

Public School Questionnaire



New schools, frequent Permanent Change of Station (PCSing), and learning in a new school are all usual things a military child experience. If your child attends a public school, those experiences can be positive ones if the school knows you are military. There are supports in place at public schools just for you. As a military dependent, your child will most likely get a survey card sent home, or be asked a question on his/her student account online in the family profile. This question asks if your child is a military connected student.

How does the public school define a “Military Connected Student”?

Public school defines a military connected student as a child with a parent or guardian on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserve of the United States Military services. This includes full time or reserve in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard.

What does this question mean for my child?

Answering if your child is a military connected student quickly and correctly will allow the school system to count your child in the state’s numbers of the number of military connected public school students. There is no other information needed; your child and family names are not kept with this number and there are no clearance concerns. This is just a number to see how many military connected students live in the state.

What are the benefits of filling this out?

As you may know, the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission or [MIC3](#) talks about some of the educational challenges’ children of military family’s face. This count also lets the military know how many children are in public schools, and then gives the right number of [School Liaison Officers](#) (SLOs) per school district. SLOs help military families with school concerns and act as a go between with the public-school system and military chains of command.

Here is a sample of what you will see:

Military Connected Indicator	<p>An indication that the student’s parent or guardian is on Active Duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserve components of the United States military services.</p> <p>N – No, student is not military connected.</p> <p>Y – Yes, student is military connected. Student is a dependent of a member of the Active Duty Forces (full-time: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, National Guard, or Reserve Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard).</p> <p>U – Unknown; it is unknown whether or not the student is military-connected.</p>
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For questions, please contact The Parents’ Place of Maryland www.pppmd.org or 410-768-9100