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The Army School Support Services program assists families of military-connected pre-K-12 grade school-age children and youth. School Liaison Officers (SLO) provide commanders, parents and the community with strategies and resources to support academic success and wellness for military-connected children and youth.

The Army School Liaison Officer serves as the installation commander's subject matter expert for school and education issues. The SLO coordinates and implements the School Support Services core requirements:

- School transition and deployment support
- Volunteering
- Installation, stakeholder and school communications
- Post-secondary preparation
- Home school support



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SLOs help to reduce the stress of school-to-school transition and act as a support during deployments. They mobilize community resources to reduce the effects of military lifestyle on school-age children and implement services to help students achieve academic success. SLOs promote parental involvement and educate local communities and schools about the needs of military-connected

children.



SLOs can address educational issues involving military-connected children. They provide information about federal, state, and local education laws and regulations impacting military-connected students with Families, schools, DoDEA, and community-based organizations. They ensure all communications are current with DoD, Army, and local command policies, while working with school, councils, and community groups regarding the pre-K-12 grade

education and school transition of military-connected students.

About 80 percent of military children attend public schools. SLOs are familiar with the aspects of military life that impact a military connected student's education. They help to build partnerships between military families, installations, and schools and act as the installation's point of contact for all things school-related. They provide military Families the tools to overcome obstacles for the military children's education.

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