISA) and the DoD have created a resource to help administrators in heavily impacted schools learn about the military child and their transition challenges, and suggested ways to address these needs.



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The School Liaison Program is a Department of the Air Force program designed to improve the educational environments and academics of K-12 school-aged family members whose parents are assigned to Air Bases and activities. The program reaches out to other branches of the military and the civilians who work for the Department of Defense.

The purpose of the program is to provide a link between military families and on and off base schools to assist them with those unique problems facing military children (moving, deployments, differences in curriculum between stateside and overseas schools, and Department of Defense Schools and civilian schools).



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The average military family moves 9 times over a 20 year career. When military children move, they are faced with a variety of school-related challenges. The challenges include:

Partnerships with School Districts

School Choice

Transfer of Records

Immunization and Age Requirements

Students in Special Programs

Students with Special Education Needs

Calendars and Schedules

Connectedness

Graduation Requirements

Extracurricular Activities

Senior Year Moves

Funding Sources

Impact Aid is a federal program that provides funding for a portion of the costs associated with educating children of military personnel. Most school districts receive funding from state and local property taxes. When military children attend public schools, enrollment is increased but local tax revenue is not generated because families live and shop on federal property which is not taxed. The federal government acts as the local taxpayer by funding the Impact Aid program for local school districts.

Over half a million children of military personnel are served through the federal Impact Aid program. This represents less than half of all school-age military children. The Impact Aid Program also provides funding to school districts with children residing on Indian lands, low-rent housing properties, and some civil service members.

In order to be eligible for Section 8003 of the Impact Aid Program, a school district must have at least 400 federal students in their Average Daily Attendance ; OR at least 3% of all children in the school district's ADA must be federally-connected. School districts must conduct a "first count" student survey each year to identify the number of federally-connected students. School districts must then submit an application directly to the U.S. Department of Education by January 31 containing the results of the "first count".

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