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# Navy School Liaison Officer

Specific responsibilities include advising the installation commander on all K-12 grade educational matters; fostering a responsive, cooperative relationship between school representatives and the military community; and maintaining school transition support for military children.

Parents, school personnel and community members with questions on school-age military child education are encouraged to contact their local School Liaison Officer.

The School Liaison Officer will use Child and Youth Education Services to proactively address quality-of-life school concerns (K-12) raised by Navy families and leadership worldwide. Navy programs will focus on:

- Preparing students, parents, schools and Navy leaders to respond to moves and deployment issues impacting school-age children;
- Providing assurance that a quality education is a Navy priority by working to “level the playing field” for Navy families;
- Helping Navy families be the best advocates for their child’s education; and
- Connecting the Navy Youth Sponsorship Program to school districts serving Navy families.



## What is a School Liaison Officer?

The School Liaison Officer serves as the liaison between the installation commander, military agencies and schools by providing assistance in matters pertaining to student education. The School Liaison Officer also implements the Navy’s Strategic Planning for Education Advocacy K-12 recommendations in order to ensure Navy families have access to quality educational opportunities.

School Liaison Officers level the playing field for military children by ensuring maximum educational opportunities for academic success.

## Why Are School Liaison Officers Needed?

School transition and deployment support is a Navy readiness and retention issue. The Navy will benefit from having Sailors who are able to focus on their duties, whether ashore or deployed.

- Navy families move their children an average of every 2.9 years.
- Children of military personnel attend up to 9 different schools by graduation.
- Military families are reluctant to disrupt high school youth in their senior year.
- Deployments can impact educational outcomes of children.
- Many families decide to “separate geographically” to keep kids in their current school.

**Family Readiness = Mission Readiness**



**Connecting Navy Families, Commands and K-12 Schools**



The School Liaison Officer is the primary point of contact between the military installation, the local school administration, including the Department of Defense Education Agency (DoDEA) Schools, parents and the community at large. The Navy School Liaison Officer Program helps installation and regional commanders work with state departments of education and local school districts to ensure school personnel are aware of the stressors on military families brought about by frequent transitions and extended deployments. These education professionals are located on all major Navy installations and serve as “links” between Navy families and schools.



### What Services do School Liaison Officers Provide?

The School Liaison Officer specializes in serving military families and offers a wide spectrum of services, enabling families to become more involved in their child’s educational experience. Services include:

- Supporting families with inbound/outbound school transfers;
- Providing information on local schools and boundaries;
- Assisting with school choice;
- Helping families understand the special education process;
- Providing information about graduation requirements;
- Making military and community agency referrals;
- Supporting families with the home schooling process; and
- Assisting with post-secondary preparation.



### Navy School Liaison Officers provide six core services to assist families:

School Transition Services (PCS Cycle): School Liaison Officers assist families with school transfers and help “level the playing field” for military children and youth.

Deployment Support: School Liaison Officers connect educators with the Navy deployment support system to inform them about the cycles of deployment and the tools that are available to assist educators in working with Navy children.

Command, School, Community Communications: School Liaison Officers serve as subject-matter experts for installation commanders on K-12 issues, helping to connect command, school and community resources.

Home School Linkage and Support: School Liaison Officers assist Navy families by gathering and sharing information on home schooling issues, policies and legislation from local school districts, and help leverage Navy Child and Youth Programs resources to support these families.

Partnerships in Education (PIE): PIE creates a volunteer network of resources to support installation and community members who have a vested interest in the success of all youth.

Post-Secondary Preparations: School Liaison Officers leverage installation and school resources to provide graduating military students with access to post-secondary information and opportunities.

### Online Resources

**Find Your Navy School Liaison Officer**  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp)

**Request Navy Before & After School Care**  
[www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/cyp)

**Transitioning Information**  
Military One Source:  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

School Quest:  
[www.schoolquest.com](http://www.schoolquest.com)

Military Teens On the Move:  
[www.defenselink.mil/mtom/](http://www.defenselink.mil/mtom/)

Department of Defense Education Agency:  
[www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

**Student Online Resource**  
[www.soarathome.org](http://www.soarathome.org)

**Special Needs/EFMP**  
MilitaryHOMEFRONT:  
[www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/efm)

**Post-Secondary Preparation**  
Free SAT/ACT Power Prep:  
[www.eknowledge.com/military](http://www.eknowledge.com/military)

For College Scholarship info:  
[www.militaryscholar.org/](http://www.militaryscholar.org/)

Gov Benefits:  
[www.govbenefits.gov](http://www.govbenefits.gov)

Student Aid:  
[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

**Military Child Education Coalition**  
[www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)

