

PLANNING FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL TRANSITION



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We're heading into high-PCS season, and there's a lot for parents to think about.

Switching schools can be difficult, but Eglin's School Liason, Elaine LaJeunesse says the key is to get organized before moving. She's put together a checklist for parents to help make the transition as seamless as possible. Parents should also be aware of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). The MIC3 was created to support successful education transitions for mobile military students.

All fifty states, including the District of Columbia, are members of the compact, which applies to public schools and DoDEA schools kindergarten through 12th grade. MIC3 covers children of Active Duty members, including the National Guard and Reserves under Active Duty Title 10 orders.

"PCSing can be stressful for families, but you are not alone when it comes to getting your children settled into a new school," LaJeunesse says. "A solid plan will help you chart your way to success, and utilizing the MIC3 will empower you with the knowledge you need in making informed decisions."

Here's what the MIC3 covers:

Enrollment

- Educational records, immunizations, Kindergarten and First Grade entrance age.

Placement & Attendance

- Course and educational program placement, special education services, placement flexibility, and absence related to deployment activities.

Eligibility

- Eligibility for student enrollment and extracurricular participation.

Graduation

- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state.
- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school.

To learn more about the Compact visit the Interstate Commission's website at www.MIC3.net

SLO Transition Checklist



Parent/Guardian

- Student's Birth Certificate
- Student's Social Security Number
- Student's Shot Record
- Legal Documents, as needed (example: custody or guardianship)
- Proof of Residency/Military Orders

School Information:

- Address, Phone Numbers, Contact Info
- Course Description Book/Grading Scale (if available, for grades 6 and above)
- For High School credit courses - copy of the title page of textbooks
- For High School - School Profile/Hand book

School Records:

- Copy of Cumulative Folder (only the copy mailed by the school is considered official)
- Current Schedule
- Report Cards
- Attendance and Tardy Records
- Standardized Testing Records
- Withdrawal Grades or Progress Reports
- Test Scores (Standardized or Special Program Testing, etc.)
- Activities Record (such as co/extracurricular)
- ROTC Records (if applicable/available)
- Letters of Recommendations (especially for gifted, band, or Seniors)
- Writing Samples (if available)
- Portfolios (if available)
- Accelerated Reader Points (if applicable)
- Service Learning Hours (if applicable)

Special Programs Records as Appropriate:

- Individual Education Plan (IEP), Accommodation Plan (IAP), 504, Gifted
- English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual Education
- At-Risk or Other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications

For assistance, LaJeunesse encourages families to reach out to her directly.

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