

Welcome to 2025 Leadership Convention

This session will begin soon



Thank You For Your Service! Supporting military -connected kids in our schools

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Military-Connected Students

"Military children bloom everywhere the wind carries them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the Armed Forces.... They learn from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world."



Utah's Military-Connected Students

“If You Don't Know Who They
Are, You Don't Know How to
Support Them”

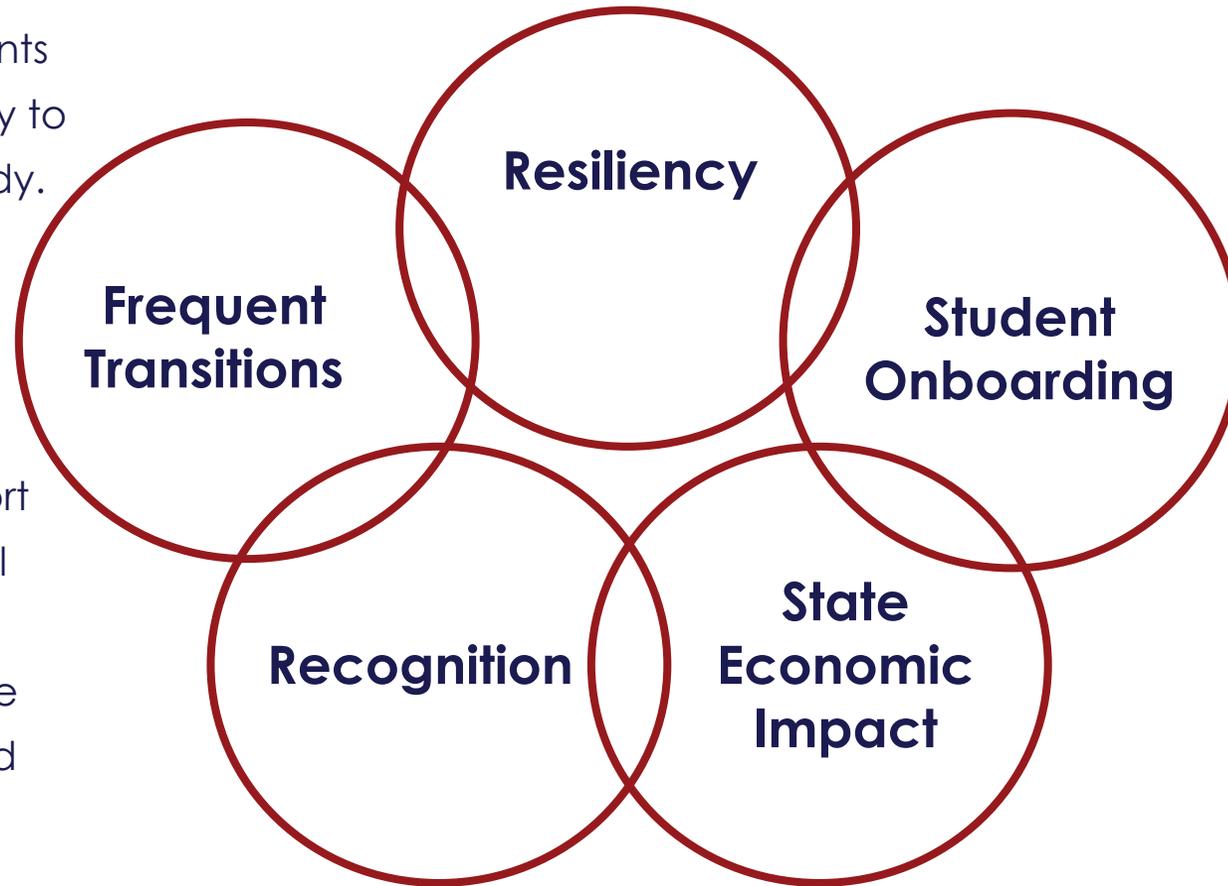
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Objectives

We want to help military families know the school is dedicated to their students gaining the skills necessary to be life-work-college ready.

School is deliberate in support of the social and emotional wellbeing of their students throughout the military cycle of moves, deployments, and adjustments.



More than 90% of the est. 1.2M military-connected children in our nation attend public schools. Having our support is essential to the success of our military members and families.

DoD includes quality of the states schools as part of future basing and personnel decisions.

Active-Duty dependents move on average 8-10 times throughout their K-12 years

Strong Families = Strong Service Members

Strong Service Members = Strong Military

Strong Military = Strong National Security





Blue Star Families





**PURPLE STAR
SCHOOL** 





Purple Star School Requirements

- ▶ Designated School Point of Contact for Military Matters
- ▶ Student-Led Transition Team
- ▶ Staff Professional Development to Raise Military Awareness
- ▶ Website with Military-Connected Resources/Links
- ▶ School-wide military event, resolution of support, and/or coordinating with military parents to serve as school volunteers



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Who are the military-connected students in your school?

- Federal Impact Aid Survey
- Google Form
- Other?



<https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-offices/oese/impact-aid-program/impact-aid-program-overview>





Learn more!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepVxCfekyJ96LRuyAV96z8J7n4UHpOnNgaCEdwQx6QrIV7oA/viewform?usp=sharing>



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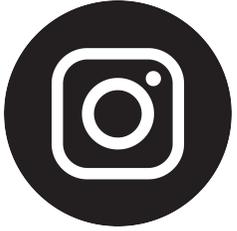
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