School Liaisons are available at military installations world-wide. School Liaisons offer education related assistance to military parents with school age children.

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring and homework help at no cost to eligible service members, civilian personnel, and their dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7, military-connected students can receive academic help at their moment of need—anywhere they have an internet connection.
BEFORE THE MOVE

- School Liaisons are available at duty stations worldwide to help military families with their children’s school transfers. School Liaisons are familiar with local school options, enrollment and registration information, programs, and services. As soon as you have PCS orders, reach out to your School Liaison.
- High school transfers - and the possibility of receiving transfer OR final grades - should be discussed with a school counselor as soon as you have PCS orders.
- Give your child’s current school notice you will be moving. With the exception of high school students, two weeks notice is typical. Return all school provided books, supplies, and technology.

HAND CARRY ACADEMIC RECORDS

Elementary and middle school:
- Copy of most recent report card/withdrawal grades

High school (& middle school students enrolled in high school course work):
- Transcript—unofficial
- Withdrawal grades if leaving before final grades are awarded
- College transcripts for any college credits earned in high school

SPECIALTY SCHOOLS

Public Charter and Magnet schools with application processes accept applications as much as a year in advance. These schools may also ask for attendance and discipline records, teacher recommendations, and other documentation. Researching schools at a new duty station should begin as soon as the service member receives orders.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

- Proof of Birth
- Immunization (shot) record
- Contact information for leaving school
- Proof of residency (discuss with school registrar if family is in temporary accommodation). Reach out to your School Liaison if you are having challenges with proof of residency.

IF APPLICABLE

- Military Orders (if transfer has compact related challenges—mic3.net)
- IEP, 504, assessments, reports, special program testing
- Documented community service hours
- Extra-curricular/Co-Curricular teacher recommendations, recognitions etc.
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AGE OF ENTRY

Kindergarten
Children turning 5 years of age by September 1, 2021 are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.

Transitional Kindergarten
Children turning 5 years of age between September 2, 2021 and December 2, 2021 are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.

What is Transitional Kindergarten?
Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a free public school program for 4 year olds who turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Dec. 2. Children who are enrolled in transitional kindergarten move on to kindergarten the following year.

Keep copies of all immunization records. Hand-carry records each time you move.

CA SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS
SHOTSFORSCHOOL.ORG

California Public School Attendance Policies
Please make yourself aware of attendance policies for Truancy and Chronic Absences
https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ai/tr/
CALIFORNIA KINDERGARTEN STANDARDS

The skills listed here are based on the California Content Standards. These standards define the knowledge, concepts, and skills that students should acquire at each grade level. The complete standards for all subjects can be found at https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/

MATHEMATICS

Counting and Cardinality
• Know number names and the count sequence.
• Count to tell the number of objects.
• Compare numbers.

Operations and Algebraic Thinking
• Understand addition as putting together and adding to, and understand subtraction as taking apart and taking from.

Number and Operations in Base Ten
• Work with numbers 11–19 to gain foundations for place value.

Measurement and Data
• Describe and compare measurable attributes.
• Classify objects and count the number of objects in categories.

Geometry
• Identify and describe shapes.
• Analyze, compare, create, and compose shapes.

Mathematical Practices
1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.
4. Model with mathematics.
5. Use appropriate tools strategically.
6. Attend to precision.
7. Look for and make use of structure.
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - LITERACY

Listening & Speaking
• Collaborative conversations, confirm understanding, ask and answer questions, describe familiar people, places and things

Reading
• Foundational skills
• Includes literature and informational text
• Concepts about print, phonological awareness, alphabetic and word/print recognition, comprehension and analysis of age-appropriate text, and literacy interest and response

Writing
• Text types, use of writing, digital tools
• Language
• Print letters, grammar usage, conversations

What Can You Do?
• Model
• Conversations: engage your child in direct communication
• Read together: include informational texts
• Opportunities for writing: scribbling and drawing
• Real life examples and experiences
The California education code does not directly address homeschooling; however, it does offer exemptions to the compulsory education law, allowing parents to educate their children at home.

- Parents can establish a private school in their own home by filing the California PRIVATE SCHOOL AFFIDAVIT
- Hire a private tutor or hold a California teaching credential themselves

Learn more about schooling at home from the California Department of Education [https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ps/homeschool.asp)

Enrolling children in a public homeschool charter, independent study, or online school, are also options for schooling at home.

**WHAT IS SPECIAL EDUCATION?**

Special Education is regulated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Public schools provide Special Education to children ages 3-21 who have a documented learning disability, covered by IDEA, and need special education services to access the general education curriculum. If you suspect your child has a learning disability, and is attending school, talk to your child’s teacher or principal. Children under 3 get help through early intervention services.

Contact the Kings County SELPA office at (559) 589-2504 for all children under school age.

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**MFLC**

Military & Family Life Counseling Program

The licensed counselors in the MFLC Program help students and parents address:

- Self-esteem issues
- Communication and relationships
- Life skills, such as problem solving and adjustment
- Behavioral issues, including bullying and anger management
- Changes at home, such as deployment, reunion, divorce and grief

ASK FOR YOUR SCHOOL MFLC AT AKERS, NEUTRA, & LEMOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
California takes a step closer to implementing the Purple Star School Program

The Purple Star School Program is a state-sponsored recognition designed to emphasize the importance of assisting military children with school transitions, and developing programs that recognize the value of military service and civic responsibility. States including Ohio, Texas, Georgia, and Virginia have passed legislation implementing the Purple Star Schools Program in their public schools. Earlier this year, Assembly Member Ward introduced ACR (Assembly Concurrent Resolution) 53 to request the California State Department of Education establish a Purple Star Schools program.

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

PURPLE UP for Military Kids

Why Purple?
Each service has an associated color: Army green, Marine red, and Coast Guard, Air Force, and Navy blue. Purple is a combination off all service's colors.

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL PILOT COURSES AVAILABLE TO NAS LEMOORE 9-12TH GRADE STUDENTS

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is launching a new program aimed at expanding eligibility for dependents of active-duty members of the armed forces to register for the DoDEA Virtual High School (DVHS). The DVHS is a fully accredited high school providing supplemental courses for eligible high school students. 9th-12th graders attached to NAS Lemoore are eligible to enroll in up to two DVHS courses.
The Compact deals with the challenges of military children and their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states. Each member state must adopt the Compact through legislation.

While the Compact is not exhaustive in its coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families: eligibility, enrollment, placement and graduation. The MIC3 PARENT GUIDE gives an overview of the transfer issues addressed in this compact.
COLLEGE & CAREER

- What courses do I need to take to be ready for college?
- How should I plan my schedule so I’ll complete them?
- Which elective courses should I take?
- Which AP courses should I consider taking?
- Are their career & technical education courses that will prepare me for my career?
- How does my GPA affect my chances of admission to colleges?
- What are impacted colleges and majors?
- The websites linked below will answer many of your college and career questions.

**California State Universities are waiving the SAT/ACT requirement for first time Freshmen for Fall 2022 admissions.**

University of California Campuses have a test-optional policy for Fall 2022 admissions.**

Students planning to attend other colleges and universities should check on testing requirements with each school.

Take control of your education.