

Military Parent Module

2026–2027

This survey is intended to help the school district and your local school understand the educational experiences and needs of military families. Please complete the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

CORRECT MARK	INCORRECT MARK
	
Please use pen or pencil only.	

1. Are you in the military? *(Please mark all that apply.)*

- ☐ (A) On active duty
- ☐ (B) Reserve
- ☐ (C) National Guard
- ☐ (D) Other
- ☐ (E) No

If you answered NO, skip to question 5.

If you are in the military...

2. For how many years?

- ☐ (A) 1–2
- ☐ (B) 3–5
- ☐ (C) 6–10
- ☐ (D) 11 or more

3. What rank?

- ☐ (A) Enlisted
- ☐ (B) Warrant
- ☐ (C) Non-Commissioned Officer
- ☐ (D) Commissioned Officer

4. How many times have you been deployed?

- ☐ (A) None
- ☐ (B) Once
- ☐ (C) Twice
- ☐ (D) Three or more times

5. Is your spouse in the military? *(Please mark all that apply.)*

- ☐ (A) No
- ☐ (B) On active duty
- ☐ (C) Reserve
- ☐ (D) National Guard
- ☐ (E) Other

If you answered NO, skip to question 9.

If your spouse is in the military...

6. For how many years?

- ☐ (A) 1–2
- ☐ (B) 3–5
- ☐ (C) 6–10
- ☐ (D) 11 or more

7. What rank?

- ☐ (A) Enlisted
- ☐ (B) Warrant
- ☐ (C) Non-Commissioned Officer
- ☐ (D) Commissioned Officer

8. How many times has your spouse been deployed?

- ☐ (A) None
- ☐ (B) Once
- ☐ (C) Twice
- ☐ (D) Three or more times

9. Did you select the school that your child attends?

- (A) No
(B) Yes

If you answered NO, skip to question 11.

10. Please select why you picked your child's school and not other schools in the area. (Please mark all that apply.)

- (A) The school is on the base and I live on the base
(B) The school is near military housing off base
(C) Did not have time to select another school due to logistics and timing of a move
(D) Did not have enough information about other schools to choose
(E) This school is near affordable housing
(F) Other military families recommended this school or have their children attend it
(G) Other

11. Did your child attend preschool?

- (A) No
(B) Yes

12. Did your child receive homeschooling?

- (A) No
(B) Yes

Please indicate how you feel about each of the following statements.

How important are these factors for you when thinking of your child's school?

	Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important
13. Academic reputation	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
14. Convenience (e.g., close to home and/or work)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
15. School's attitudes toward military students and families	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

	Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Important	Very Important
16. Additional educational supports for military students	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
17. Housing costs in the district	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
18. Presence of other military families	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
19. Special programs or focus of the school (magnet)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
20. School safety	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

How much of a need do you think there is for each of the following services in your child's school?

	Not a Need	A Little Need	A Need	A Major Need	Don't Know
21. Additional tutoring for your child	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
22. After school activities for your child	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
23. Summer camp for your child	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
24. Scholarships and grants to help participate in after school activities	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
25. Emotional supports for your child to help deal with deployments, transitions, and other challenges that military children face	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
26. Parenting supports to help you deal with the effects of deployments, transitions, and other challenges your family faces on your child's school behavior and achievements	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
27. Supports to help military parents to be involved with the school	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
28. Supports to help military parents communicate with other military parents in the school	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
29. Information on educational resources for military families	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)

Are you or your spouse in the military?

- (A) Yes
(B) No

The following questions are **ONLY** for parents who are in the military or whose spouse is in the military. If either you or your spouse is in the military, please proceed with the following questions.

If this doesn't apply to you and you have answered "No" to the question above, you have now finished the survey. Thank you for your participation.

30. Do you live...

- ☐ (A) On base
- ☐ (B) Off base military housing
- ☐ (C) Off base non-military housing

31. Do you have a family member (spouse, child, brother, sister, parent) who is currently serving or deployed outside of the State of California?

- ☐ (A) No
- ☐ (B) Yes
- ☐ (C) Don't know

32. If "Yes," where? *(Please mark all that apply.)*

- ☐ (A) Outside the US
- ☐ (B) Other states in the US
- ☐ (C) Don't know

33. Do you have a family member (spouse, child, brother, sister, parent) who served or was deployed outside of the State of California any time in the past?

- ☐ (A) No
- ☐ (B) Yes
- ☐ (C) Don't know

34. If "Yes," where? *(Please mark all that apply.)*

- ☐ (A) Outside the US
- ☐ (B) Other states in the US
- ☐ (C) Don't know

35. In the last five years, how many times did your family move?

- ☐ (A) We did not move
- ☐ (B) Once
- ☐ (C) Twice
- ☐ (D) Three times
- ☐ (E) Four times
- ☐ (F) Five or more times

As a military parent, how satisfied are you with...

	Not At All Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
36. The respect school staff show to military families.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
37. The educational supports the military has provided your child's school.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
38. The sense of connection you feel to other parents in this school.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
39. The understanding teachers show you as a military parent.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
40. The responsiveness of the school administration to your concerns as a military parent.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
41. How the transition to this school was handled by the school or district.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
42. How teachers treat your child in this school.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)
43. The general quality of education your child is receiving in this school.	☐ (A)	☐ (B)	☐ (C)	☐ (D)