



**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN
TO THE GOVERNOR
AND SENATE AND HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEES
COVERING ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023**

Executive Summary

Pursuant to the Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) Section 6-28-204(f), the Arkansas Council for Military Children (hereinafter the Council) hereby submits this report to the Governor of Arkansas and to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly.

This report covers the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Because this Council is concerned with the support of children of military families enrolled in Arkansas public schools, that time period is referenced in this report as Academic Year 2022-2023, or AY 2022-2023.

ACA 6-28-204 requires this Council to report on the following areas (excerpted verbatim from ACA 6-28-204(h):

- (1) Information regarding the achievements of the State Council and public school districts regarding the support provided to military families under this chapter;
- (2) Details of the reports provided to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3);
- (3) The number of children of military families in each public school district transferring to or from another state or federal education agency in the previous year;
- (4) Summaries of cases elevated to the chair for counsel and assistance in resolving cases involving the transition of children of military families that were elevated by military families, United States Department of Defense officials; or Public school districts.
- (5) Information regarding training that is provided to public school district personnel with respect to this chapter
- (6) Details regarding plans for future engagement efforts with uniformed services families under this chapter; and
- (7) Any other information deemed relevant by the Council.

The Council has also decided to submit this report to the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education and will submit this report to the MIC3 national office to satisfy the requirements of MIC3 Rule 2.102.

The Council has enjoyed significant successes during the 2022-23 Academic Year, most notably in advancing its recognition programs. Educating military families about their rights under Arkansas law has continued to be a challenge; the Council has recently implemented an e-newsletter for military families, which should help to ameliorate the problem. The most significant challenge the Council faces at this point is lack of funding to continue to advance recognition programs for schools and for military families.

I. Achievements of the State Council and Public School Districts.

During the last academic year the Council has focused its efforts on five areas: increasing the number of persons attending the statutory military family forum; increasing its recognition programs; enhancing the educational environment for children of military families through expansion of the Arkansas Purple Star School program; raising awareness of the obstacles faced by and special needs of children of military families in obtaining an education through a vigorous outreach and training program; and surveying military families in Arkansas to determine the knowledge among military families of their statutory rights and the resources available to them.

A. Military Family Forum.

The Council conducted an online forum on May 5, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No families addressed the Council.

The Council conducted an in-person forum at the Little Rock Air Force Base on June 14, 2023, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Fifteen families participated. None expressed dissatisfaction with support for military under Arkansas law.

B. Recognition Programs.

The Outstanding Service to Military Families Award was presented to three individuals.

The award to recognize Outstanding District Military Education Coordinators was presented to two individuals.

The Council has continued its work to develop an award to recognize one outstanding high school student who is a child of a military family statewide. The Awards Committee of the Council is currently developing the concept to present to the Council for approval or amendment. The Council hopes to present the first award under this program in May 2024.

The success of the various recognition programs operated by the Council is proximately due to the superior work of Awards Committee Chair Dr. Janice Walker.

C. Purple Star Schools.

The number of schools qualifying for Purple Star School status has increased from 93 on June 30, 2022 to 114 as of June 30, 2023. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star Schools is available at this link [at this link](#) on the Council web site. The number of school districts qualifying for recognition as Purple Star School Districts has risen from nine on June 30, 2022 to 13 on June 30, 2023. Two charter school districts and two private schools have achieved Purple Star status. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star School Districts is available at this link [at this link](#) on the Council web site. A chart depicting the increase in Purple Star Schools for the first half of 2023 is at **Appendix A**.

The most significant hindrance to expanding the Purple Star School program is lack of funds to provide recognition banners to qualifying schools. Over the past four years banners have been provided by the Arkansas Activities Association, the Child and Youth Education Service Office of the Little Rock Air

Force Base, and Camp Alliance. In order to continue the program, the Council requires a consistent source of funding. The Council has voted to suspend temporarily presenting banners for this reason.

D. Outreach and Training.

The Council has expanded its public awareness through increasing its social media following as well as through presentations in online town halls, television interviews, and in-person events. In conjunction with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Council has conducted fifteen training events during this academic year.

The Council has also created a free monthly e-newsletter to provide information more directly to military families and the educators who work with them. Any person may subscribe to the newsletter [at this link](#). Members may unsubscribe at any time. The first edition of the newsletter was published on June 1, 2023.

- E. Survey. The survey of military families was opened publicized on January 31, 2023 via Commissioner's Memo COM-23-079. Responses were accepted through March 31, 2023. 370 responses were received. Results of the survey are presented in **Appendix B**.

II. Reports to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission.

The Council submitted the annual report to MIC3 required by the MIC3 Rule 2.102.

III. Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public School Districts During AY 2022-2023

A table with data on the number of children of military families transferring into and out of Arkansas public school districts is at **Appendix C**. The data are provided by the Division of Research and Technology of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

IV. Cases Brought to the State Council.

No cases under the Interstate Compact have been elevated to the Council during AY 2022-23.

V. Training for Public School District Personnel.

Paragraph I.D of this report makes reference to training activities conducted. A schedule of training events conducted during AY 2021-2022 is at **Appendix D**.

VI. Plans for Future Engagement.

During AY 2023-2024 the Council will:
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- A) Conduct at least one Military Family Forum, pursuant to ACA 6-28-204(f).
- B) Hold its regularly scheduled council meetings in various communities in order to facilitate in-person attendance by members of the public. Each Council meeting will feature a web-based option for persons who wish to attend virtually.
- C) Continue to conduct training statewide. Training activities will include information on the LEARNS Act and other legislative action relevant to children of military families.
- D) Use the results of the survey of military families to refine and focus the Council’s outreach efforts.
- E) Increase the number of Purple Star Schools from 114 to 200.
- F) Revise criteria to qualify as a Purple Star School to include building-level plans to engage military families.
- G) Implement a statewide award to recognize an Outstanding Military Scholar.
- H) Implement a program to recognize cities and counties as Purple Star Communities.
- I) Conduct a follow-up survey of military families.

VII. Other Information Deemed Relevant by the Council.

A. Membership. The Council consists of the following statutory members:

INCUMBENT	POSITION
Col. (Ret.) John Kaminar, Chair	Military Family Engagement Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Andelyn Wright, Vice Chair and Chair of the Military Family Forum Committee	Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist, Fort Chaffee
Emily Taylor	Director of Counseling, Cabot Public Schools
Dr. Jeremy Owoh	Superintendent, Jacksonville-North Pulaski School District
Don Hoover	Executive Director of Student Services, Bentonville School District
Dr. Shawn Cook	Superintendent, Lakeside School District
Loreena Hegenbart	Parent Mentor, The Center for Exceptional Families
Dr. Kerry Schneider	Superintendent, Cedarville School District
LaShawnDa Noel	Executive Director, Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas
Brittany Edwards	Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Department of the Military
Jody Bergstrom, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee	Executive Director, Camp Alliance, Inc.
Terri Williams, Chair of the Outreach Committee	School Liaison Program manager, Little Rock Air Force Base
Brian Melton	Staff Supervisory Administrator, 90 th Sustainment Brigade, Camp Pike

Christyal Parker	Assistant Executive Director, Arkansas Activities Association
Sen. Jane English	Chair, Arkansas Senate Education Committee
Rep. Karilyn Brown	Arkansas House Education Committee
Bobbie Olles, Military Family Education Liaison	STEM Advisor for Mathematics, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Col. Bernard Smith, Department of Defense Liaison (Non-Voting)	19 th Mission Support Group Commander, Little Rock Air Force Base

The following persons have served the Council at its request under authority of ACA 6-28-204(d)(2):

INCUMBENT	POSITION
Dr. Janice Walker, Chair of the Awards Committee	Assistant Superintendent, Jacksonville-North Pulaski School District
Rick Porter, Special Education Advisor	Special Education Program Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Jessica Saum, Special Advisor	2022 Arkansas teacher of the Year, Cabot Public Schools
Abby Cress, Secretary to the Council	Grants Manager, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

The membership of the Council with contact information and biographies is available [at this link](#).

B. Meetings. A schedule of Council meetings is at **Appendix E**. A schedule of committee meetings and work group meetings is at **Appendix F**. Records from all Council and Committee meetings are available [at this link](#).

C. District Military Education Coordinators.

Currently 59 school districts in Arkansas are required to appoint a district military education coordinator under ACA § 6-28-116. All school districts required to appoint a district military education coordinator are in compliance with the statute.

D. Training for School Liaison Program Managers.

On September 14, 2022 Col. (Ret.) Kaminar, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Saum assisted with training school liaison program managers for the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. The members of the Council were asked to assist because of the exceptionally strong relationship between the Council and the school liaison office at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

E. Recognition of Arkansas “Best Practices”.

The Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) held its national Annual Business Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana October 19 and 20, 2022. Col. (Ret.) Kaminar and Ms. Williams represented Arkansas at the meeting. During her keynote address, Ms. Sherene Brown (spouse of Air Force Chief of Staff General Charles Q. Brown) cited a number of “best practices” of the Arkansas Council for Military Children as examples for other state councils to follow. The summary document she used, which was

prepared for her by representatives of the Air Force’s “Five and Thrive” Program to support military families, is at **Appendix G**.

F. Recognition of Arkansas Legislative Action.

During the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Arkansas was recognized for its legislative action to extend the protections of the Interstate Compact to the children of Reserve Component service members. The MIC3 general counsel recommend Arkansas as an example for other states to follow in the memorandum at **Appendix H**.

Point of contact for this information is John I. Kaminar, Military Family Engagement Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, 501-683-5188, john.kaminar@ade.arkansas.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Compact Commissioner for Arkansas and
Council Chair

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Andelyn Wright
Council Vice Chair

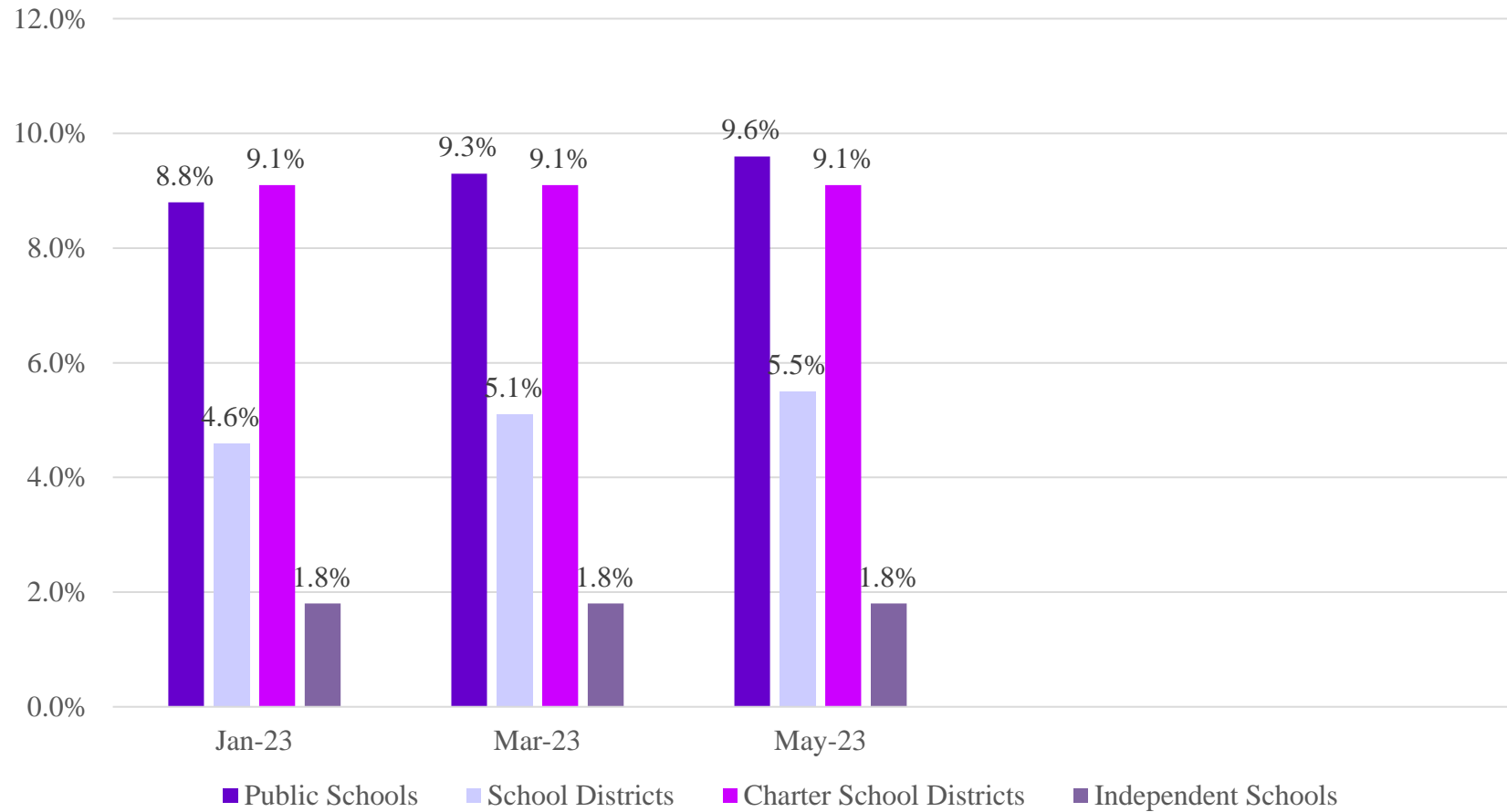
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Appendix A: Increase in Purple Star Schools During First Half of 2023

The chart on the next page shows the increase in Purple Star Schools from January 2023 through May 2023.

Purple Star School Status

As of May 1, 2023



Schools: 1056 (Including Charter Schools)

Traditional School Districts: 237

Charter School Districts: 22

Independent Schools: 113

Appendix B: Survey of Military Families – Results as of April 3, 2023

The next several pages show the results of the survey of military families conducted by the Council during the months of February and March 2023. The results indicate that the Council must focus its outreach efforts on educating military families about the resources available to them.

Survey of Military Families

Final Results as of April 3, 2023



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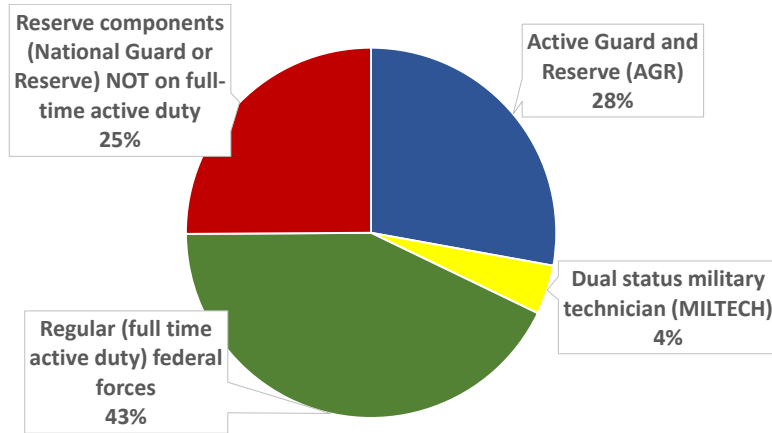
Response Statistics

- 370 responses received
- 255 respondents indicated current military connection
- 102 respondents indicated former military service
- 13 respondents indicated no military connection at all
- Responses with no military connection were removed
- Responses to questions 2 through 28 are broken out into subgroups



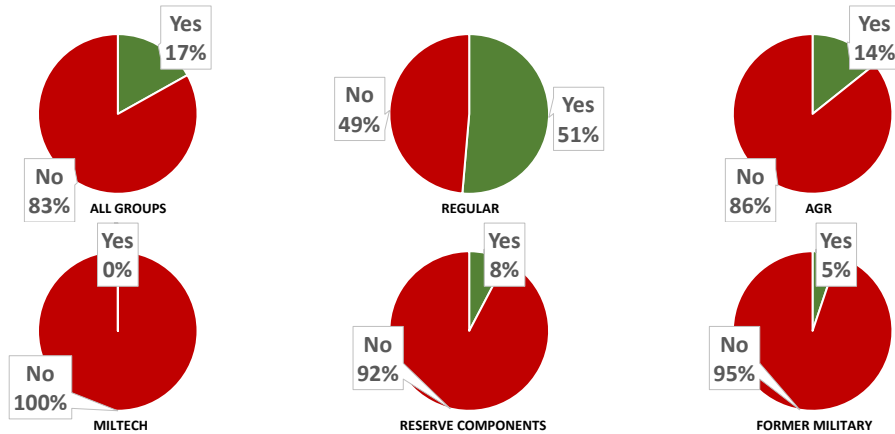
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1. Which of the following best identifies your family's current military status?



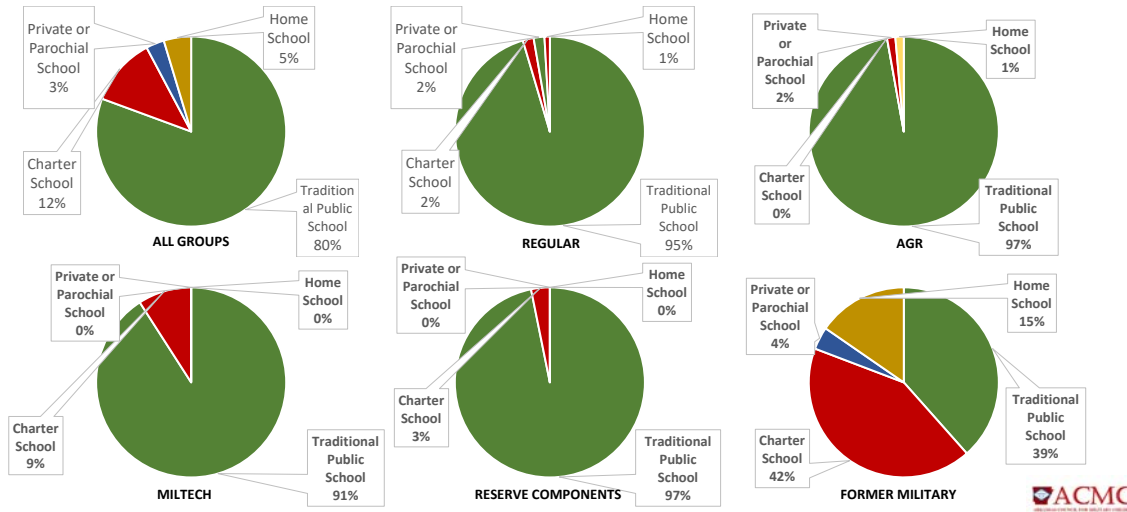
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2. Has your family relocated to Arkansas from another state since June 30, 2020, FOR MILITARY SERVICE?



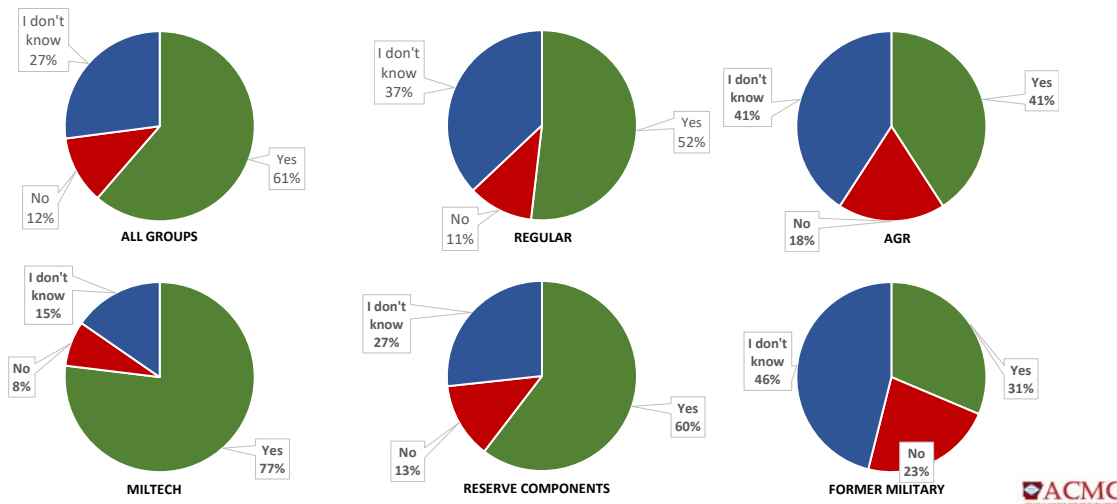
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3. Which of the following best describes the type of school in which your child is currently enrolled?



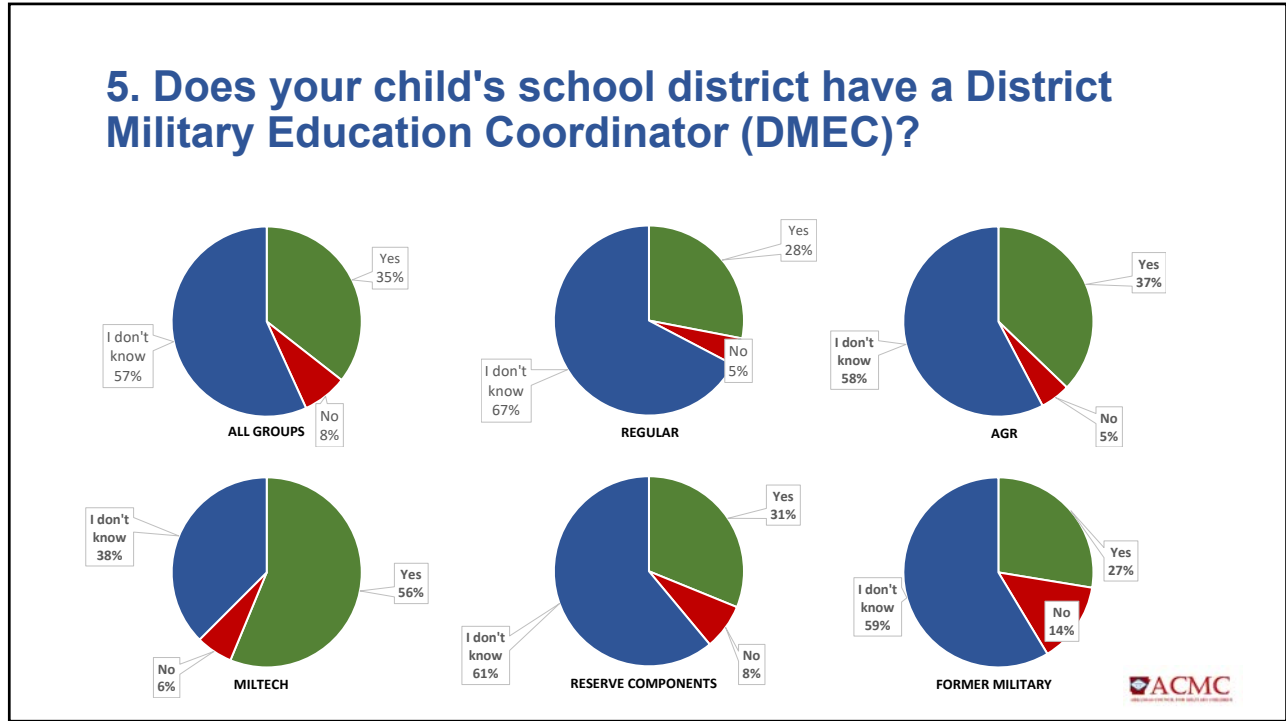
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4. Is your child currently attending school in a Purple Star School?



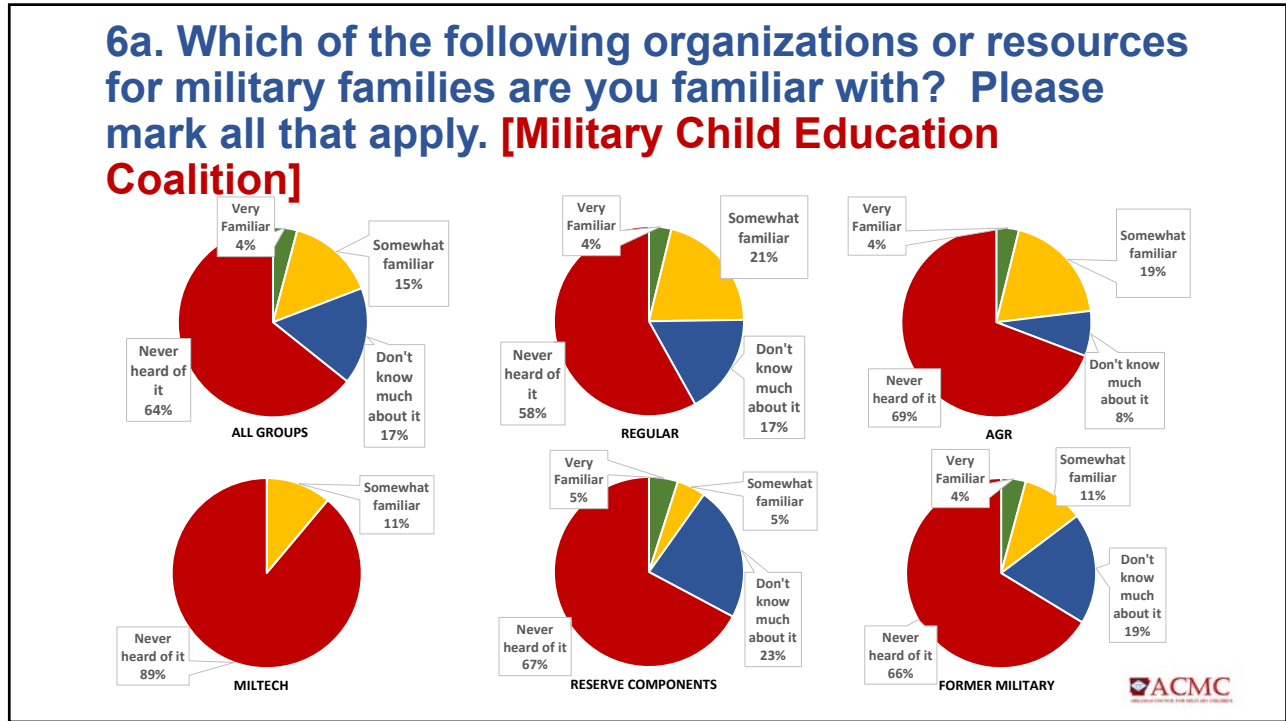
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5. Does your child's school district have a District Military Education Coordinator (DMEC)?



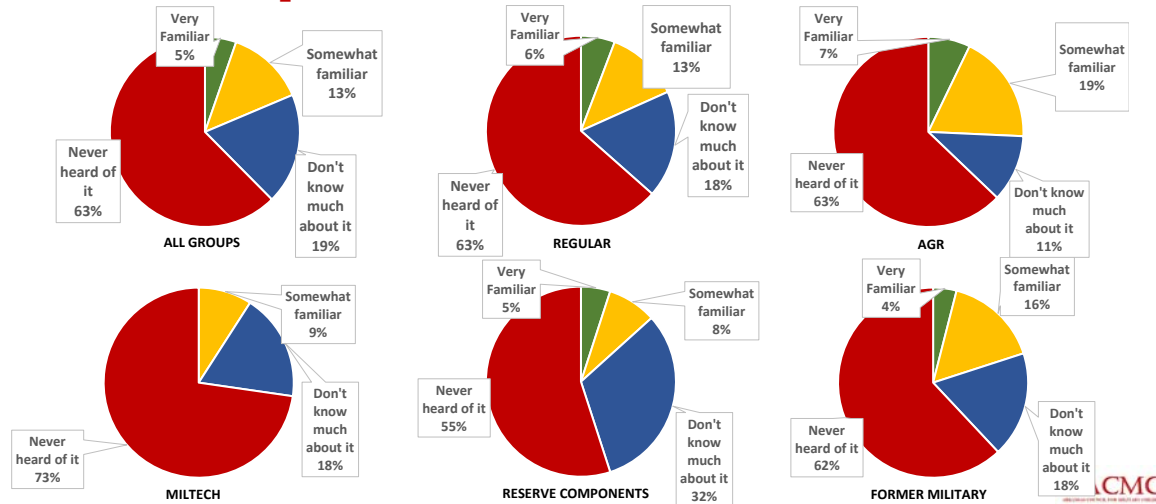
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6a. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Child Education Coalition]



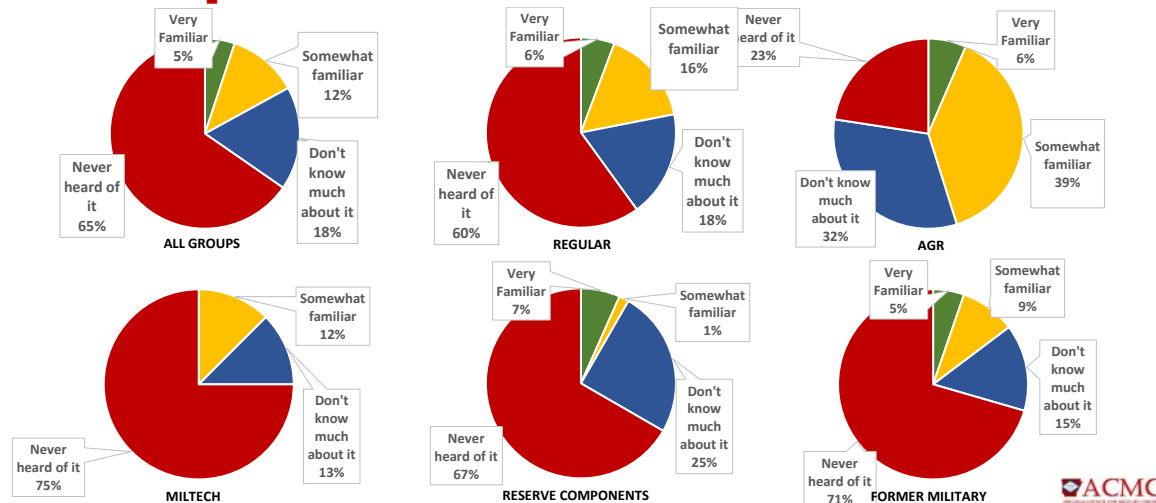
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6b. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [National Military Family Association]



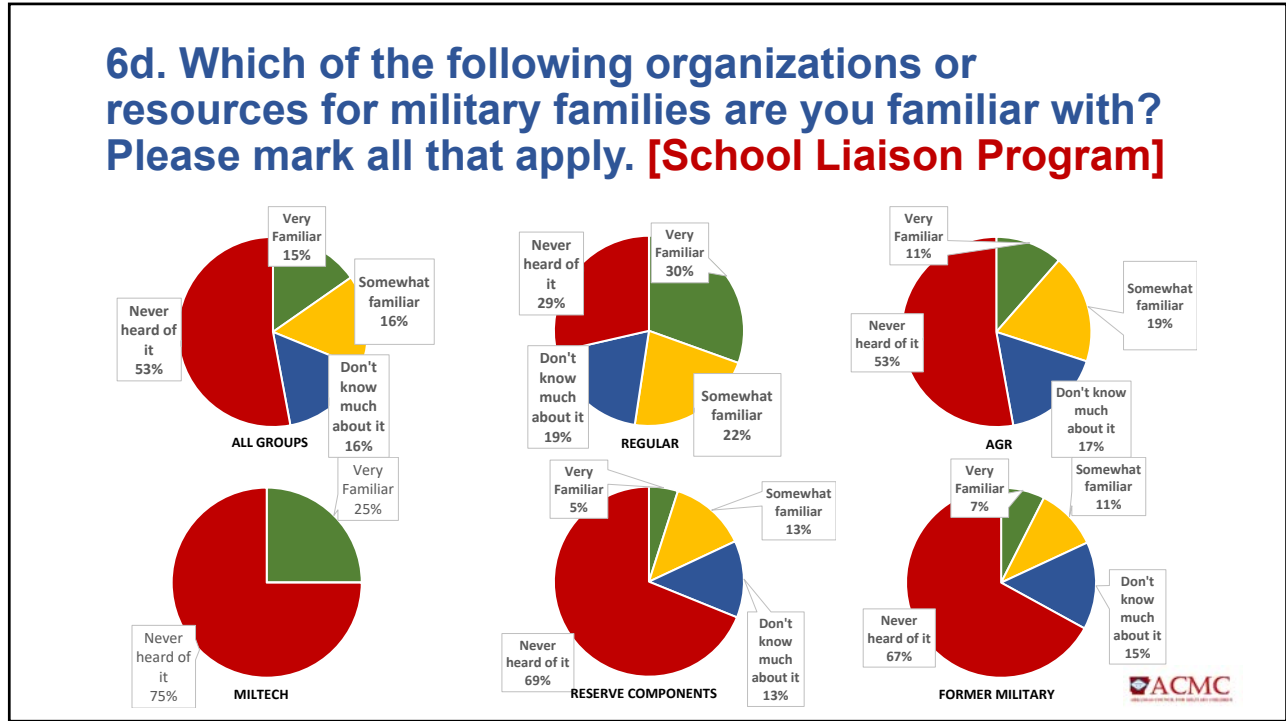
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6c. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Family Advisory Network]



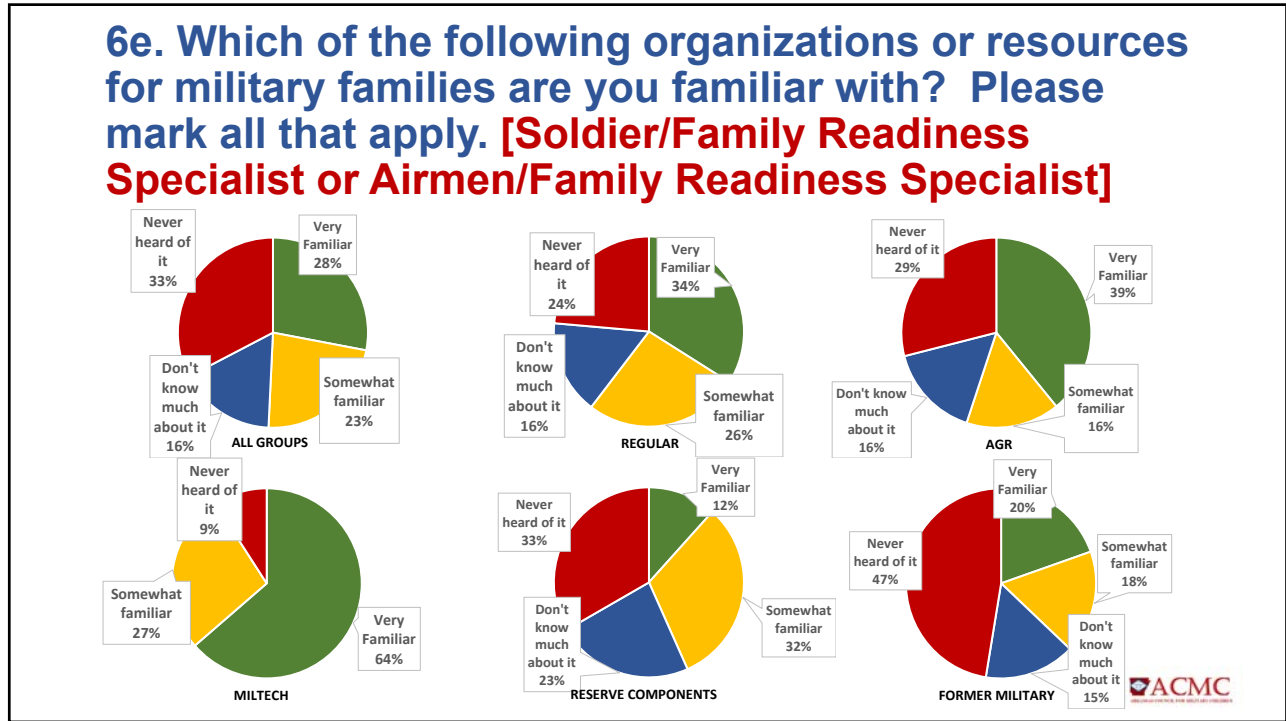
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6d. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [School Liaison Program]



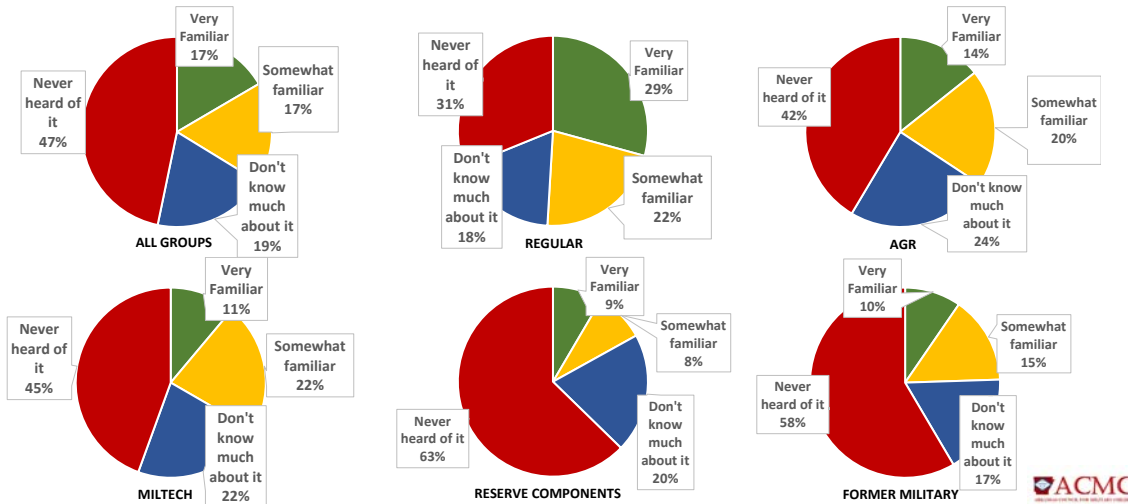
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6e. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Soldier/Family Readiness Specialist or Airmen/Family Readiness Specialist]



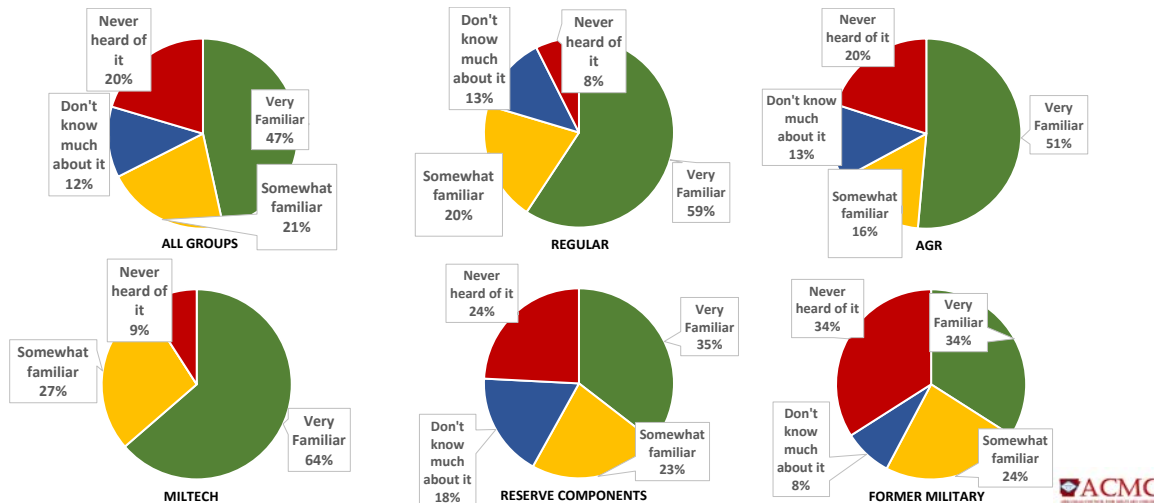
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6f. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Family Life Counselor]



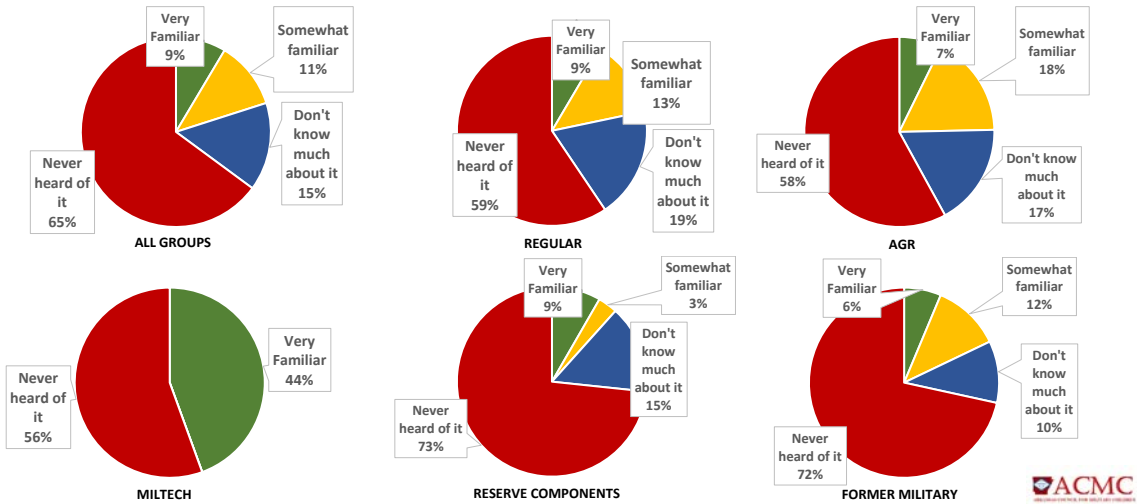
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6g. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military OneSource]



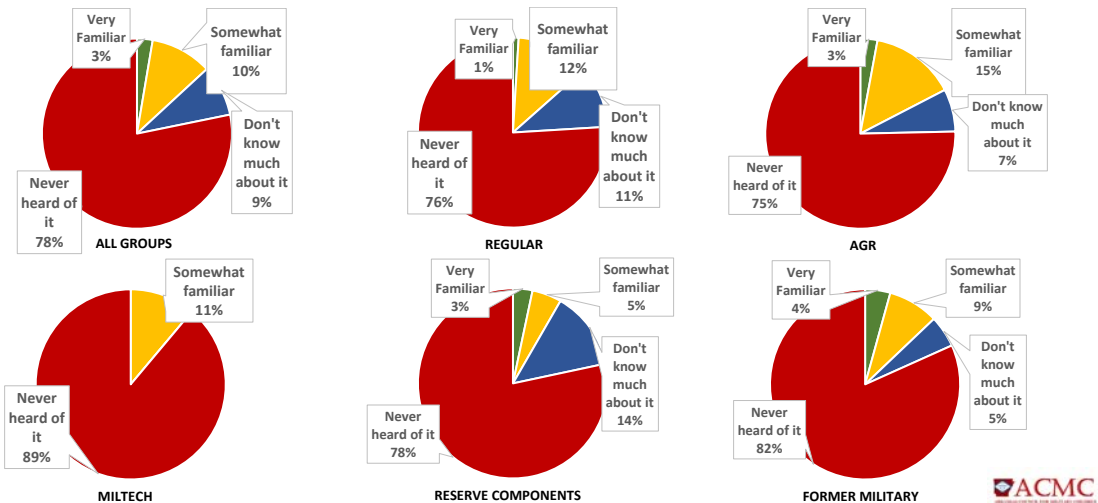
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6h. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Our Military Kids]



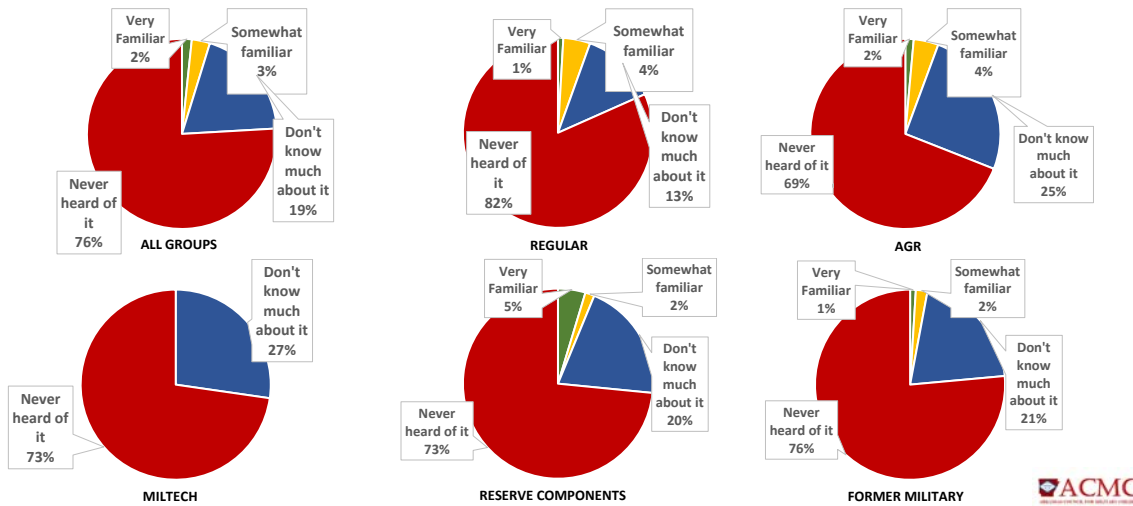
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6i. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [BLOOM]



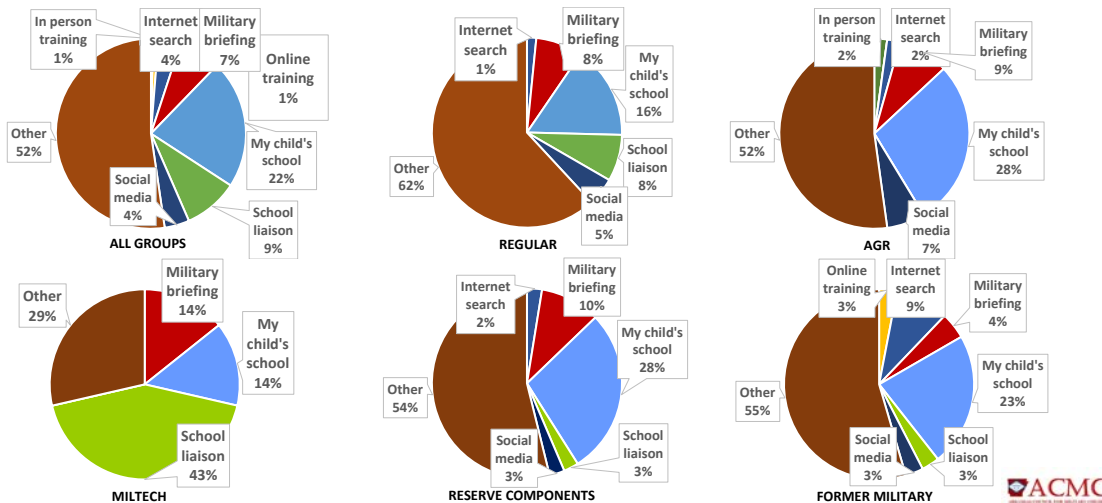
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7. How familiar are you with the Arkansas Council for Military Children?



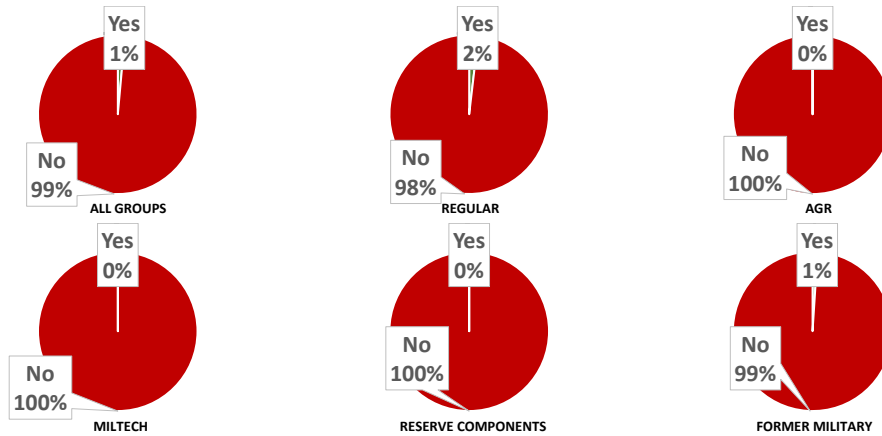
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8. How have you received information on the Arkansas Council for Military Children? Please mark all that apply.



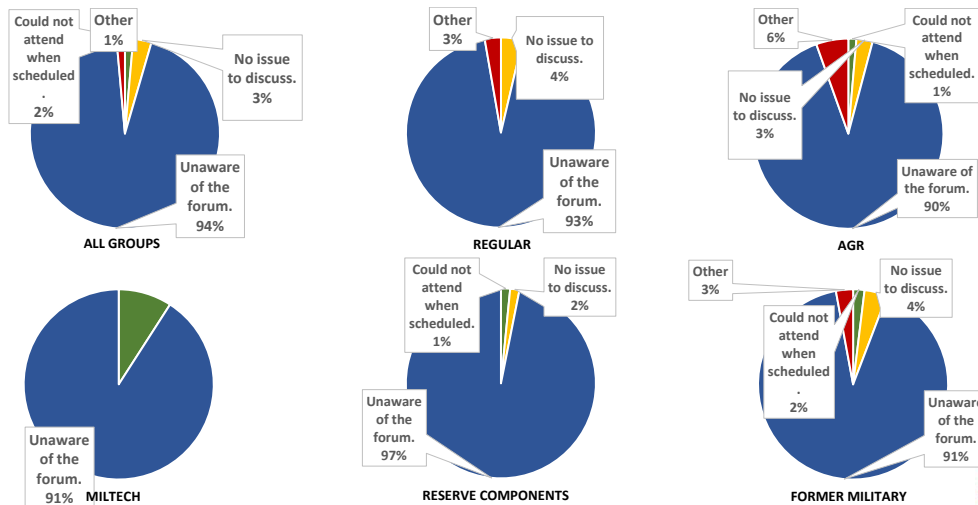
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9. Have you ever attended a military family forum conducted by the Arkansas Council for Military Children?



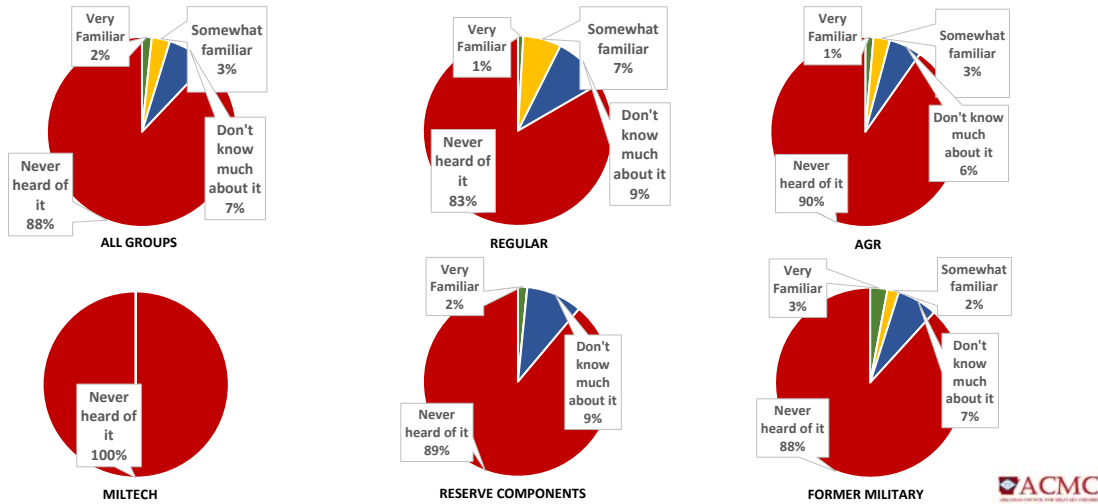
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10. Please select the reason below that has kept you from attending a military family forum conducted by the Arkansas Council for Military Children.



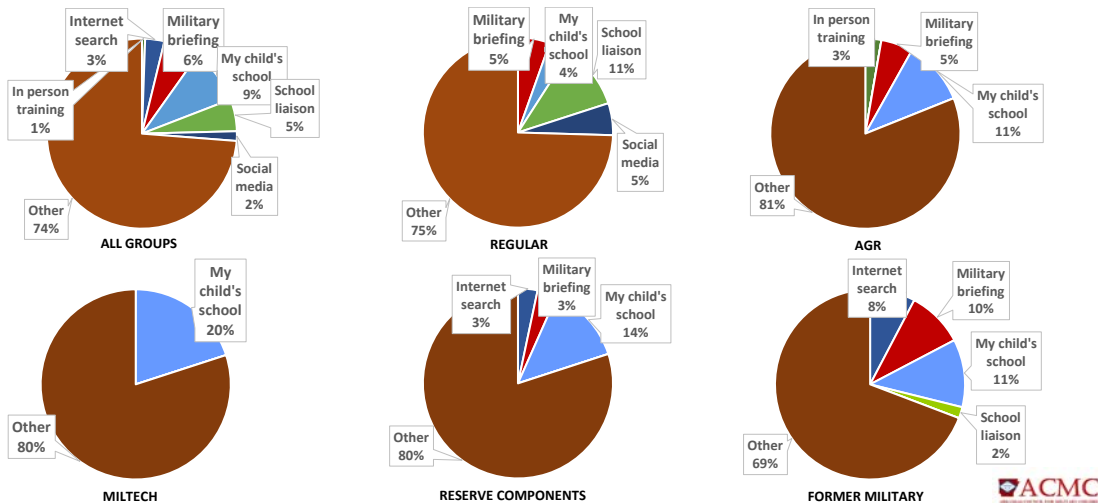
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11. How familiar are you with the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission ?



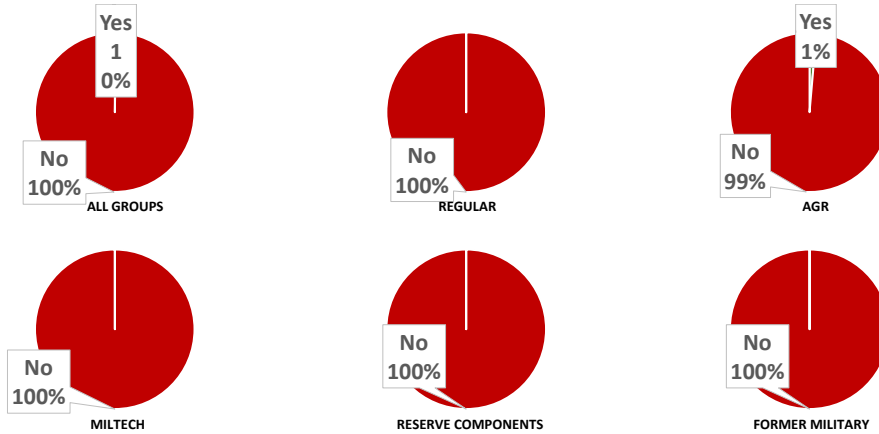
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12. How have you received information on the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission? Please mark all that apply.



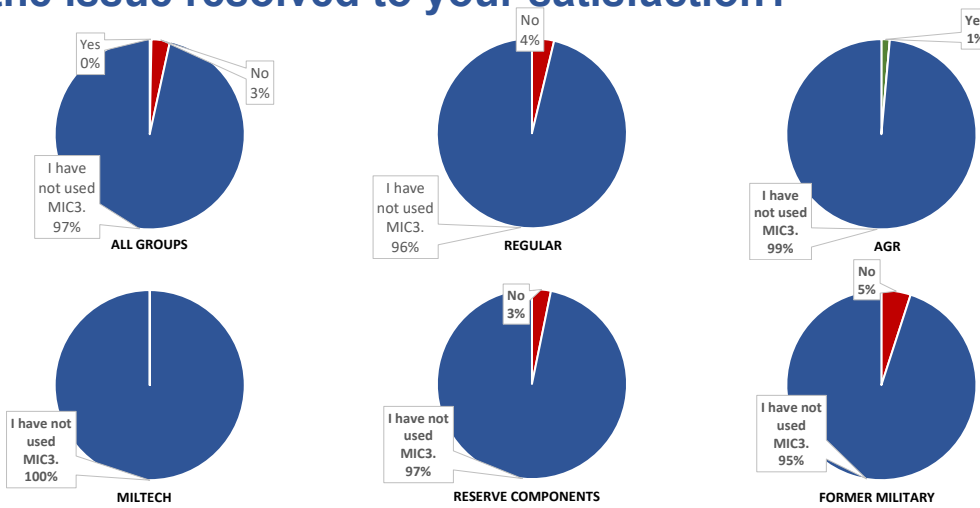
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13. Have you used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020?



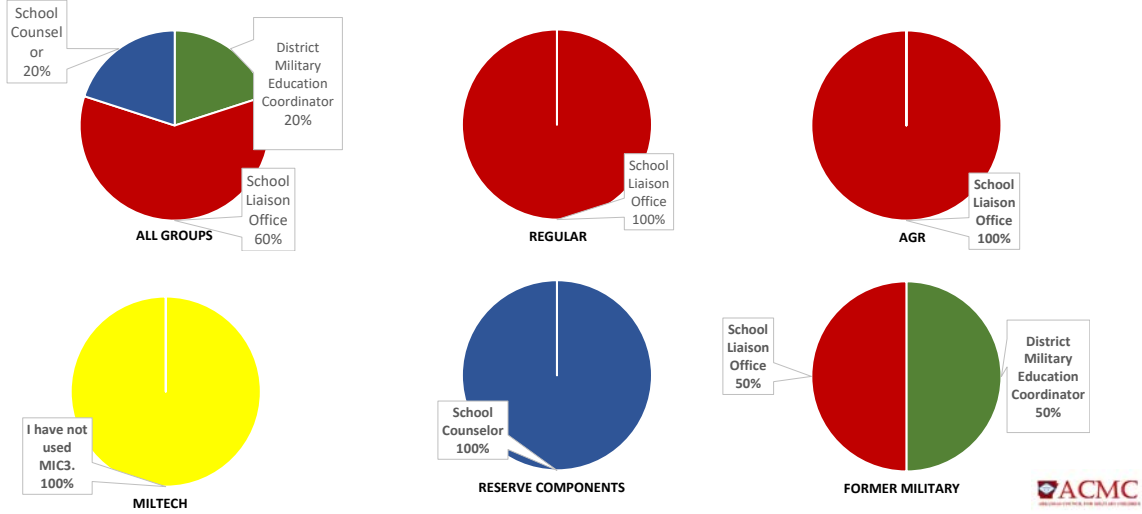
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14. If you have used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020, was the issue resolved to your satisfaction?



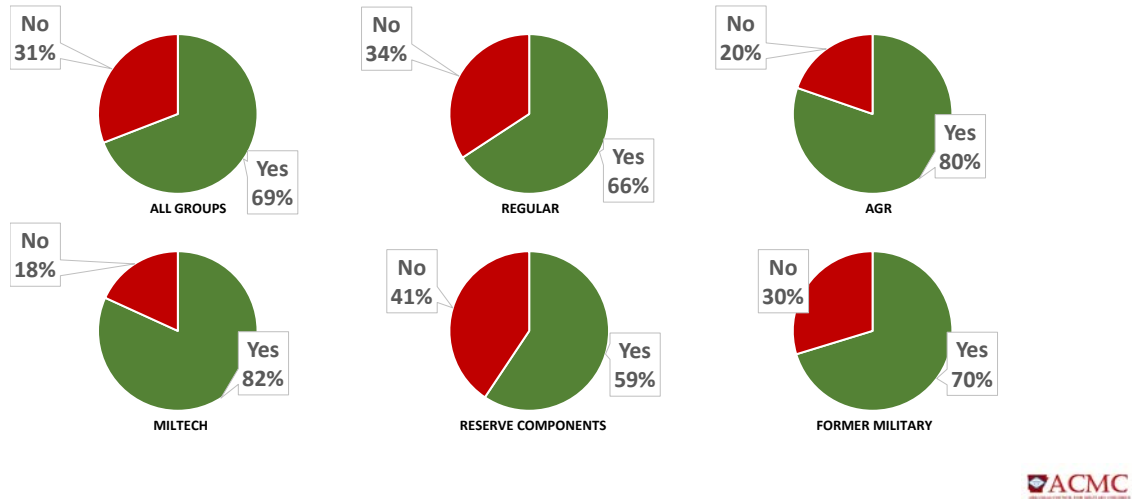
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15. If you have used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020, whom did you contact for help with the issue? Please mark all that apply.



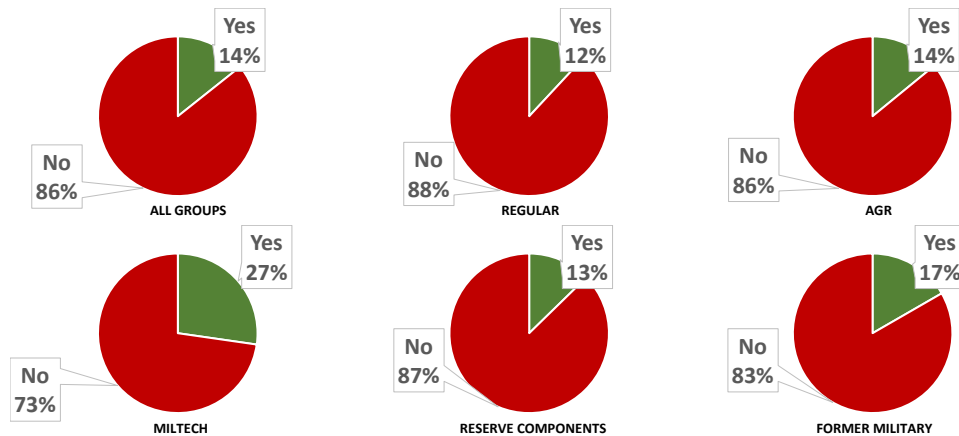
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16. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas has a public school choice option?



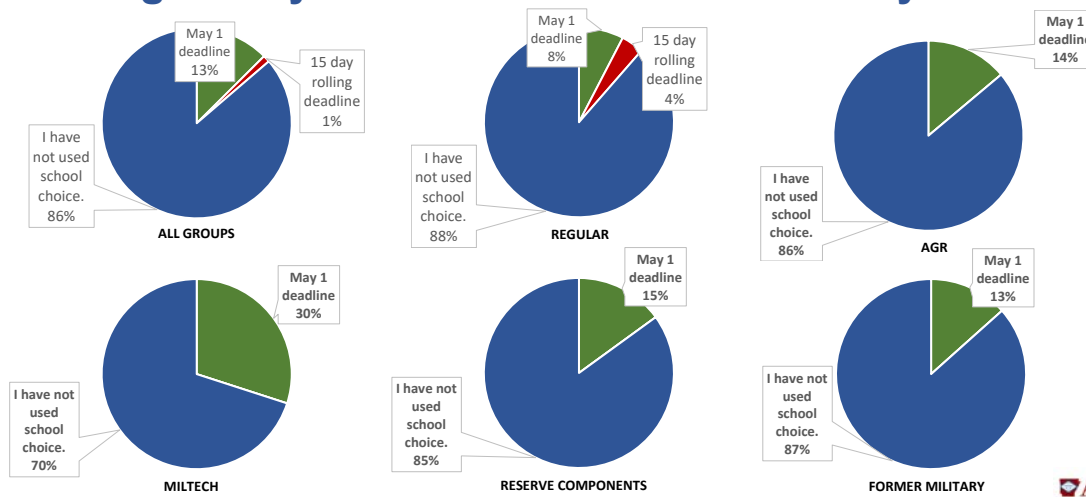
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17. Have you exercised your school choice option at any time since June 30, 2020?



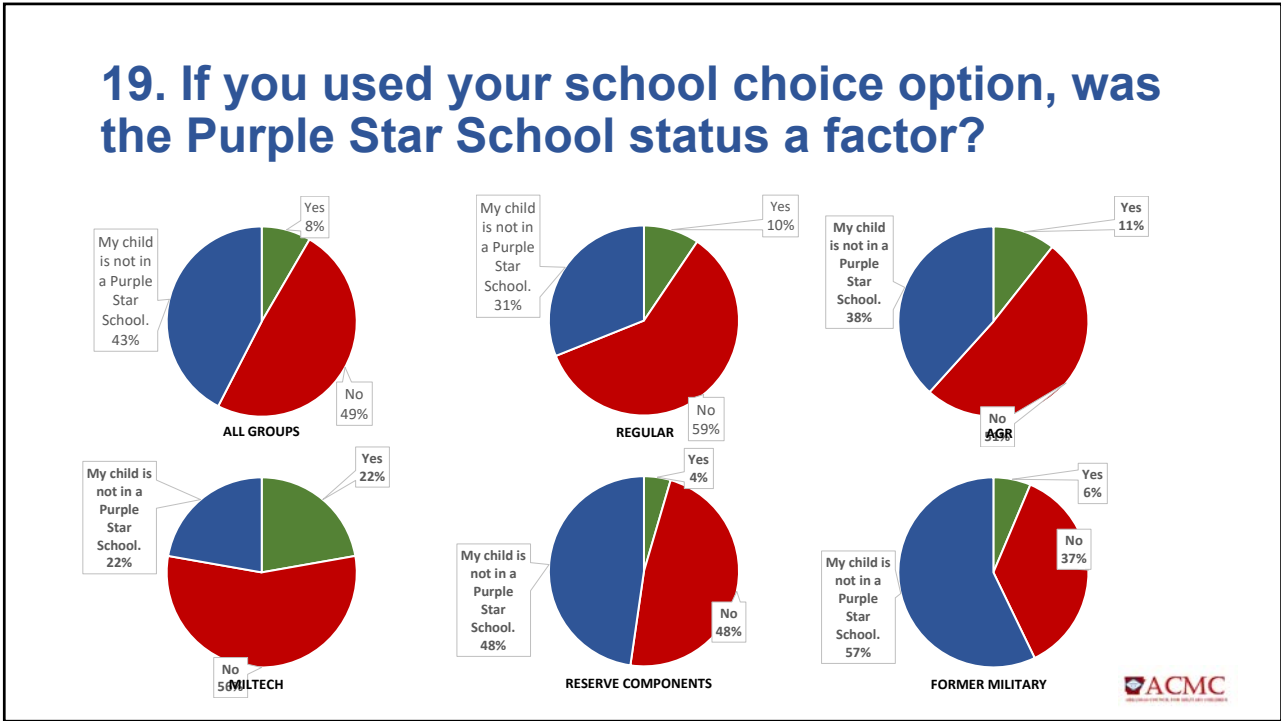
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18. If you have used your school choice option, did you submit your application by the statutory deadline of May 1, or did you submit your application by the rolling 15-day deadline available for military families?



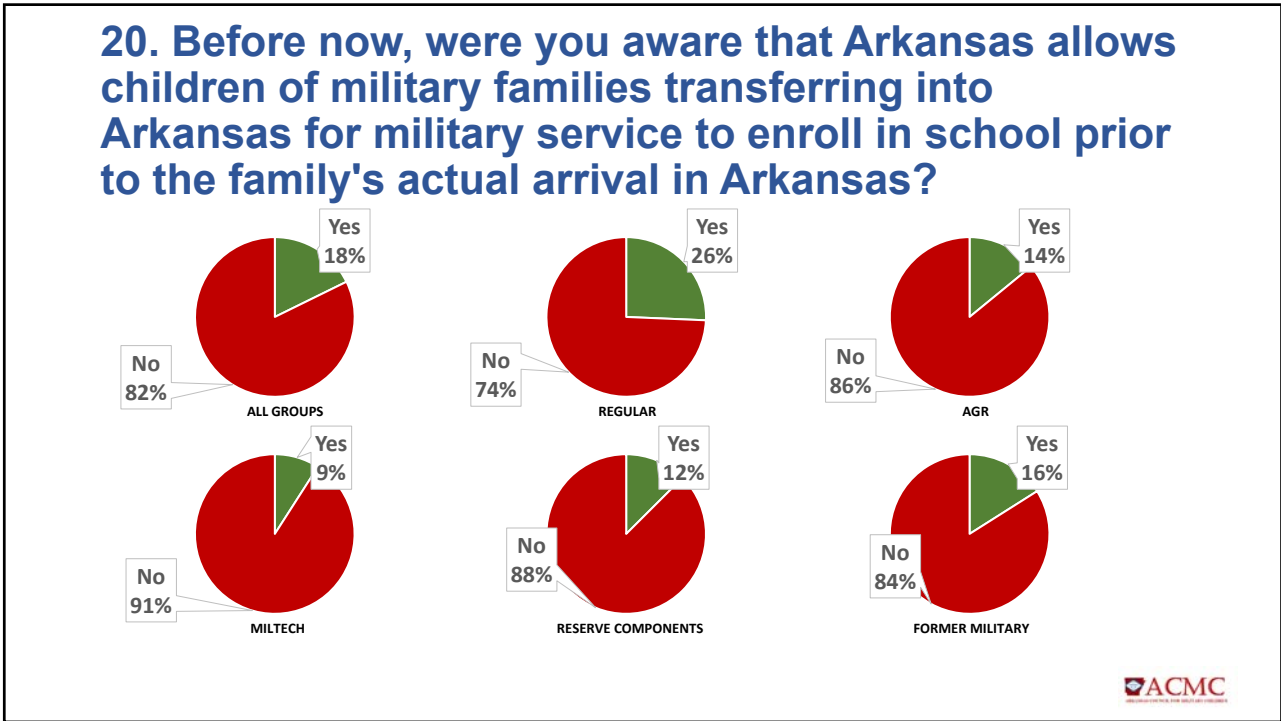
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19. If you used your school choice option, was the Purple Star School status a factor?



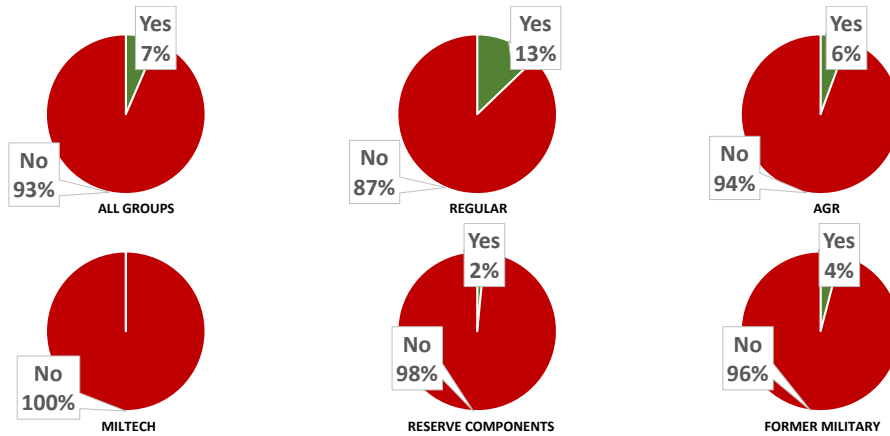
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20. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas allows children of military families transferring into Arkansas for military service to enroll in school prior to the family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



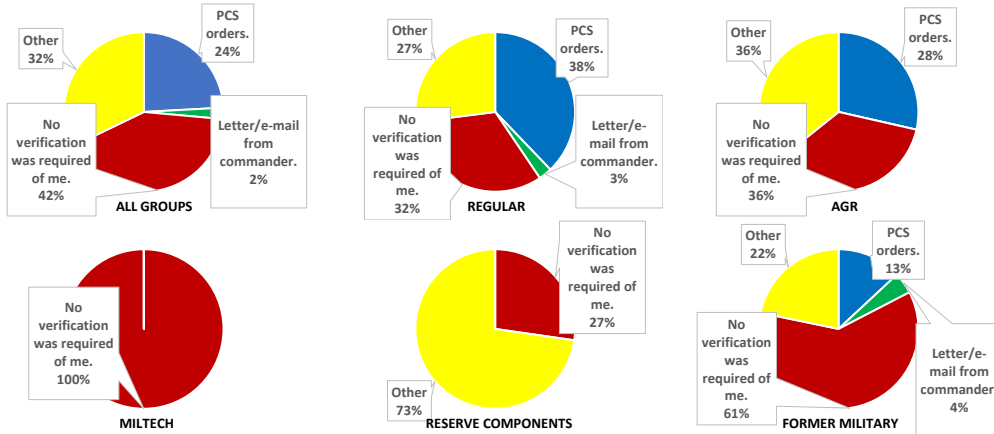
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21. Have you used the advance enrollment opportunity for children of in-bound military families?



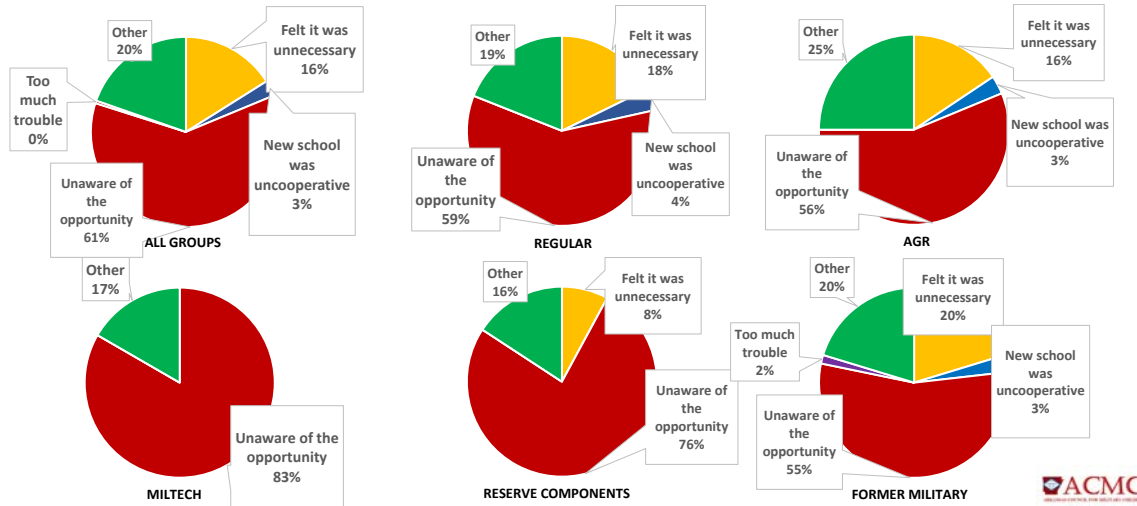
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22. If you have used the advance enrollment opportunity for children of military families, what verification of your move did you provide your new school district?



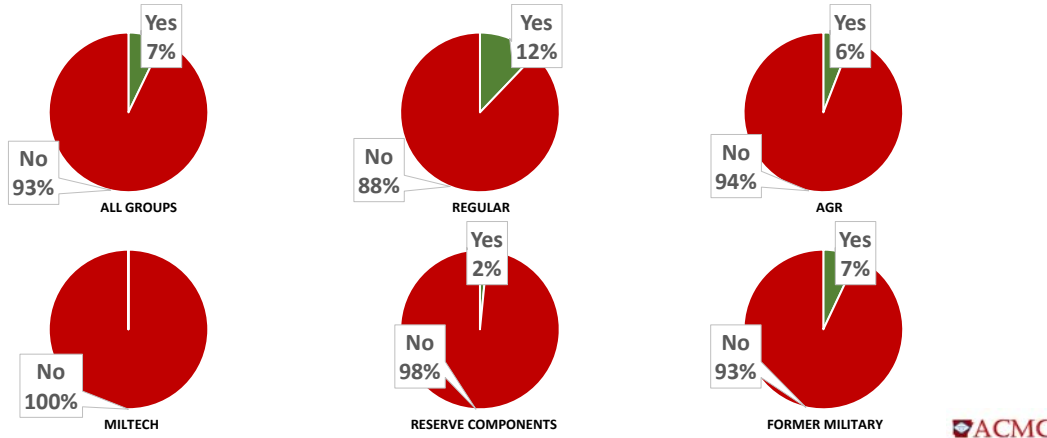
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23. If you have not used the opportunity to enroll your child prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas, please check all the reasons that apply.



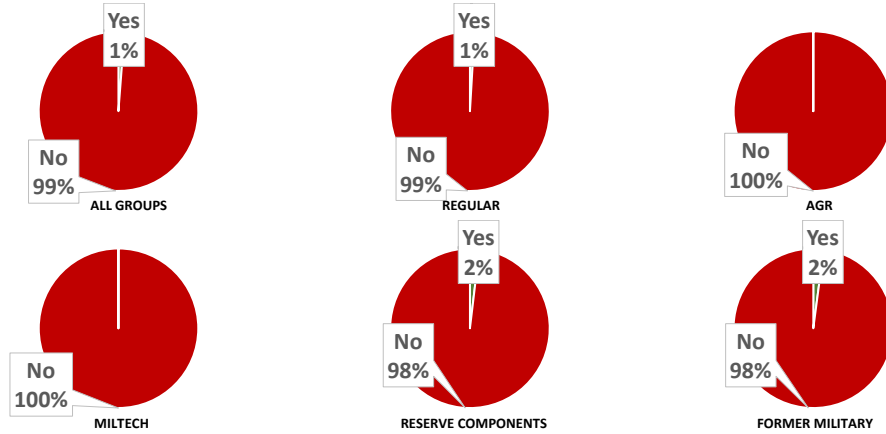
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24. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas allows children of military families transferring to Arkansas for military service to enroll in virtual distance-learning or digital coursework prior to the family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



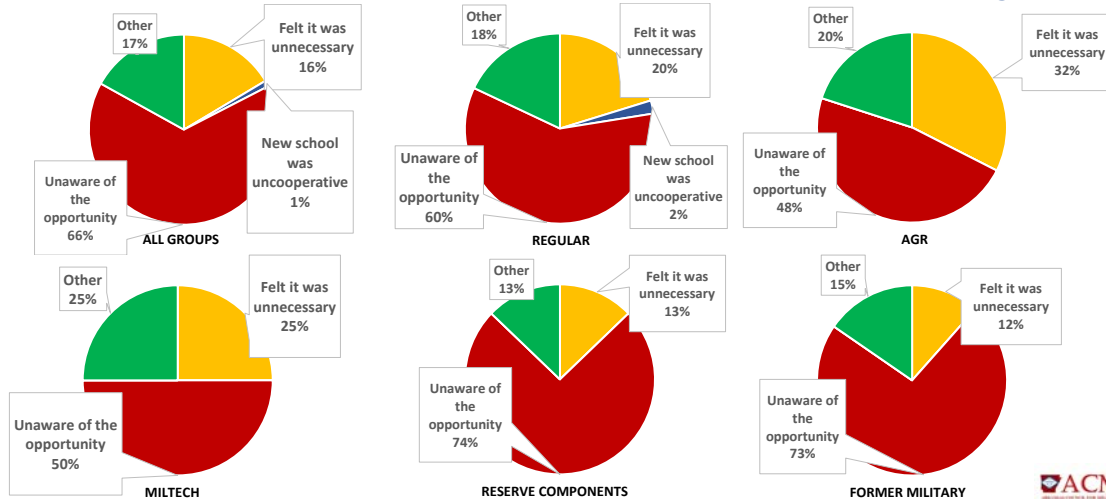
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25. Have you used your child's opportunity to enroll in virtual distance-learning or digital coursework prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



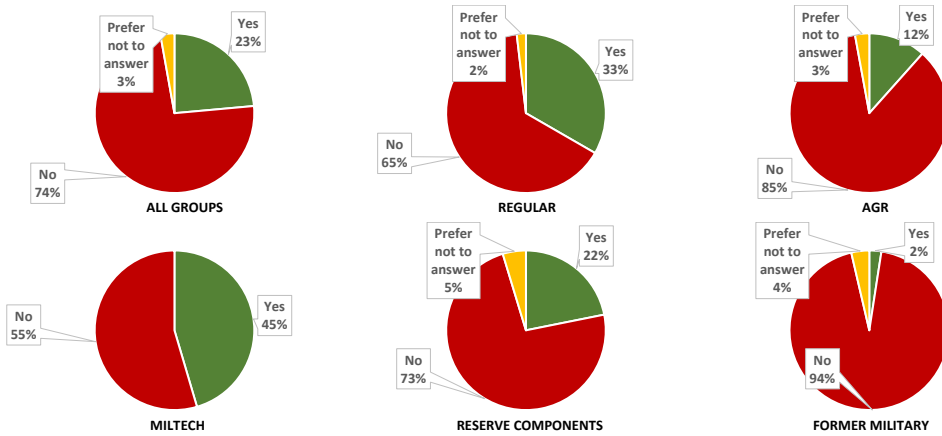
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26. If you have not used your child's opportunity to enroll in virtual distance learning or digital coursework prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas, please check all the reasons that apply.



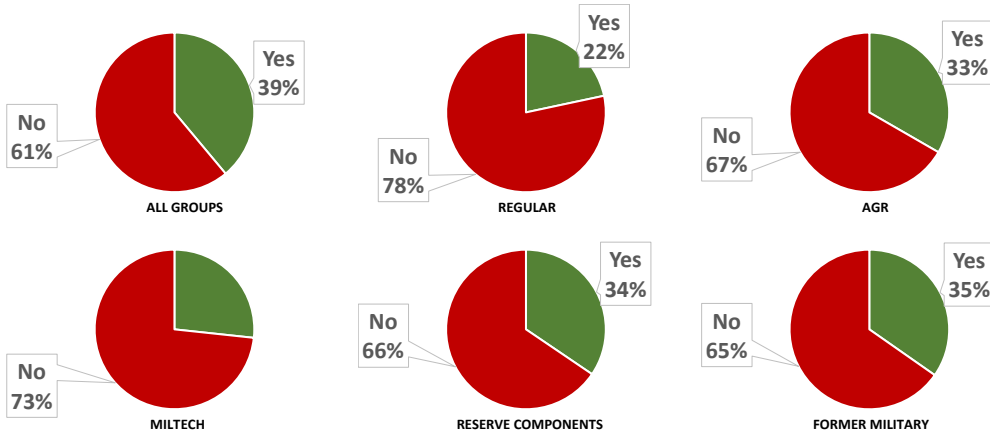
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27. Is your child enrolled in the Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP) or eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?



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28. If your child is enrolled in the Exceptional Family Members Program or eligible for an Individualized Education Plan, were you able to access special education services upon enrollment in school in Arkansas?



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Appendix C: Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public Schools During AY 2022-2023, by School District (Data provided by ADE Data Center as of June 1, 2023)

DISTRICT	# OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES ENROLLED	# OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE DISTRICT	% OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE DISTRICT	# OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED INTO THE DISTRICT	% OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED INTO THE DISTRICT
ACADEMICS PLUS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS	19	1	5%	0	0%
ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT	137	2	1%	0	0%
ALPENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
ARK. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	2	0	0%	0	0%
ARK. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	1	0	0%	0	0%
ARKADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	2	11%	0	0%
ARKANSAS ARTS ACADEMY	3	0	0%	0	0%
ARKANSAS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY	92	5	5%	2	2%
ARKANSAS LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMIES	82	17	21%	0	0%
ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMY	12	0	0%	0	0%
ASHDOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	4	40%	0	0%
ATKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
BALD KNOB SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	0	0%	0	0%
BATESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	33	1	3%	0	0%
BAUXITE SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1	100%	0	0%
BEEBE SCHOOL DISTRICT	146	6	4%	0	0%
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	318	6	2%	2	1%

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BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	466	5	1%	8	2%
BERGMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	1	6%	0	0%
BERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
BISMARCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
BOONEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	0	0%	0	0%
BRINKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
BRYANT SCHOOL DISTRICT	398	3	1%	1	0%
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2472	156	6%	10	0%
CADDO HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
CAMDEN FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
CARLISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	0	0%	0	0%
CEDARVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	0	0%	0	0%
CENTERPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
CHARLESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	0	0%	0	0%
CLARKSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	0	0%	0	0%
CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%

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CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	184	5	3%	0	0%
CORNING SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	1	25%	0	0%
COSSATOT RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
COUNTY LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	0	0%	0	0%
CROSSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
CUTTER-MORNING STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
DARDANELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
DEQUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	0	0%	1	4%
DERMOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
DES ARC SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
DEWITT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
DIERKS SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	0	0%
DREW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%

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EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
EAST POINSETT CO. SCHOOL DIST.	0	0	0%	0	0%
EL DORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	8	33%	0	0%
ELKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
ENGLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
ESTEM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	148	6	4%	1	1%
EUREKA SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	49	1	2%	0	0%
FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	88	4	5%	0	0%
FLIPPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
FORDYCE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT	235	21	9%	0	0%
FOUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	0	0%	0	0%
FOUNTAIN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	20	0	0%	0	0%
GENOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
GENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	2	13%	0	0%
GLEN ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%

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GOSNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
GREEN FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
GREENBRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT	164	5	3%	1	1%
GREENE COUNTY TECH SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	494	7	1%	1	0%
GUY-PERKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
HAAS HALL ACADEMY	9	0	0%	0	0%
HACKETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
HAMBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
HARMONY GROVE SCH DIST(SALINE)	28	0	0%	0	0%
HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT	35	1	3%	0	0%
HAZEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	1	13%	0	0%
HEBER SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	0	0%	0	0%
HECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HELENA/ WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	2	25%	0	0%

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HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	1	14%	0	0%
HILLCREST SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HOPE ACADEMY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS	1	0	0%	0	0%
HORATIO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HOXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	2	200%	0	0%
IZARD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
JACKSON CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
JACKSONVILLE NORTH PULASKI SCHOOL DISTRICT	632	48	8%	2	0%
JASPER SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	2	50%
JESSIEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	1	17%	0	0%
JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%
JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
LAKE HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	42	4	10%	0	0%
LAKESIDE SCHOOL DIST(CHICOT)	3	0	0%	0	0%

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LAKESIDE SCHOOL DIST(GARLAND)	45	0	0%	0	0%
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	23	0	0%	0	0%
LAVACA SCHOOL DISTRICT	82	0	0%	1	1%
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT	26	1	4%	2	8%
LISA ACADEMY	56	2	4%	0	0%
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	552	8	1%	2	0%
LONOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	37	0	0%	0	0%
MAGAZINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	2	50%	0	0%
MAGNET COVE SCHOOL DIST.	12	0	0%	0	0%
MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	30	3	10%	0	0%
MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	0	0%	0	0%
MANILA SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT	32	1	3%	0	0%
MARMADUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	0	0%	0	0%
MAYFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT	19	0	0%	0	0%
MAYNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	1	8%

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MCCRORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
MCGEHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT	44	0	0%	2	5%
MELBOURNE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
MENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	25	0	0%	0	0%
MIDLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	2	13%	0	0%
MOUNT IDA SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT	51	3	6%	0	0%
MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
MT. VERNON/ENOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
MULBERRY/PLEASANT VIEW BI-COUNTY SCHOOLS	3	0	0%	0	0%
NASHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1	100%	0	0%
NEMO VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	1	20%	0	0%
NETTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	2	29%	0	0%
NEVADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
NORFORK SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	149	6	4%	0	0%

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OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	1	13%	0	0%
OUACHITA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
OZARK SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	2	8%	0	0%
PANGBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT	29	1	3%	0	0%
PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	1	5%	0	0%
PARKERS CHAPEL SCHOOL DIST.	3	1	33%	0	0%
PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	1	6%	0	0%
PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	16	3	19%	0	0%
PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
POCAHONTAS SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	1	6%	0	0%
POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
POYEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
PRAIRIE GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT	43	4	9%	0	0%
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	244	16	7%	0	0%
QUITMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	28	0	0%	3	11%
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%

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ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	100	4	4%	0	0%
ROSE BUD SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	56	2	4%	0	0%
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
SEARCY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
SEARCY SCHOOL DISTRICT	91	2	2%	0	0%
SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	98	0	0%	0	0%
SILOAM SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	42	3	7%	0	0%
SLOAN-HENDRIX SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
SMACKOVER-NORPHLET SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	30	1	3%	0	0%
SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT(VANBUREN)	3	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (INDEPENDENCE)	21	0	0%	0	0%
SPRING HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	142	8	6%	1	1%
STAR CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%

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STUTTGART SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	1	7%
TRUMANN SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
TWO RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
VALLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	33	8	24%	0	0%
VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT	117	9	8%	0	0%
VILONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	55	0	0%	0	0%
WALDRON SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
WATSON CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
WEST FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
WEST MEMPHIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	2	22%	0	0%
WEST SIDE SCHOOL DIST(CLEBURNE)	9	3	33%	0	0%
WESTSIDE CONS. SCH DIST(CRAIGH	11	0	0%	0	0%
WESTSIDE SCHOOL DIST(JOHNSON)	5	0	0%	0	0%
WHITE CO. CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST.	2	1	50%	0	0%
WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
WONDERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%

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WOODLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
WYNNE SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	0	0%
YELLVILLE-SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT.	0	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL	9581	436	5%	44	0%

Appendix D: AY 2022-2023 Training Activities

Date	Subject/Content	Location	Presenter(s)
September 14, 2022	Air Force School Liaison Program Manager Training	San Antonio, Texas	J. Kaminar, T. Williams, J. Saum
September 27, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
October 13, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
November 1, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
November 10, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Maumelle, Arkansas	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
January 19, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
February 14, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
March 8, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
April 13, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams

Appendix E: Schedule of State Council Meetings During AY 2021-2022

Date	Group	Location
July 14, 2022	Council	Web-Based
September 8, 2022	Council	Fort Smith School District
September 23, 2021	Council (Military Family Forum)	Web-Based
November 10, 2022	Council	Cabot Public Schools
January 12, 2023	Council	Camp Pike Armed Forces Reserve Complex
March 9, 2023	Council	Pea Ridge School District
May 11, 2023	Council	eSTEM Charter Schools Central Office

Appendix F: Schedule of Meetings of Committees and Subordinate Groups During AY 2021-2022

Date	Group	Location
July 20, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
August 31, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
September 9, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
October 3, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
October 24, 2022	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based
October 28, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 10, 2023	Awards Committee	Web-Based
January 13, 2023	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 17, 2023	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
January 31, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based
February 8, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee Work Session	Web-Based
February 10, 2023	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
April 5, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee Work Session	Web-Based
April 25, 2023	Awards Committee	Web-Based
Mat 24, 2023	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
June 26, 2023	Awards Committee	Arkansas Activities Association

Appendix G: Arkansas Council for Military Children “Best Practices”

The document on the next two pages was developed by representatives of the “Five and Thrive” initiative, a program implemented by the Air Force to improve the quality of life for its families. This document was used by Ms. Sherene Brown as her talking points on best practices for state council of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission during her keynote address at the Commission’s Annual Business Meeting in October 2022.

Partnerships in Education = Thriving Military-Connected Children

PRESENTED BY THE ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN (THE STATE COUNCIL FOR MIC3)

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP & BEST PRACTICES

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

- Make sure the School Liaison (SL) is embedded in the state MIC3 Council. Give the SL a seat on the council if possible; if not, appoint the SL as an advisor to the council and make sure the SL can speak at all council meetings.
- Facilitate a relationship between the SL and the state department of education. Make sure the SL knows what is happening in the education community in the state, and make sure the state department and board of education know what's happening in the military community.
- Create conditions for the SL to stay engaged in what is happening in the military community statewide – all branches and services, all installations and outliers (ROTC detachments, recruiting offices). Ensure the SL has constant communication with installation Military & Family Readiness staff.
- Ensure there is a point of contact for military issues in schools with a significant enrollment of children of military families. In Arkansas, state law requires that school districts with at least 20 children of military families must appoint a staff member to serve as District Military Education Coordinator (DMEC) and requires the state department of education to provide training and resources for them. The SL has access to the entire network of DMECs and therefore has a “go-to” staff member in each of those districts.
- Do not settle for “keeping lines of communication open”. That’s passive. Instead, ensure that communication is happening regularly. That’s active!

BEST PRACTICES

- Hold frequent state council meetings. Once a year is fine for reporting, but not sufficient to accomplish goals. AR currently holds bi-monthly in person or virtually for those that cannot attend in person to encourage participation.
- Organize the state council to oversee particular efforts. Involve the SL in any of these that support the SL’s mission or in which the SL can help.
- Designate a military family engagement advisor at the state department of education. Ensure that staff member works closely with the SL.
- Hold regular training sessions for District Military Education Coordinators (DMECs). Involve the SL whenever possible. Training can be held in different school districts, at a central or regional location, or online.
- Look for every opportunity to educate stakeholders – use school board meetings, family nights, Key Spouse meetings, Purple Star School training, etc.
- Hold a military family forum so that military families can share concerns to your state MIC3 council. Make sure the SL participates and can engage with the families.

COLLECTIVE STRATEGY TO HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

- Collect information on the needs of the military community. Review reports from organizations like the Military Child Education Coalition, National Military Family Association, Military Family Advisory Network, and BLOOM. Gather anecdotal information from families and from school officials.
- Develop goals that are designed to meet any needs that the SL and others in the network (state council, department of education staff, family readiness staff, DMECs) can accomplish. Set milestone dates and completion target dates. Define what success looks like.

SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

- Host educator events at installation for various positions (Superintendents, Admin, Counselors, Teachers) across local school districts to include base agencies showing joint team of family support services as a collaborative effort. LRAFB hosted 3 this year!!
- Partner and collaborate with other base agencies hosting events in the community to support local education efforts such as Red Ribbon Week, literacy events, Into the Darkness Walks, Purple Up events, etc. Other base agencies support local schools too!
- Involve Installation Leadership with scholar events such as Keynote for SHE Can STEM events, Veteran's Day school events, BX celebrations and scholar achievements. Col Ochoa flew a C130 to pin 30 cadets for the Smithsonian Aviation SHE Can AR STEM Camp and was Keynote speaker!!
- Include base agency activities into SL give aways to encourage partnership and family engagement at installation, use SL marketing materials at installation agencies! Utilize Facetime Live while there! During Purple Up month hold contest all over base for prizes at ODR, bowling, library and so forth! Do the same outside the gate!

BEST PRACTICES

- SL sits in Welcome Center to ensure a smooth transition for all inbound families; full immersion to First Sargent and above to include all Commanders and Command Staff, knowledge of program is KEY! They remember you when assistance is needed!
- Display outside of office for easy access of key materials for parents to have access to when not in office is a must! Posters and brochures of districts, MIC3 materials and resource materials for EFMP, MFLC, deployment, etc. Access to materials highlights programs and conversation starters!
- Briefing to the quarterly Key Spouse meeting, spouse's day and spouse immersions hits all key aspects of program to the key members that spread the word! Spouses are your word of mouth!
- Utilize Lifestyle Fair opportunities to spread the word to new Airmen and families, ALS graduates and BX customers. You are the life of the Air force...
- Working partnerships with all aspects of installation units regardless of MIC3 status. Our schools honor our Foreign Nationals "in the spirit of MIC3" even though they do not qualify for services due to our partnerships. This is how you can tell you are making the difference!

COLLECTIVE STRATEGY TO HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

- Assist State Council with additional sub committees with awards, training and outreach to community members, scholars and families. First state to create Outstanding DMEC Award, and Outstanding Military Scholar Award!! The military scholar award will kick off April of 2023!
- Work with EFMP, Teacher of the Year and local districts to create Spec Education enrollment opportunities for first time scholars. Open Q&A session style! You don't know what you don't know until you know!
- State Council Family Forum virtual events during evenings, lunch and learns and during events for families to learn of MIC3 program and state statue. Survey forms passed out throughout the year during parent car lines, at sporting events and to varied schools to collect data. Go where the parents are, do not expect them to come to you at events!
- Use marketing materials for particular trends, not just random swag. Make the point count! Families will not throw it away that way, your impact will STICK!
- Master Resiliency Trainer for BOUNCE program assisting families with Resiliency programs for scholars enhancing mental health strategies during stressful situations such as transitions and deployments.

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Appendix H: MIC3 Legislative Toolkit

In 2018 the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission undertook an initiative to determine the best course of action to extend the protections of the Compact to the children of Reserve Component service members. In October 2022 at its Annual Business Meeting the Commission voted to recommend that states undertake legislative action outside of the Compact to include Reserve Component families. The Commission offered Arkansas' legislative action in 2021 as an example for other states to follow. That recommendation is indicated in the memorandum next under.

National Guard and Reserve (NGR) Legislative Toolkit

Purpose:

At the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), the Commission voted in favor of providing resources and guidance to member states who wish to enact new legislation outside the Compact to provide identical benefits to a wider population of NGR members.

Pursuant to this direction, the Commission developed this toolkit. While this guidance is specific to the NGR population, it may be modified and applied to other highly mobile populations within member states.

Contents:

- Compact Background Related to the National Guard and Reserve (NGR)
- Assistance from the National Office and General Counsel
- General Counsel Guidance
- Adopted External Legislation

Compact Background Related to the National Guard and Reserve (NGR)

The *Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* (the Compact), whose administrative body is known as the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), is an interstate compact that supports successful educational transitions for military-connected students. It was drafted in 2006 by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, State Departments of Education, and school administrators. Interstate compacts are contractual agreements between states, written into statute, that allow state governments to work collaboratively when addressing issues or concerns across boundaries. The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between public and Department of Defense Education Activity school districts and states and addresses key educational transitions issues such as: eligibility for academic programs, course enrollment, academic placement, and graduation.

While compacts are effective mechanisms for solving interstate problems without resorting to federal legislation, they are limited by the scope of their statutes. The current language of the Compact applies to the children of National Guard and Reserve (NGR) Service Members serving under Title 10 status, also referred to as active-duty orders. In 2019, MIC3's Executive Committee established the National Guard and Reserve Task Force (NGRTF), to examine whether the scope of the Compact should be expanded to include additional NGR members.

The NGRTF presented its final report to the Commission on October 2, 2020, during the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM). In summary, the NGRTF recommended supporting expansion of the Compact to cover all members of the Selected Reserve but did not recommend how this could be accomplished. During the 2021 ABM, the issue was tabled until the 2022 ABM for Commissioners to consult with their respective State Councils.

General Counsel previously endorsed the adoption of stand-alone statutes in a legal memorandum on February 16, 2022, [Application of MIC3 to National Guard & Reserve Members](#), stating, “Based on current information, new state legislation enacted outside the Compact in interested member states providing identical benefits to NGR members is likely to be the most efficient way forward as this solution is scalable, legally sound, and would have a uniform impact.”

Assistance from the National Office and General Counsel

The National Office stands ready to assist member states interested in developing stand-alone statutes in their state to provide Compact-like benefits to NGR families or other highly mobile populations. It is highly recommended that states submit their draft language to the National Office for review by General Counsel to ensure the new statutory language does not conflict with their current Interstate Compact statute.

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General Counsel Guidance

In collaboration with the Executive Committee and National Office, General Counsel has provided the following list of “Do’s and Don’ts” that should be followed when developing external legislative language.

Do:

- Identify specific populations to be covered by the new stand-alone statute.
- Identify specific benefits to be provided to this population.
- Identify education and enforcement systems to support the provision of these new benefits; identify funding sources where additional funding will be needed.
- Review draft legislation with attorneys on your MIC3 State Council and/or legal counsel for your state’s legislative branch prior to submission to the National Office.
- After an internal state-level review, submit the proposed bill language to the National Office for vetting by General Counsel to ensure it does not conflict with the Interstate Compact statute.
- After approval by General Counsel, work with the legislative member(s) of your MIC3 State Council to identify the appropriate process for submitting bill proposals within your state legislature.
- Submit the approved bill to your state legislature and track the proposed bill as it moves through the legislative process in your state.

Don't:

- **Do not** draft language which would impose requirements on other states or federal agencies.
- **Do not** amend or open the current Compact statute in your state.
- **Do not** attempt to supersede or override the Compact statute; avoid language such as “notwithstanding any other statutes to the contrary”, or similar provisions.
- **Do not** alter statutory language after approval by General Counsel.

Adopted External Legislation**Arkansas (Adopted)**

On April 2, 2019, Arkansas ***Senate Bill 638, “Concerning the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Children of Military Families; And to Amend Aspects of the Arkansas Code with Respect to Children of Military Families Who Are Enrolled in A Public School”***, passed Arkansas’ General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Asa Hutchinson on April 17, 2019. Referred to as Act 939, it provides Compact-like benefits to children of National Guard members, provides for advanced enrollment of students, and expands the pre-deployment activities window. Act 939 also requires school districts with at least 20 military-connected student or 3,000 students overall to appoint a Military Education Coordinator to support military-connected students in transition.

Arkansas Code was amended by adding § 6-18-107. A complete text of Act 939 can be found at <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2019/2019R/Acts/Act939.pdf>