



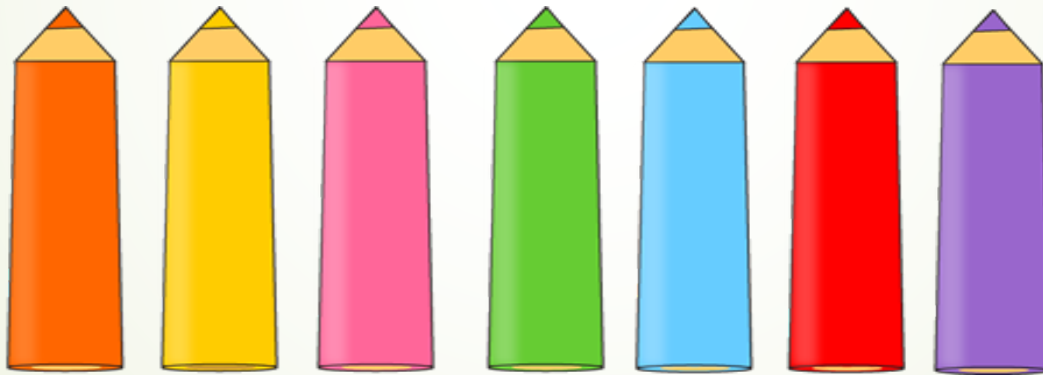
Fort Bliss School Liaison Office

An Overview



Mission

“Leveling the playing field” for transitioning children and their families.





Goals



- ▶ Identify barriers to the academic success and smooth transition of military connected students and develop solutions to those barriers through several forums, such as School Council, Process Action Team.
- ▶ Promote parental involvement in Youth Education.
- ▶ Provide military connected families with the tools to overcome obstacles that influence student success. (Parent workshops, Student lead activities)
- ▶ Raise awareness and educate stakeholders about the needs of military children. (Workshops, Education Summit, Camp Bliss)



School Support Services

- Helping schools understand the challenges military Families face
- Informing parents about local school policies
- Giving Families information about local schools, graduation requirements, after school programs, youth sponsorship and homeschooling
- Connecting units and schools through partnership initiatives
- Conducting workshops to help parents navigate educational transition and advocate for their children
- Providing an array of resources that benefit military youth and improve school experiences



School Support Services

Getting ready to move:

- ▶ Information about your upcoming duty station and educational options in your new community
- ▶ Connection to a youth sponsor who can answer your child's questions from a youth's perspective
- ▶ Assistance with the steps to prepare for your children's departure from their current schools



School Support Services

Once Families arrive:

- ▶ Assistance with school registration and transition
- ▶ Help with questions about compliance and solutions regarding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- ▶ Two way communication between the school and parent
- ▶ Connection with homeschool co-ops or support groups



School Support Services

While at Fort Bliss:

- ▶ Answers to your questions about schools, homeschooling, special education, scholarships, transitions and more.
- ▶ Parent education opportunities about college and career readiness, preparing for transition and the Interstate Compact



Educator Workshops

We offer a variety of workshops for Educators that highlights the unique aspects of military culture so educators prepared to support the social and emotional needs of military connected youth .

Topics include: Connecting Military Youth during Transition

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Kindergarten here I come!



Youth Sponsorship Program

The focus of this program is to provide youth in transition with Information, a Sense of Belonging, and an Opportunity to Make Friends. It is based on research that indicates youth who are connected to their communities exhibit:

- Increased Resilience
- Reduced Risk Behavior
- Reduced Stress in Youth and Parents
- Increased School Achievement

The School Liaison coordinates training sessions for campuses that would like to implement this peer to peer program. We provides the initial training and materials needed to run a successful program.



Partners in Education Program

- ▶ Improve the quality of education through Soldier involvement and enhance community relations between the Post and El Paso area
- ▶ Focus on academics, mentoring, vocational, outreach, well being, transition and special programs
- ▶ Help military children succeed in school and be better prepared for the future
- ▶ Promote a connection between school and military community
- ▶ Increase involvement and communication with schools to address needs of military children and support their educational needs
- ▶ Integrate Soldiers into the El Paso community by providing volunteer opportunities in area schools



Interstate Compact On Educational Opportunity for Military Children

- ▶ Adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and DoDEA
- ▶ Provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states
- ▶ Addresses key transition issues:
 - ▶ Enrollment
 - ▶ Placement
 - ▶ Attendance
 - ▶ Eligibility
 - ▶ Graduation



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