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PARENT RESOURCES

Military OneSource: This site is a one-stop shop for parental support regarding issues that military families may have. This is the place to start for help and resources. <http://militaryonesource.com>

“Students at the Center” Military support for students: This is a relocation assistance website supporting academic assistance during PCS. Includes support programs from academic tutoring, partnerships with community resources, after-school services, and health support.

<http://www.militaryk12partners.dodeas.edu/studentsATTheCenter/military-families/military-suports-for-stu>

Special NeedsToolkit: Military OneSource provides 60-minute consultations, up to 12 times a year, with a Special Needs Specialty Consultant. The consultant will assess your family’s needs and answer your questions about moving benefits, education, finances, housing, support groups, medical resources, and more. To schedule your consultation, call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647 and ask for an appointment with a Special Needs Specialty Consultant. Additionally, the Department of Defense (DoD) has Special Needs modules and resources and a newsletter to help alert parents as new items about special needs are added to this website. <http://militaryonesource.com>

Military Child Education Coalition: Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, world-wide organization, the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)'s work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition. Military Parent Information offers information for parents through helpful publications and research, technology applications, and links to other sites. <http://www.militarychild.org>

National Military Family Association: The National Military Family Association is an organization with strong grassroots support balanced with professionalism that makes us a leader in the field. Not only do we support military families – we are military families. Spouses, parents, and family members make up our staff and board positions. We speak up on behalf of military families and empower husbands, wives, and children to understand and access their benefits. Based on what we hear from our members, we meet the needs of service members and their families with insightful recommendations, innovative programs, and grassroots efforts to better the quality of life for military families. <http://militaryfamily.org>

Military Homefront: MilitaryHOMEFRONT is the Department of Defense website for official Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help [troops and their families](#), [leaders](#), and [service providers](#). Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need. <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil>

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA): The DoDEA website has contact information for schools, enrollment, test scores etc. The information is provided for all DoD school in the U.S. and overseas. <Http://www.dodea.edu>

California Department of Education: The California Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s official website provides parents with up to the date information and statistics from each school and their districts. Parents can review information on student achievement scores, testing results and programs offered throughout the state. <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

National Assessment of Educational Progress: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, and U.S. history. Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time. <http://www.nces.ed.gov>

No Child Left Behind: NCLB supports [standards-based education reform](#), which is based on the belief that setting high standards and establishing measurable goals can improve individual outcomes in education. The Act requires states to develop assessments in basic skills to be given to all students in certain grades, if those states are to receive federal funding for schools. The Act does not assert a national achievement standard; standards are set by each individual state. The focus is on instruction and methods that have been proven to work. It makes a billion-dollar investment to ensure every child learns to read by third grade. It provides the resources for reform and unprecedented flexibility so states and local communities can assist their schools.

Soar at Home: *Student Online Achievement Resource (SOAR)* is a “**FREE**” innovative program that makes it easy for parents to play an active role in their children’s education. SOAR is designed for military families, and is easily accessible worldwide. It is a standard based test preparation on the internet for students in grades 3-12 in language arts, reading and math. Program determines areas of weakness for students based on testing results, and creates individualized lessons. Students take an assessment aligned to state standards, and SOAR directs them to individualized tutorials to improve skills where needed. Parents can monitor their children’s progress from anywhere, and are provided with resource materials. Please see SOAR’s Welcome Video @ <http://www.soarathome.org>

Tutor.com: 24/7 online “**FREE**” tutoring and homework help for eligible military service members and their dependents. It provides a one on one with a tutor for all grades and all subjects and an interactive white board for math problems. Register on-line to enroll your student. **1-800-411-1970**, <http://tutor.com>

K-12 Online Home Based Public School: is available in California and offers parents alternative learning options to public schools for their students. The program is “**TUITION-FREE**” for families who are residents or are living in the State of California. The on-line based curriculum follows the State of California Public Schools curriculum and offers a variety of High School AP courses and electives as well as offering grade school advance course work. **1-866-968-7512**, <http://www.K12.com>

