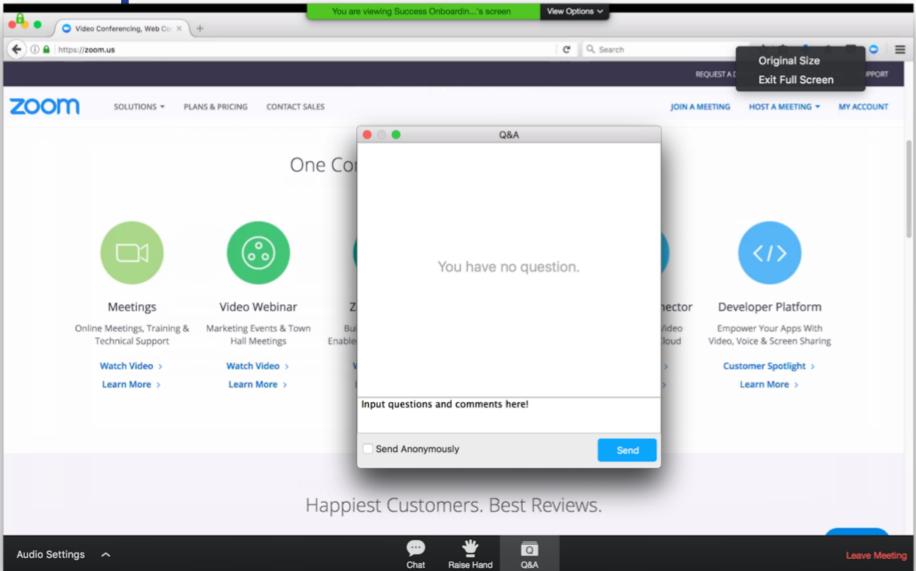


# An Introduction to "Advising Highly Mobile Students"

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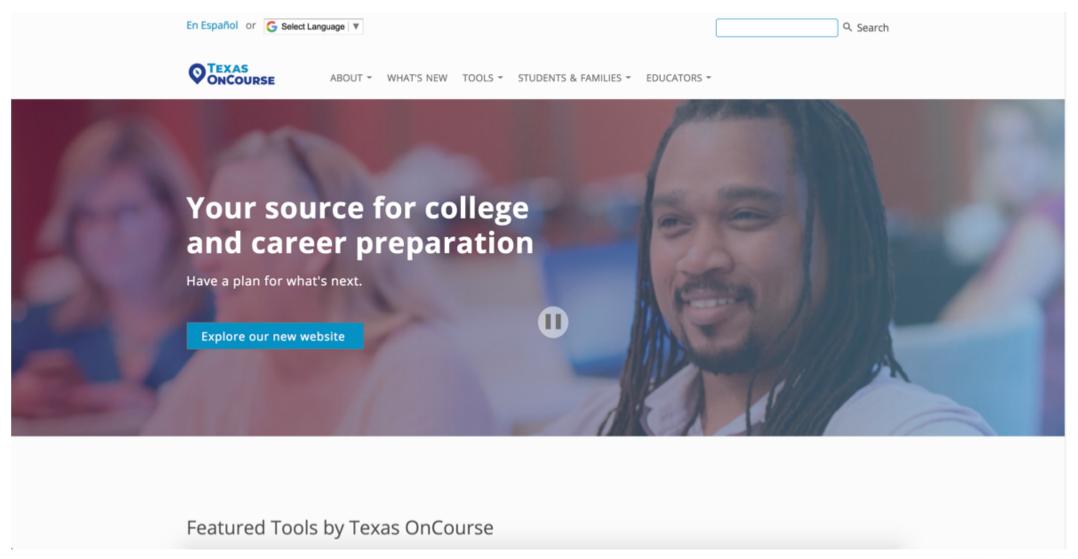
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- Introductions
- Texas OnCourse Resource Spot Light
- MCEC Expert
   Annette Farmer, VP, Programs and Curriculum
- TEA Expert
   Abby Rodgriguez, State Coordinator for Military Connected Students
- Q & A and Wrap up
- Webinars 2018-2019



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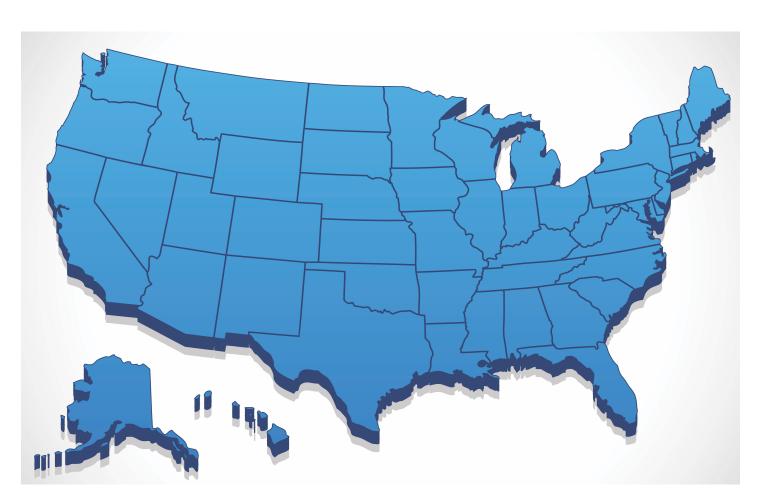
State Coordinator for Military Connected Students
Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division
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Expanding access to tools and resources for supporting and advising highly mobile and military-connected students and families on their postsecondary and career options

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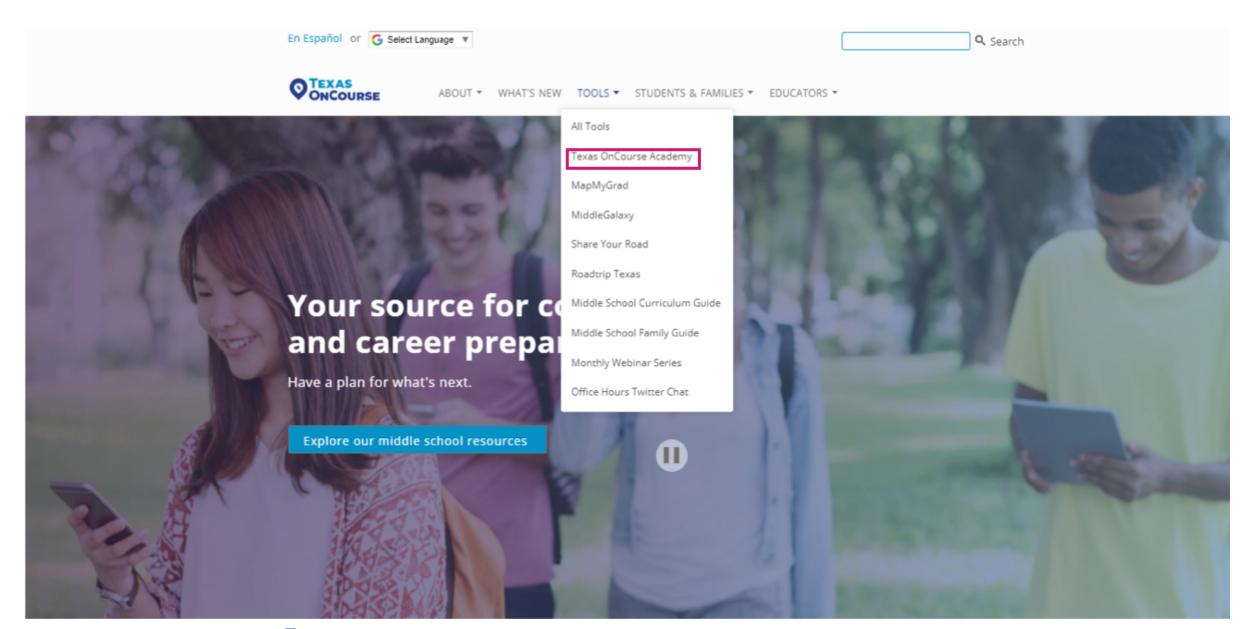
### Learning Objectives

 Describe programs and policies regarding highly mobile students

 Differentiate between types of highly mobile students and challenges faced by each type

 Describe strategies to address basic needs of highly mobile and military-connected students



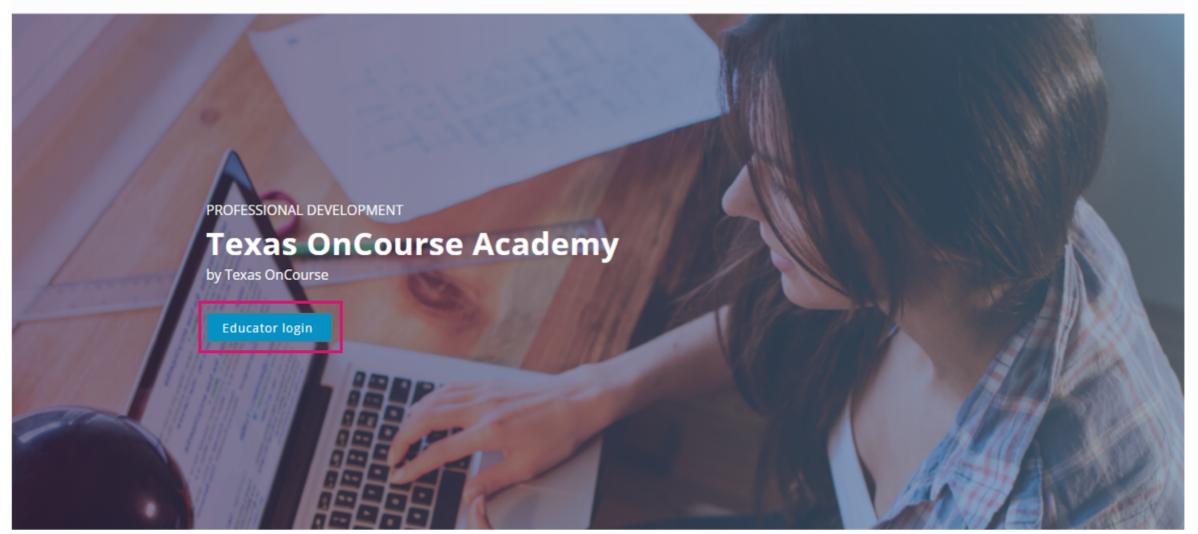


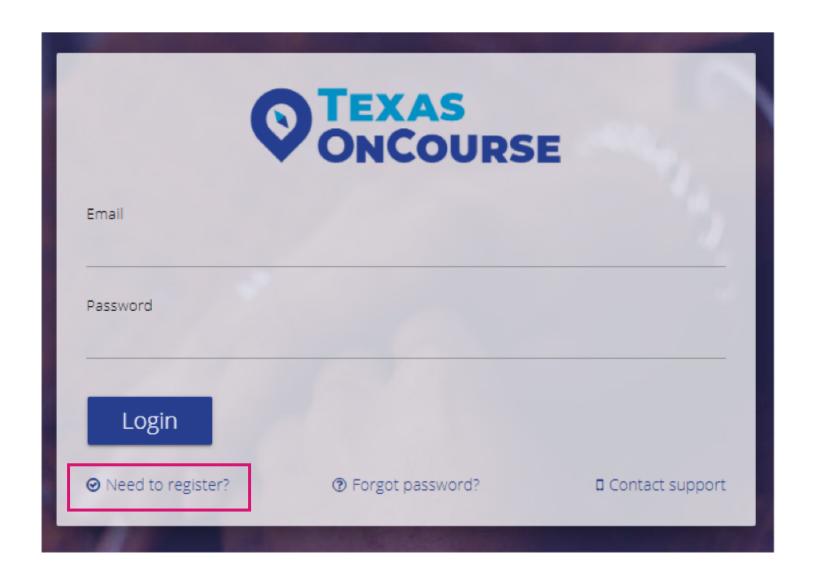
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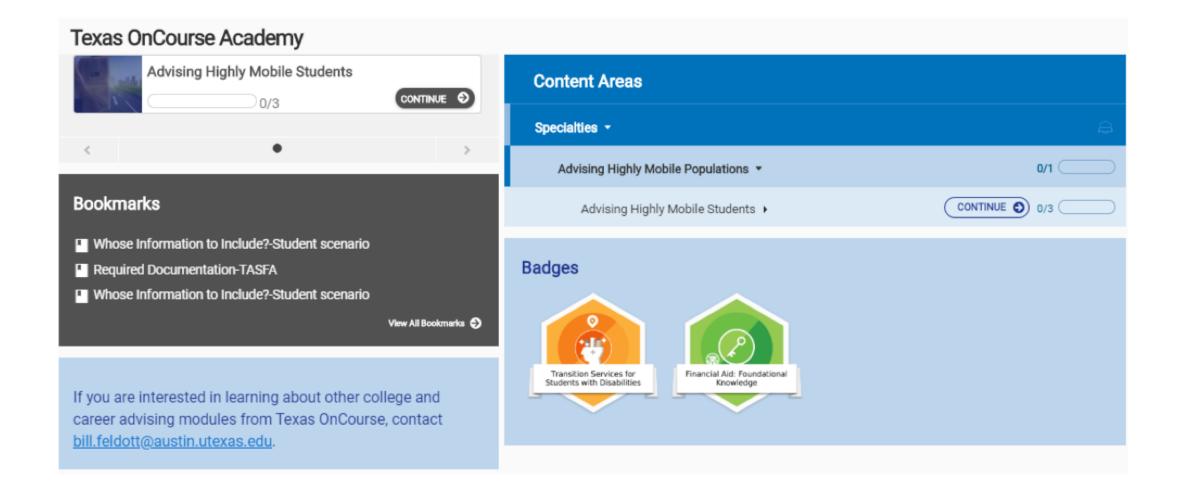




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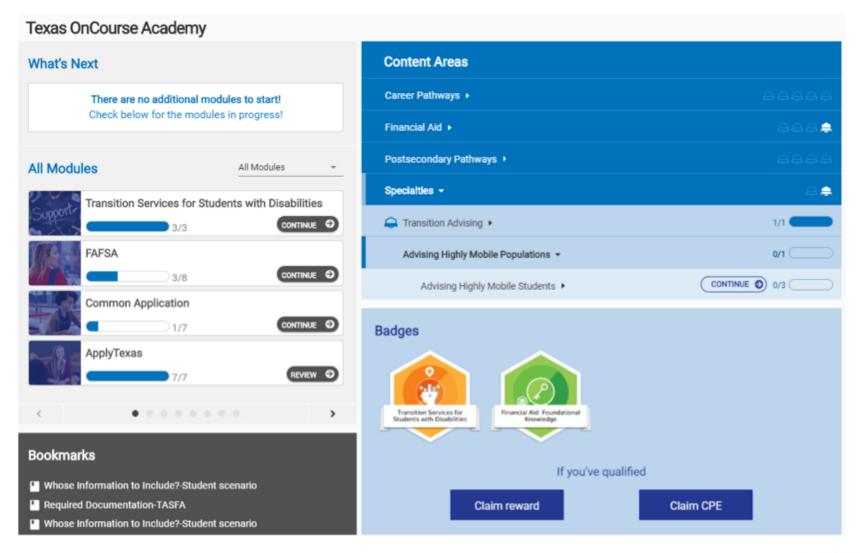
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### Advising Highly Mobile Students Preassessment

You are unique and approach this learning with different knowledge, skills and experiences than others. Do this quick diagnostic quiz and we'll tailor the module to you!

Show What You Know

### Unit 1: Preparation for Advising Highly Mobile and Military-Connected Students



- ✓ Who is Considered Highly Mobile? 3 min reading
- ✓ Common Needs of Highly Mobile Students 3 min reading
- ✓ Programs and Resources That Assist with Transition 7 min reading.
- Test Your Knowledge quiz

### Unit 2: The Impact of Highly Mobile Lifestyles on Academics

✓ Core Issues during Transition 1 min reading



- ✓ Policies to Ease Transition Challenges 3 min reading
- ✓ Military Student Identifier (MSI) 2 min reading
- Transition Challenges Discussion discussion
- Test Your Knowledge quiz



### Unit 3: Strategies to Support Highly Mobile Students ✓ High School Planning 4 min reading ✓ Planning With MapMyGrad 1 min reading ✓ The Next Steps 2 min reading ✓ Establishing a Career Pathway 1 min reading ✓ Student Conversation: Advising Highly Mobile Students 3 min reading. ✓ Financial Aid 3 min reading ✓ Best Strategies to Support Transition 1 min reading Test Your Knowledge quiz Unit 4: Engaging Highly Mobile Students and Families ✓ Preparing Students and Families for Transition 5 min reading ✓ Common Errors 2 min reading ✓ Advising Students Scenario 5 min reading ✓ Engaging Highly Mobile Students and Families Discussion discussion Advising Highly Mobile Students End-of-Module Assessment Start Assessment





### Strategies to Support Highly Mobile Students

### Transfer Credits and Transcripts

School counselors can ease the burden of repeated transitions by providing flexibility around course placement. These are some ways:

### Hand Carry Records

Remind parents to hand carry records, especially if they are transferring overseas. This expedites the appropriate placement into classes. If the student has an IEP or 504 plan, those should be hand carried as well.

### Review Placement Options

If you know the school a student is moving to, explore all options for placement before requiring a student to take a course equivalent that does not align with the receiving school's course catalogue.

#### Interest Inventory

Create an interest inventory to give to incoming students. This tool can also be a part of the transferring of records when the student changes schools.

### Communication between Sending and Receiving Schools

Having detailed information prepared before and after a student transitions can help eliminate any additional barriers students and families might face without proper documentation or communication.

#### Transcript Cover Letter

Include a cover letter with transcripts to explain any unique situations and link to the district's course catalog and any other helpful information to expedite appropriate placement in classes.

### Research Receiving School District

If advance notice is given, research the receiving school district and point out similarities and differences to the student to help them mentally prepare for the move.



### Resources for Highly Mobile Students

#### Incarceration

Approximately 10 million children have experienced parental incarceration at some point in their lives. This startling statistic creates the need for counselors and advisers to be prepared to assist the student who may experience multiple moves and transitions.

#### Packet for Parents Facing Incarceration

The National Center for Homeless Education provides a sample packet, in the Sample Forms, Materials, and Policies section, from Adrian Public Schools in Adrian, MI. The packet provides information to assist parents facing incarceration with making appropriate arrangements for their children. It includes a checklist of tasks for parents facing incarceration, a list of frequently asked questions, a blank power of attorney form, a sample completed power of attorney form, and a flyer about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program. (NCHE, 2018)

#### Annie E. Casey Foundation

The <u>Annie E. Casey Foundation</u> produced a report called "A Shared Sentence: The Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families, and Communities," to help community members, clinicians, and educators understand the impact of parental incarceration on children. (AECF, 2016)

#### Divorce

Studies indicate that children from divorced families score significantly lower on a variety of outcomes: academic achievement, conduct, psychological adjustment, and well-being. (Connolly & Green, n.d.)

#### Children of Divorce Intervention Program (CODIP)

Children of Divorce Intervention Program (CODIP) is an evidence-based prevention program specifically designed to help children cope with challenging family changes. Since its inception in 1982, CODIP has helped thousands of children in countries around the world, including the United States, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. This program trains educators, counselors, and service providers on ways to mitigate the impact of divorce on the socioemotional, academic, and behavioral development of students in grades K–8. (Children's Institute, 2016)

#### American School Counselor Association

The <u>American School Counselor Association</u> has developed a framework for evidencebased, consistent counseling competencies that can support children struggling with a broad range of challenges caused by divorce. Reactions to divorce can vary among students depending on their age, stage of development, and environment. (ASCA, n.d.)



### **Advising Highly Mobile Students**

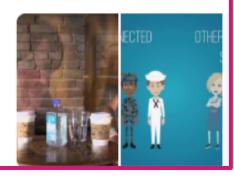
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Changing schools is academically and emotionally disruptive for all children. Military-connected children, a type of highly mobile student, may face these stresses when encountered with repeated deployments, Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, and a parent or guardian's discharge from the military. These students change schools three times more often than students in civilian families. Eighty percent of military-connected children attend local public schools.

### **PDF Downloads**



### Videos



https://www.pinterest.com/texasoncourse/

### Military Child Education Coalition

Our Mission: To ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military and veteran-connected children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.







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Founded in Texas in 1998, the Military Child Education Coalition is a 501(C) (3) global, nonprofit organization focused on the well-being of America's four million military and veteran-connected children.

**2019 National Training Seminar** 



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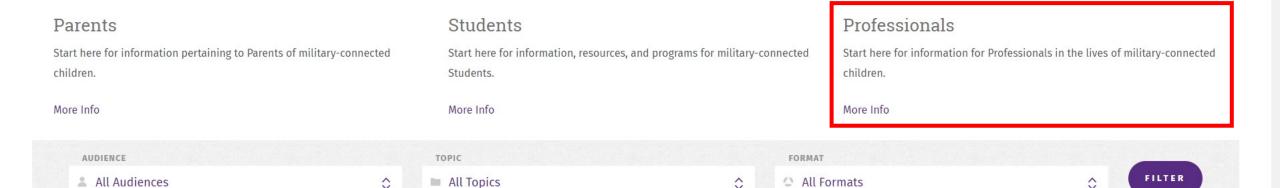
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### **Programs, Training & Initiatives**

MCEC believes it is important for professionals to know how to identify and respond to the complex needs of military-connected children and youth. Across disciplines such as education, healthcare, childcare, and business, MCEC trains professionals to address the unique challenges facing our military children. All training is grounded in research and presented by highly skilled instructors.





Professionals Professional Development One-Day Training

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2 Parents Caregiver / Guardian Program

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Traditional Courses

Register for available courses



Customized Professional Development to meet Campus/District Goals





#### **Not Just for Texans**

MCEC is excited to partner with Texas OnCourse to launch a new national resource to help counselors, advisers, and other educators who work with highly mobile students.

#### Join our Professional Development Community on



For information on Continuing Education and Graduate credit, Click here.

### Don't forget to Save the Date for our National Training Seminar!

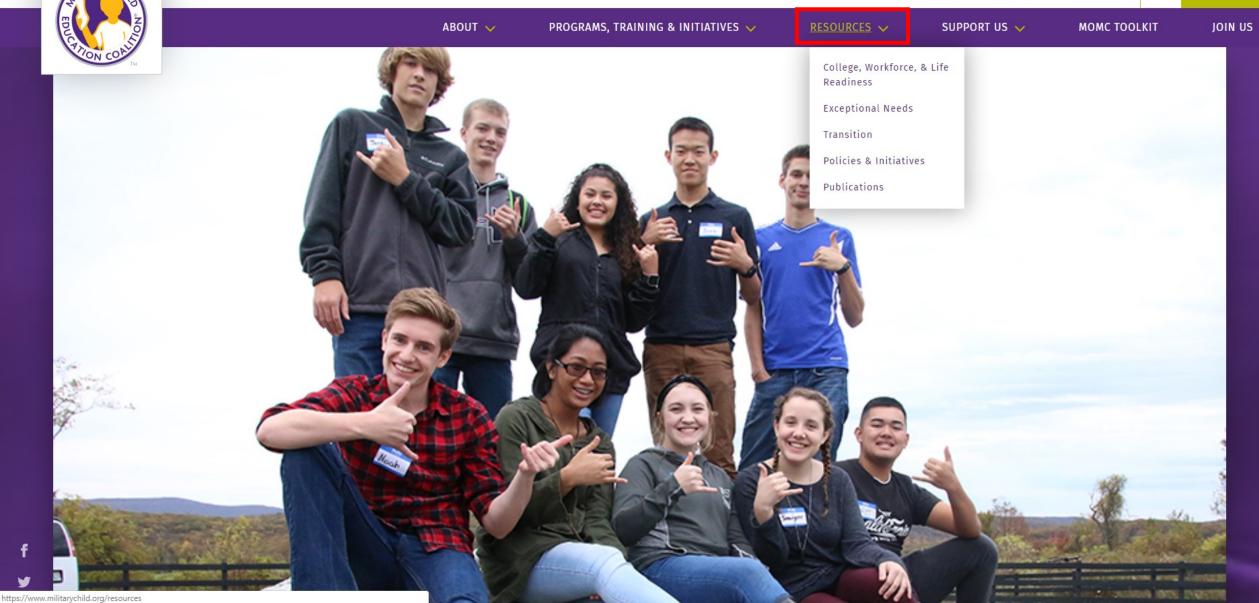


### **Professional Development Certification Program**

This program consists of three levels of certification: **Bronze**, **Silver**, and **Gold**; which all represent increasingly advanced thresholds for professional development using online and face-to-face approaches.

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### Resources

Below are essential digital resources for students, parents, education professionals and influencers available in multiple formats: videos, webinars, and downloadable documents.



### College, Workforce, & Life Readiness

Resources for students, parents and professionals referring to the knowledge, skills, and abilities military-connected children need to be successful in post-secondary education or training that lead to gainful employment and citizenship.



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Information for parents and professionals to assist exceptional military-connected children navigate school moves, transition into special and gifted programs, deal with caregiving roles, and develop plans for the future.



### Transition

Inherent in the military family lifestyle, particularly for the child, are transitions of multiple types. Find resources here that address school transitions and moves, school choices, parental deployments and separations, post-secondary preparation and much more.



### Policies & Initiatives

Resources for parents, professionals, and influencers regarding education policies effecting militaryconnected children and the ongoing initiatives designed to promote their college, workforce and life readiness.









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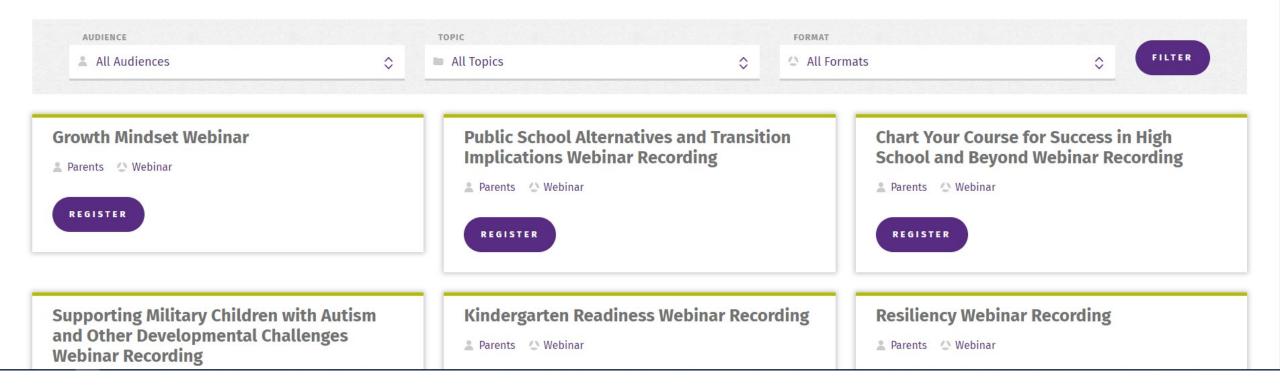
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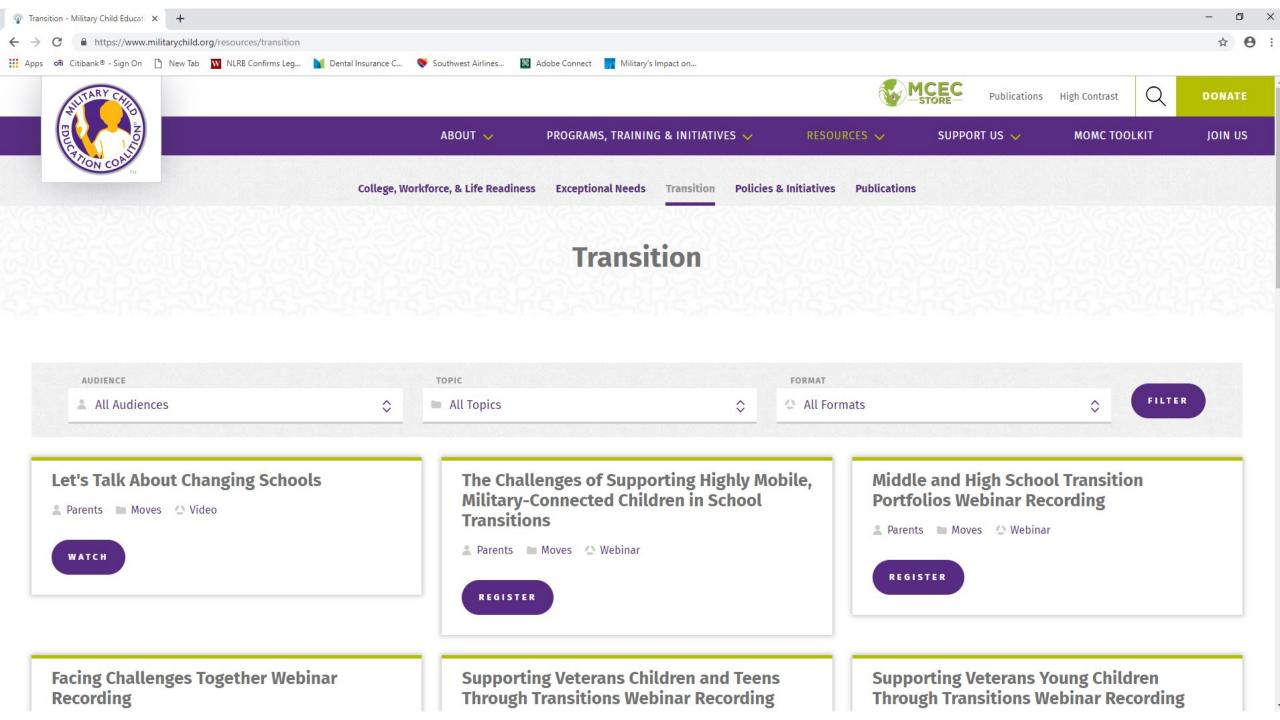
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### **Strategic Plan**

#### Every child, prepared for success in college, a career or the military.

Strategic priorities



Recruit, support, and retain teachers and principals



Build a foundation of reading and math



Connect high school to career and college



Improve lowperforming schools

Enablers



Increase transparency, fairness and rigor in district and campus academic and financial performance



Ensure compliance, effectively implement legislation and inform policymakers



Strengthen organizational foundations (resource efficiency, culture, capabilities, partnerships)



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### **TEA Organization**

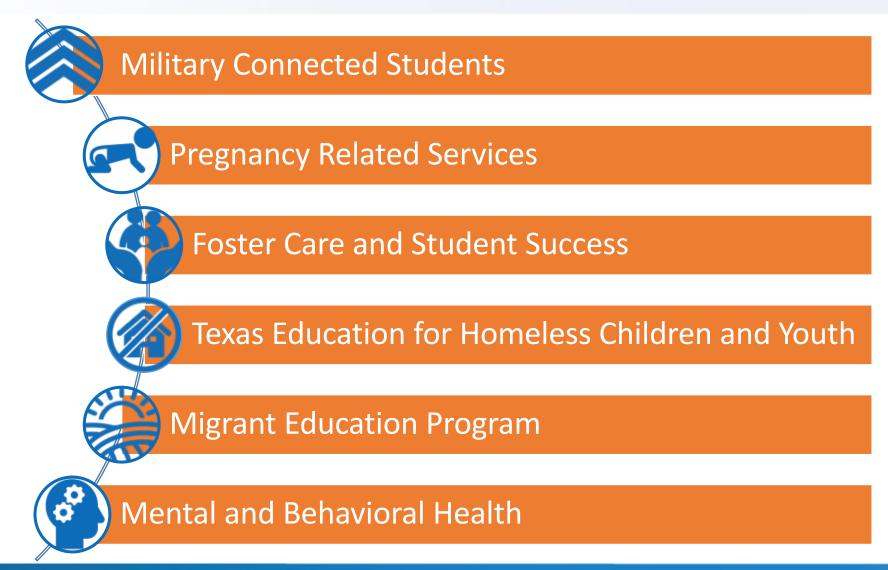
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Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division



#### **Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division**





### **Priority Initiative for Military-Connected Students**

#### **Priority Projects:**



*Increase* the number of military-connected students being identified by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools by 3%.



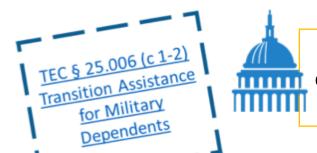
Military Student Identifier, end-of-year data, 2017-2018 school year.

- Seeking LEA input and feedback regarding best practices and strategies
- Site Visits
- Creating a suite of resources ESCs, LEAs, and Stakeholders can utilize to mitigate transitional barriers



### **Military Student Identifier**

- Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the federal education law was signed by the President in December 2015, requiring all public schools to collect data on active-duty military school-age children grades K-12.
- There was no Federal requirement prior to 2015 to identify militaryconnected students, therefore data regarding academic achievement, attendance, graduation, and other educational outcomes were unknown for this highly-mobile student population.



LAW: The agency shall collect data each year from school districts and open-enrollment charter schools through PEIMS relating to the enrollment of military-connected students.



## **Identifying Military-Connected Students**



#### **Military-Connected**

#### Active Duty:

- Army
- Navy
- Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Coast Guard
- National Guard
- Reserve

# National Guard and Reserve

#### National Guard:

- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard

#### Reserve:

 75<sup>th</sup> Innovation Command in Houston, Texas.

#### Veteran

- Any individual who has completed their service for any branch of the armed forces and was not dishonorably discharged.
- DO NOT track identification of children who are Veteran connected.

TEC § 25.006 (c 1-2)
Transition Assistance
for Military
Dependents



### **Characteristics of Military-Connected Students**



- Texas has the 2nd largest population of military-connected students; more than 89,000 attending public schools.
- Military-connected children move on average 6 to 9 times during their K-12 education experience.
- 80% attend U.S. public schools including charter and magnet schools.
- Children from military families are twice as likely as their civilian counterparts to serve in the Armed Forces as adults.

Source: Military Child Education Coalition



### Military-Connected Students 2018-2019

#### 2018-2019 Student Program and Special Populations Reports

Texas Education Agency

Total Enrollment Counts in Student Program and Special Populations Reports

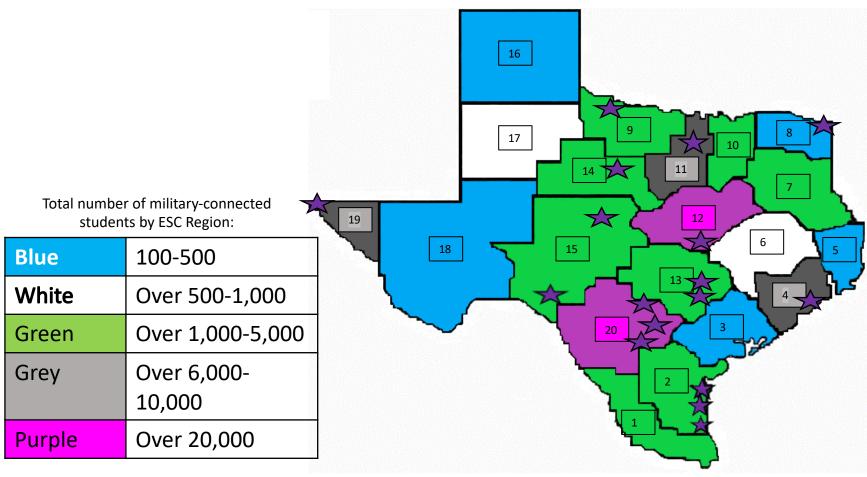
PEIMS Data 2018-2019
Statewide

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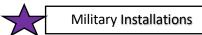
Source: Texas Education Agency, 2018-2019 PEIMS Standard Reports, Special Populations



### Military-Connected Student Population in Texas



2018-2019 89,736 Students



Source: Texas Education Agency, PEIMS Standard Reports Data 2018-2019





# **Transitioning into Texas Public Schools**



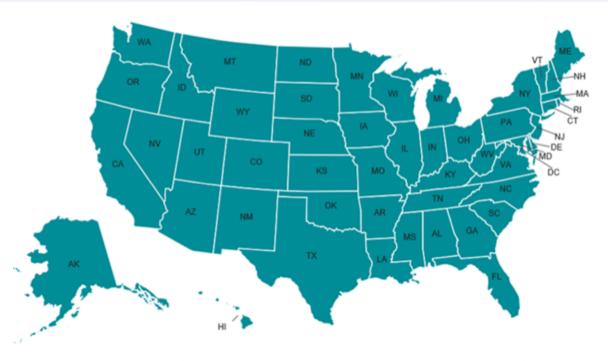


# Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children

# MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

- Compact removes barriers to educational success imposed upon children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of parents.
- In 2009, the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature adopted the Compact in the <u>Texas Education Code</u>, <u>Chapter 162</u>

Covered Under Graduation:
Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of receiving



 All 50 states and the District of Columbia have signed the Interstate Compact for Military Children.

http://www.mic3.net/







## Who Do I Ask For Help?



#### **Texas Student Liaison Officer Contact List**

Branch	Installation	Email	Phone Number
Air Force	JBSA- Ft. Sam	jbsa.slo@us.af.mil	Ft. Sam Houston
	<u>Houston</u>		210-221-2214 or
	JBSA- Lackland		210-221-2256
	JBSA- Randolph		Lackland
			210-671-8388
			Randolph
			210-652-5321 or
			210-652-3112
Air Force	Goodfellow AFB	theresa.goodwin.1@us.af.mil	325-654-3893
Air Force	Laughlin AFB	AFRC.Laughlin@us.af.mil	830-298-4788
Air Force	Sheppard AFB	michael.wenk@us.af.mil	940-676-6774
Air Force	Dyess AFB	diane.russell.1@us.af.mil	325-696-5999
Army	Fort Hood	usarmy.hood.imcom-	254-288-7925 or
		fmwrc.list.cyss-slo@mail.mil	254-553-3340
Army	Fort Bliss	usarmy.bliss.imcom-	915-569-5064
		fmwrc.mbx.school-liaison-	
		office@mail.mil	
Navy	Corpus Christi	NASCC_SLO@navy.mil	361-961-2625 or
•	Naval Air Station		361-861-2625
Navy	Fort Worth Naval	CNI_FTWO_SLO@navy.mil	817-782-1873
_	Air Station Joint		
	Reserve Base		
Navy	Kingsville Naval	KingsvilleSLO@navy.mil	361-537-7595
	Air Station		

https://tea.texas.gov/mil/



### **Military Family Resources**



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#### Military Family Resources

To the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:

On behalf of the public schools of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Texas. The men and women who serve in the armed forces are among our most valued assets as a nation. Your children deserve the very best our public schools have to offer.

The Texas Education Agency recognizes the challenges facing you and your families as you transition to a new home and school district. We have developed this section of our web site to provide information about Texas schools, graduation requirements and links to other sites of interest.

It is my hope that you and your children are satisfied with the service provided by our school system. Texas has earned a reputation for excellence in its public schools by setting high standards and ensuring accountability. At the same time, we have retained local control of the educational decisions that affect children. We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue our efforts to improve the lives of the children we serve.

Best wishes for continued success and thank you for all you do to protect and defend our nation.

Sincerely,

Texas Commissioner of Education

#### **Texas Military Installations**

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 U. S. Air Force
 U. S. Navy

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 DyessAir Force Base
 Naval Air Station Corpus Christi

 Fort Bliss
 Goodfellow Air Force Base
 Naval Air Station Fort Worth

 Fort Hood
 Laughlin Air Force Base
 NavalAir Station Kingsville

 Red River Army Depot
 Sheppard Air Force Base

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Hurricane Harvey
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Services for Military Families
TEA Secure Applications Information
Weather and Disaster Information

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#### Getting to Know Our Military-Connected Students and Families

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Parent and Student Resources

Military Interstate Children's compact Commission MIC3

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Military-Connected Students by Educational Service Centers Region (PDF)

Military Rank Insignia's (outside source)

Common Military Acronyms and Terms

Community Resources

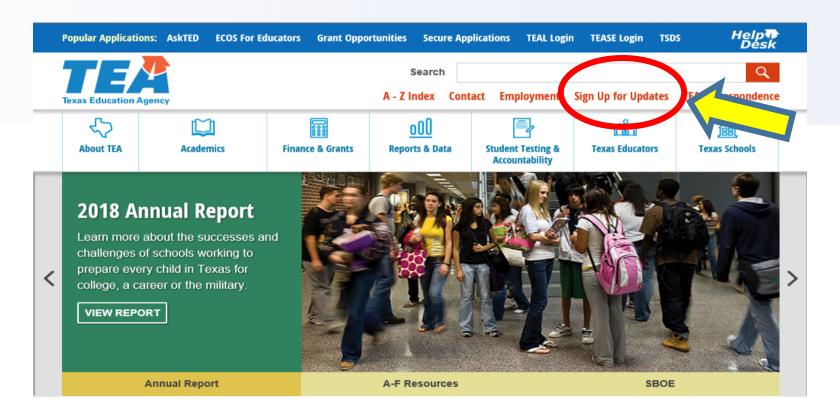
#### **Legislative Updates**

SB 587, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017
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# **Upcoming News and Communications!**





#### The Latest TEA News

The latest news from the Texas Education Agency is available through <u>news releases</u>, <u>online correspondence</u>, <u>mailing lists</u>, and other posted information.





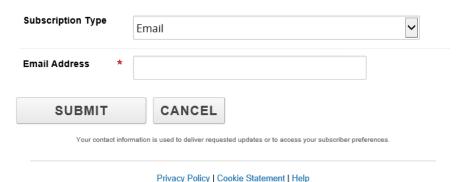
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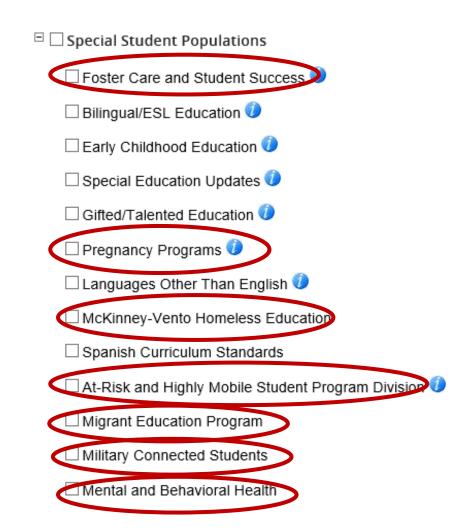
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### Month of The Military Child-Purple Up! Day



As Americans, we owe a tremendous debt to those who serve to protect and promote our freedom. Through their bravery and valor, members of the United States Armed Forces demonstrate their commitment to our nation and our values.

It is important to remember the men and women in uniform are not alone in making sacrifices. The cause of freedom makes great demands upon the husbands and wives, the parents and grandparents, and the children of our military personnel. For children, this sacrifice is especially poignant: from always being the new kid in school to the strain of being separated from a deployed parent, military children often live with uncertainty and fear. Gold Star children in particular know this sacrifice all too well.

Many children have a parent serving on active or reserve military duty. Each April, we make a special effort to applaud military families and pay tribute to the resilient nature of military children. Purple Up! For Military Kids Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> encourages communities to wear purple in support of the strength and sacrifices of military children across the country.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the outstanding courage and strength of military children and their families. They demonstrate the patriotism, bravery, and dedication that keep Texas and America strong.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do herby proclaim April 2019 to be

#### Month of the Military Child



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.





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# Month of The Military Child Abb April 2019











Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed April as the Month of the Military Child. Month of the Military Child is a time to honor the sacrifices made by military connected children worldwide. On April 12th, 2019 Purple Up! For Military Kids will be celebrated to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Wearing purple on this day is a visible way to show support and thank military connected youth for their strength and sacrifices. Purple indicates that all branches of the military are supported; Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue all combined together as a single color, purple.

For more information, toolkits, and ideas on how to celebrate Month of the Military Child, click on the links below:

Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

The Military Child Education Coalition- Month of the Military Child Toolkit

U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)



### Military-Connected Student Program Contact

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Email: <u>abby.rodriguez@tea.texas.gov</u>



- High need for identification and support for these students
   High # of families
- Fellows and users are new to this information
- April, Month of the Military Child Purple-Up Day!

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