

MCRD-San Diego/WRR

School Liaison Program



HOW WE CAN HELP



ONLINE RESOURCES




NEED TO KNOW

The School Liaison Program is the critical link between families, commanders, communities, and schools to improve educational outcomes, quality of life, and operational readiness.

ARE YOUR KIDS READY?



Recruiting Duty can be challenging but navigating your child's education should not. As your Western Recruiting Region School Liaisons, we are more than happy to assist. We can help answer questions you have about Pre-Kindergarten through 12th Grade Education.

 **MCRD-SD/WRR School Liaisons**

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Web: <http://www.mccsmcrd.com/school-liasion/>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/712833345943668/?source_id=193298517360454

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9M-c5ONcyYYtQaOPBjxLww>

The MCRD-SD/WRR School Liaison Program is here to assist you even while you are stationed within the Western Recruiting Region. Our goal is to ensure that Marines and their families are in contact with subject-matter experts for PreK-12 grade education. We can do this by working with our sister-service School Liaison's that are geographically related to your location.

- THE DIGITAL **SLP** RESOURCE -



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AREAS THE SCHOOL LIAISONS CAN ADDRESS

- ❖ Transition Services: SLs can provide families with resources that help “level the playing field” for military children in Pre-K 12, while moving from school to school.
- ❖ Home School Linkage: SLs can share information on home schooling resources, policies, and legislation.
- ❖ Resources & Referral: SLs can provide information and refer families to other programs.
- ❖ Post-secondary Preparation: SLs can provide graduating students with access to post-secondary information and opportunities.
- ❖ Parent Empowerment: SLs can empower parents with resources and tools to make the best-informed decisions.
- ❖ Special Education: SLs work in collaboration with EFMP and can answer questions on educational matters of children with special needs.

On average, military-connected children move every 2.9 years and will attend 6-9 schools before high school graduation.

ONLINE RESOURCES

PLACES TO START

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission:
<https://www.mic3.net/>

Department of Defense Education Activity:
<https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/index.cfm>

Tutoring & Test Prep:
<https://www.tutor.com/military>

Exceptional Family Member Program:
<https://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org//marine-family-support/military-family-life/exceptional-family-member-program/>

Military OneSource:
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

The Niche:
[Find the School that Fits You Best - Niche](#)

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC):
<https://www.militarychild.org/>

Department of Education (DOE):
<https://www.ed.gov/>

Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA)
<https://militaryimpactedschoolsassociation.org/>

National Military Family Association (NMFA):
<https://www.militaryfamily.org/>

Military Kids Connect (MKC):
<https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/>

Bloom- Empowering the Military Teen:
<https://www.bloommilitaryteens.org>

Sesame Street for Military Families:
[Military Families Resources for Young Children](#)
[| Sesame Street](#)
(sesamestreetformilitaryfamilies.org)

College Board:
www.collegeboard.org



GOING BEYOND MORE RESOURCES

School Liaison PSC/PCA Checklist
[PCS SCHOOL CHECKLIST](#)

Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC):
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-help/non-medical-counseling/military-and-family-life-counseling>

Federal Student Aid:
<https://studentaid.gov>

4-H Military Youth Partnership:
<https://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/>



WHAT RECRUITER FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW



- **What is the best school for my child?** A great school for one child may not be the best fit for another. Consider the programs, extracurricular activities, and other educational offerings.
- **How can someone support my family if we are geographically located for away from any Marine Corps installation?** If you are located near a military installation, regardless of military branch, reach out to the School Liaison. If you do not live close to a military installation, reach out to the ERR/WRR School Liaisons for assistance with navigating local resources.
- **How can I make sure that my child's school transition is smooth?** Open communication between the sending school and the receiving school can help with transitions. Preparing your child for the move can help. Look up facts about the new area and find activities that will help you and the whole family connect with the new community.
- **What if my child needs a tutor or extra help?** Tutor.com/military provides free tutoring and homework assistance to Marine Corps dependents in grades K-12. Also, check with your child's teacher and school for programs that might be available at the school or in the community.
- **Can the School Liaison force or make a school or local education agency change their policies on behalf of military children?** No, they are department of Defense employees and are prohibited from participating in activities that may influence in a manner an official of any government (federal, state, or local). They are required by law and Marine Corps policy to exemplify the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity when interacting with non-federal entities.
- **Is there anyone I can connect with at the state level who understand military children's needs?** You can contact the Military Interstate Compact State Commissioner, School Liaisons, and some states have a military ombudsman who works for the State Superintendent of Education.
- **Are military children given a priority in selecting classes or enrolling in specialty programs?** No, however, there may be some instances that the MIC3 can help if your child was in the class/program at the sending school and the receiving school offers it. Please note: The MIC3 allows for flexibility but does not necessarily require that schools must provide the exact program.
- **What information do I need to homeschool?** Homeschool laws vary from state to state. Look at the state where you are going and see what information is available. School Liaisons can connect you with state/ district level contacts who may answer specific.
- **Are there any exemptions or policies that protect transitioning military families who have registered their children for AP/SAT/ACT testing and are unable to take the assessment due to a move?** No. For more information on these assessments, visit www.collegeboard.org
- **Who can I contact to resolve issues at the school?** Schools have a chain of command just like the military does. You should always start with the teacher and then move up to administration. Depending on the issue, you may need to contact your local school board representative.
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