

School Support Services

A Driving Force for Student Success

Programs offered through School Support Services include:

- Youth Sponsorship
- Army Ready and Resilient teen program
- Adopt-A-School
- Parent Education Workshops
- Educator Workshops
- Access to tutoring and homework labs



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SLOs are knowledgeable in current education themes, news, and local and state policies. They act as the conduit between the school community and the installation.



A School Liaison Officer (SLO) is a parent's best support in the area of education and schools.

SLOs work in partnership with local public school districts, private schools and homeschool Families to enhance the educational experience for students. They are able to accomplish this through educating the schools on the challenges of military students, providing information and support to military Families, and by providing an array of resources that impact school quality and experiences that benefit youth.

There are five components of School Support Services:

- Transition and Deployment Support,
- Homeschool Connection,
- Installation/School Communication, Partnerships in Education, and Post-Secondary Opportunities.

Transition Services:

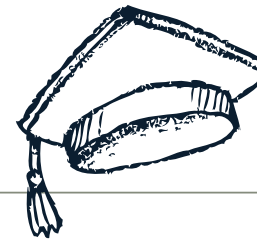
- Liaisons between the parent and the school to ensure compliance with Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- Assists Families by connecting them to their next duty station.
- Facilitates communication between the school/installation leadership and the parent.
- Provides detailed information on school and local education policies.
- Provides direct contacts for school and installation support for special education information.
- Connects youth to youth sponsors



Homeschool Connection:

- A SLO can assist in providing information needed to make the best decision if homeschooling is being considered
- Provides information about local and state homeschool policies
- Connects homeschool families to homeschool groups
- Assists with access to physical education, art and other auxiliary programs.

“Every child should have an opportunity for a quality education.”



Partnerships in Education:

SLOs build relationships to provide the following services:

Schools, installations and communities need to work closely with each other to ensure student success.

The SLO is the primary conduit in building these relationships to support educational initiatives

Initiatives will be different in each community as they are based on community need. Initiatives are based on 2 overarching principals:

1. Everyone has a role in the education of military children
2. Education is more than what happens in the school

Installation and School Communication:

- Assists with meeting common goals and interests
- Informs command on school and youth education issues
- Reports information where command action is required
- Coordinates military-school interchanges
- Coordinates with local school systems to facilitate education support services and transitions
- Keeps command informed of activities
- Attends school meetings
- Assists in transition plans
- Disseminates information
- Communicates emergency contingency conditions

Post-Secondary Opportunities:

- Assists with college, vocational and career fairs
- Identifies scholarship opportunities for military children
- Coordinates guest speakers
- Conducts workshops
- Maintains resources on post-secondary opportunities

