

## FAQ

### What is a School Liaison and how can they help me?

A School Liaisons (SL) is a resource for you to use in making educational choices for your child(ren). School Liaisons help by providing you with educational information on your new area (based on residence) and link you to the SL in your next duty station when you are leaving. SL services are best illustrated in this youtube video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=babXTEZF-ew>

### What school will my child attend?

Physical residence will determine what school your child will attend. The School Liaison webpage for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi has links to the school districts in the area. Contact the School Liaison for school options outside your physical residence.

### Is there an age requirement for enrolling in Kindergarten?

Texas law states a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible for kindergarten. School attendance is compulsory for children who are 6 years old as of Sept. 1 of that year.

### What kind of transportation is provided?

Bus transportation is available within the school district you reside. If your child(ren) attend outside the district boundaries, transportation is the responsibility of the parent.

### What are the health and immunization requirements?

Texas schools immunization requirements can be found at

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/school-requirements.aspx>

### What is the Interstate Compact and what can it do for my family?

The Interstate Compact seeks to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. The School Liaison can assist with specific questions. Interstate Compact information can be found at: [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net)

### What options are there for before and after school care?

Start looking for care early. You can request care by visiting [www.militarychildcare.com](http://www.militarychildcare.com). You may also inquire with the school or district about what they may offer. If they do not have any on-site care, they may be able to advise regarding community options. When researching childcare, it is recommend that you look for accredited centers and that they are licensed providers. Each facility will offer different options. The Navy CYP SAC program is accredited, and provides many additional items/services that you may not find in centers that are not part of CYP.

### What do I do if I'm moving with a child with special needs?

The School Liaison can help you with the special needs navigation of the school or district that you are planning to send your child(ren). If you are Active Duty, you should also contact the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) to ensure that you are enrolled and that you have all information and resources that they offer. This should be done before you PCS and after you PCS.

### Can School Liaisons advocate in an IEP/504 meeting for my child?

The School Liaisons are not able to advocate on your behalf, nor are they able to attend the meetings. School Liaisons offer information and resources. They can also help you find the right people to talk to at the school or district. If you ever have issues with your IEP/504 or school, please call your School Liaison since they also have many community resources that can offer guidance and direct assistance.

### What is the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)?

ESSA was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, and replaces the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. Highlights include:

- You may see on the school enrollment package a question about identifying as a military family. This question is associated with the Military Student Identifier (MSI), the MSI was passed with ESSA. This question is used to help track data to better serve our military dependent youth. That Data collected can be used to support additional resources for transitioning, military-connected youth and provide important raw data such graduation rates for military-connected youth, and much more. This is not to be confused with Federal Impact Aid that is asked every year in October.
- Upholds critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.
- Requires that all students be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers.
- Ensures that vital information is provided to educators, families, students, and communities through annual statewide assessments that measure students' progress.
- Helps to support and grow local innovations—including evidence-based and place-based interventions developed by local leaders and educators.
- Sustains and expands investments in increasing access to high-quality preschool.
- Maintains an expectation that there will be accountability and action to effect positive change in the lowest-performing schools, where groups of students are not making progress, and where graduation rates are low over extended periods of time.