





**Military Child
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MCEC Vision

Every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready.

MCEC Mission

MCEC supports all military-connected children by educating, advocating, and collaborating to resolve education challenges associated with the military lifestyle.

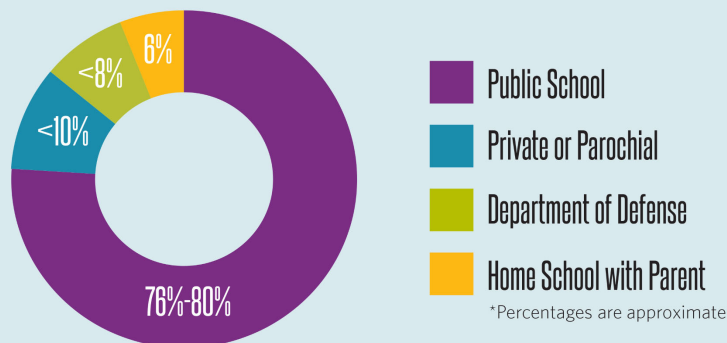
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Where Military-Connected Children *and* Youth go to School



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Advancing Our Mission


Educate - Advocate - Collaborate

The outcomes we seek are...

1. The **educational needs are recognized** at a national level and receive appropriate support
2. **Students thrive** and succeed in our education system and become college, career, and life-ready
3. **Parents are empowered** to be informed, proactive supporters, making positive impact in the academic, social, and emotional needs of their children
4. **Education professionals** possess the knowledge to identify, reinforce strengths and **respond** to complex needs of children whose parents serve in our Armed Forces or are Veterans
5. **State and local communities are responsive** in supporting military and veteran-connected children during times of transition, family separation, or trauma


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MCEC Programs

Student Programs




MCEC believes that enabling students to thrive and succeed in our education system by providing them the tools necessary to become college, workforce, and life-ready, is of the highest importance. *Student 2 Student*® (S2S™) programs at the elementary (eS2S™), middle (JS2S™), and high school (S2S™) levels bring military and civilian kids together to welcome new students, create a positive environment, support academic excellence, and ease transitions as students pass in or out of schools. 100% acceptance is a hallmark of this program.

Parent Programs



MCEC parent programs empower parents to become informed, proactive supporters, allowing them to make a positive impact in the academic, social, and emotional needs of their children. *Parent to Parent*™ provides informative and interactive parent workshops to groups and organizations in the local community that address academic, social, and emotional issues associated with a military family lifestyle.

Military Student Transition Consultants

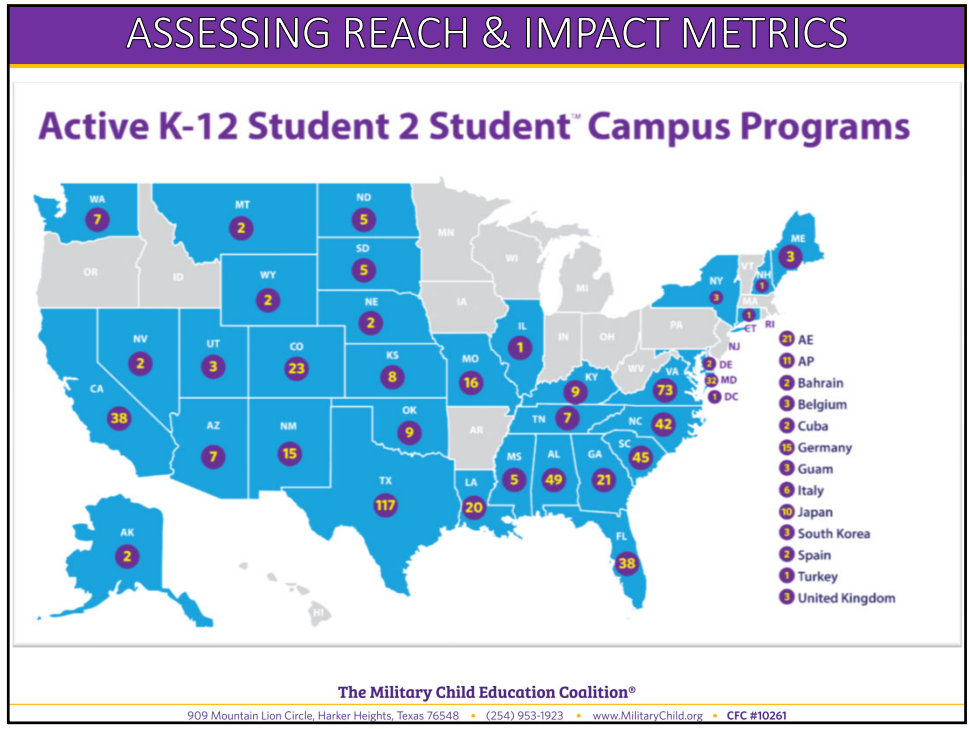


MCEC Military Student Transition Consultants (MSTC) serve as expert “navigators” and advocates for military-connected students and their families as they transition into and out of the school district. MSTCs provide on-going, continuum of care to help students and parents traverse the often confusing paths associated with transitions.

Professional Development

MCEC believes in the importance of professionals possessing the knowledge necessary to identify and respond to the complex needs of military and veteran-connected children. Across disciplines such as education, healthcare, childcare, and business, MCEC trains professionals to address the unique challenges facing our military children. All training is grounded in research and presented by highly skilled instructors. MCEC continues to represent those we serve with senior military and national leaders as a member of the Secretary of Defense’s Roundtable and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs’ Roundtable.

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Podcasts & Webinars

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WEBINAR SERIES

90 podcasts archived weekly with over **11,000** downloads

62 live and recorded parent education workshops reaching **34,118** adults

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Military Kids NOW
Education Survey

<https://www.militarychild.org/mcecsurvey>

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SCHOOLQUEST

StudentQuest Academic Tracker
Monitor and plan students' academic career progress from K through 12th grade.

Student Profile
Customized student profiles automatically compile important details and deadlines for quick views and access.

Online Community
Connect with other military parents to build relationships and benefit from sharing experiences and information in a safe and private online space.


Reminders & Notifications
Set reminders for important deadlines and get notified about them automatically in time to act.

Personalized Checklists
Time-bound, student-specific information compiled into accessible lists.

School Search Capabilities
The GreatSchools search function researches and aggregates schools in the next community where you PCS.

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Policy Initiatives

Purple Star Campus Program – State recognition of campuses that support military connected students. (TX, AR, OH, VA, GA, SC, TN, NC, IN, MT, NH)

- Campus staff POC
- Dedicated web page(s)
- Student peer transition support group
- Staff professional development
- Other optional activities

Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children – Ease transition issues (enrollment, placement, attendance, graduation) in highly mobile military families.

Open Early Enrollment - Allow military families moving into the state on official orders to pre-enroll their children in a school district before obtaining an address

Education Savings Accounts for Military Families - H.R.1605 - Education Savings Accounts for Military Families Act of 2019

Military Student Identifier – We know our youth reside in every zip code across America, but we need to identify them and assess the access to opportunity and academic achievements.

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Military Child Education Coalition By the numbers


WE ARE STRONG with **72,237** coalition across **43** states and **5** countries

- 30** Military Student Transition Consultant/Affiliates across **10** states
- 62** live and recorded parent education workshops reaching **34,118** adults
- 90** podcasts archived weekly with over **11,000** downloads
- 10** Professional Development trainings in person and online
- 190** school campuses with trained Student 2 Student teams impacting over **72,000** students

WE ARE PURPLE STAR PROUD MCEC is the national advocate for Purple Star Schools, a program that supports military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station.

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*Thank you for your time and attention.
Thank you Khi Jackson for the invitation!*

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