### School Liaison Services

Student Focused...Partnership Driven

- ♦ Serves as installation point contact for all local military education matters
- ♦ Advocates for the educational needs of military children
- ♦ Assists Airmen and families with information, referral, resources, and advocacy regarding local school districts and other education options
- ♦ Ensures a communication link with inbound and outbound families for educational issues
- ♦ Maintains working relationship with local schools and other agencies that support the educational services for militaryconnected students
- ♦ Communicates information to installation leadership and the school community on issues impacting military children
- ♦ Educates teachers, counselors, and administrators on unique issues affecting military children
- ♦ Connects military families with the appropriate resources for special education to include coordination with the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)



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# School Liaison Office

Connecting Families,
Communities, and Schools

**Minot Air Force Base** 

#### Introduction

The education and welfare of military-connected students is a quality of life issue. Military families experience challenges with reciprocity and quality of education from location to location. Military-connected students are as transient as their military parents and may encounter transition and academic problems.

#### Vision

To deliver unparalleled education advocacy, outreach, and partnerships for militaryconnected students around the globe!

#### Execution

- ♦ Connecting schools, families, and communities
- Cultivating communication pathways between families, schools, community stakeholders and the military
- ♦ Customizing real time solutions for military connected students
- ♦ Collaborating with community stakeholders to enhance educational opportunities and partnerships
- ♦ Comprehensive professional development for educators to understand the military lifestyle
- ♦ Constructing a network of extensive resources for a resilient community
- Creating a system to support military connected students experiencing parental deployment or separation



## Common Issues & Stressors

- ♦ Transfer of Records
- **♦** Course Sequencing
- ♦ Graduation Requirements
- ♦ Extra Curricular Activities
- ♦ Entrance/Exit Testing
- **♦** Attendance
- ♦ Kindergarten Requirements
- ♦ School Options
- ♦ Enrollment/Placement
- ♦ School Adjustment
- ♦ Lack of Continuity
- ♦ Deployment & Separation
- ♦ School Transition
- ♦ Cultural Change

The School Liaison office can provide one-on one consolation or outreach efforts for the above topics or other education related topics. Call, email, facebook or stop by!

#### Helpful Resources

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC<sub>3</sub>) mic<sub>3</sub>.net

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) militarychild.org

Tutor.com for US Military Families military.tutor.com

Military OneSource militaryonesource.com

Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) dodea.edu

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The Compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. It is signed by all fifty states and although is not exhaustive in coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families. It provides for a detailed governance structure at both the state and national level with built-in enforcement and compliance mechanisms.