

Dear Military Families,

Your Monterey School Liaison Officers would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year. Our hope is that your student has a smooth transition into their new school. We are available to assist service members and their families with any school-related questions.

The goals of the military liaison program are to identify barriers to academic success and develop solutions; promote parental involvement in their children's education; develop and coordinate military partnerships in education; provide parents with the tools they need to overcome obstacles to education that stem from the military lifestyle; and to promote and educate local communities and schools regarding the needs of military children.

The School Liaison Officers can:

- Answer questions about school enrollment options
- Provide information about local schools and boundaries
- Provide information and resources for school choice (homeschool, independent study)
- Assist with inbound/outbound school transfers
- Help you understand and navigate the special education process
- Provide resources for college readiness
- Assist with agency referrals and much more!

Contact Your School Liaison Officer

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RESOURCES & LINKS for MILITARY FAMILIES

<p>Tutor.com FREE tutoring 24/7 for Military Families. Chat online with a certified teacher and get help in any subject.</p>	<p>SOAR: Student Online Achievement Resources www.soarathome.org An extraordinary resource to HELP YOUR CHILD succeed in math and reading skill development! Logon TODAY - it's FREE for military families!</p>
<p>Military Family Megasite www.militaryonesource.com</p>	<p>Military Youth on the Move (DOD web site) http://cs.mhf.dod.mil/content/dav/mhf/QOL-Library/MHF/251472.html</p>
<p>Plan My Move</p>	<p>Military Child Education Coalition</p>

http://militaryinstallations.dod.mil	www.militarychild.org
Special Needs/EFMP www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm	Post Secondary Preparation www.eknowledge.com/military

Interstate Compact

Specific impacts on military children include:

- Transfer of Records
- Course Sequencing
- Graduation Requirements
- Exclusion From Extra-Curricular Activities
- Redundant or Missed Entrance / Exit Testing
- Kindergarten and First Grade Entrance Age Variations
- Power of Custodial Parents While Parents are Deployed

The new Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children addresses these issues, as well as compact enforcement, administration, finances, communications, data-sharing and training.

Link to interstate [Compact Document](#)

TIPS FOR EASING YOUR CHILD’S ANXIETY ABOUT A NEW SCHOOL

- Become familiar with your child’s school before your child’s first day. Give your child as many details as possible about the new school and the surrounding community in order to ease the first day jitters.
- Help your child establish ways to stay in touch with friends at their previous duty station. This gives him a sense of continuity as he acclimates to the new school environment and makes new friends.
- Encourage children to talk with their teachers. Getting to know their teachers makes it easier for them to ask for help. If you have a young child, make a point of meeting the new teacher personally.
- Talk to your children about their school experiences. Encouraging your child to talk about his frustrations in her new learning environment provides her with a healthy forum for expression.
- Encourage your child to join extracurricular activities such as clubs or school organizations. This is a positive, productive way to meet people with shared interests.
- If school work is challenging, talk to your child’s teacher. Children should not wait until they are overwhelmed to voice their concerns. This is a good way to model positive interaction with the teacher.
- Finally, do not hesitate to contact your local School Liaison Officer. We are ready and willing to help you with every phase of your school transition!

School Finder

To find your school, use the link below:

http://www.mpusd.k12.ca.us/districtsite/find_school_map.php