

The District recognizes that children of military families may be affected by frequent moves and deployments of their parents or guardians and shall take measures to ensure the educational stability of these children. A "child of a military family" means a school-aged child who is enrolled in any grades from kindergarten to 12 and who resides in the household of a person on active duty. "Active duty" means full-time active duty status in a uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to federal law.

Children of active duty military personnel shall be entitled to all of the rights and protections afforded under the ***Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children***. The District supports and will implement its responsibilities under the Compact. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from their previous schools or school districts or variations in entrance or age requirements.
 - a. The District shall enroll and appropriately place a child of a military family as quickly as possible, based on the information provided in the unofficial education records, if provided, pending validation by the child's official education records. Simultaneous with the enrollment and conditional placement of the child, the District shall request the child's official education records from his/her previous school or school district.
 - b. Children of military families who are placed in the care of another person living in the District because one or both of their parents or guardians have been stationed or deployed out of state or deployed within Wisconsin by the military or because of active duty service will be allowed to attend school in the District without payment of tuition. If the active duty order expires during the school year, the children may finish the school year in the District in accordance with state law. Also, children of military families who were enrolled in District schools but, due to the active duty military service of their custodial parent, are placed in the care of a

noncustodial parent or other person who resides in another school district will be allowed to continue to attend school in the District without payment of tuition. Whether the District counts such students in its membership in this case will be determined on a case-by-case basis depending upon the specific circumstances.

2. Facilitating the student enrollment and placement process so that children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment. Continuing the student's academic program from his/her previous school and promoting placement in academically and career challenging courses should be paramount when considering placement. This does not preclude the District from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in a course or educational program.
3. Facilitating the opportunity for children of military families to (a) be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent they are otherwise qualified, and (b) participate in academic, athletic, and social activities.
4. Facilitating the on-time high school graduation of children of military families in accordance with legal requirements.
5. Excusing a child of a military family from school attendance in order to visit a parent or guardian who is on active duty and has been called to duty for or is on leave from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, or has returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting within the past 30 days.
6. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents and guardians, and students in order to achieve educational success for the students.

The Director of Student Services has primary administrative-level oversight of the District's services for children of military families. He/she, or a qualified administrative-level designee, shall be responsible for (1) approving any

procedures, exceptions, or exemptions that are necessary to implement the District's obligations under the Compact; (2) providing any required assurances to applicable state and federal agencies that the District is complying with applicable state and federal requirements related to the education of children of military families; and (3) reasonably monitoring compliance with such assurances.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 115.997 [interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children]

Section 118.51(3m)(b)4 [alternative application procedures for full-time open enrollment;
change of residence as a result of military orders]

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