

## Students

### Educational Opportunities for Military Children

In an effort to facilitate the placement, enrollment, graduation, data collection and provision of special services for students transferring into or out of the district because of their parents being on active duty in the U.S. Armed Services, the district supports and will implement its responsibilities as outlined in the *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*. The Board of Education believes it is appropriate to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of their parents' frequent moves and deployment.

### Definitions

**Children of military families** means school aged children, enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, in the household of an active duty member of the uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve.

**Deployment** means the period one month before the service members' departure from their home station on military orders through six months after return to their home station.

**Education(al) records** means official records, files, and data directly related to a student and maintained by the school including, but not limited to, records encompassing all the material kept in the student's cumulative folder.

The requirements, applicable to eligible students, which must be fulfilled, are listed below. Eligible students are those who are children of active duty personnel, active duty personnel or veterans who have been severely injured and medically discharged, and active duty personnel who die on active duty within one year of service. Students are not eligible for the provisions of the *Compact* if they are children of inactive Guard or Reserves, retired personnel, veterans not included above or U.S. Department of Defense personnel and other federal civil service employees and contract employees.

The District's responsibilities to eligible children include the following:

- Sending schools must send either official or unofficial records with the moving students and district receiving schools must use those records for immediate enrollment and educational placement.
- Simultaneously, the receiving school must request official records and the sending schools shall respond within 10 days with the records.
- Immunization requirements of the district may be met within 30 days from the date of enrollment.
- Receiving schools must honor placement of students in all courses from the sending school. These include, but are not limited to, Honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, vocational-technical, and career pathway courses if those courses are offered in the receiving school.
- In compliance with federal law, special education students must be placed by the existing IEP with reasonable accommodations in the receiving school.
- The receiving school may waive prerequisites for all courses and programs and/or evaluate the

student's transcripts/records to determine appropriate placement and ensure continued enrollment.

- Students of active duty personnel shall be excused at the discretion of the district for visitations relative to leave or deployment.
- An eligible student living with a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis shall be permitted to attend the school in which he or she was enrolled while living with the custodial parent without any tuition fee imposed. Transportation is the responsibility of the non-custodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis.
- The district high school will accept exit or end-of-year exams required from the sending state, national norm-referenced tests, or alternate testing instead of testing requirements for graduation in the district (receiving state.) If this is not possible, the alternative provision of the Interstate Compact shall be followed in order to facilitate the on-time graduation of the student in accordance with Compact provisions.

(cf. [5111](#) – Admission)

(cf. 5113 – Attendance and Excuses)

(cf. [5123](#) – Promotion/Retention)

(cf. [5125](#) – Student Records; Confidentiality)

(cf. [5141.3](#) – Health Assessments and Immunizations)

(cf. [6146](#) – Graduation Requirements)

(cf. [6171](#) – Special Education)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-15f](#) Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

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