



## Introduction to the AASA Toolkit: Supporting the Military Child

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Dear Colleague:

Some two million military children have had one or both parents deployed since 2001. Understanding the challenges facing military families -- and the resources available to assist military children -- is essential to meeting their unique educational needs.

From transferring records to streamlining course sequencing, there are steps your district can take to ensure military kids don't encounter roadblocks in achieving their educational goals.

AASA is pleased to present this free toolkit on Supporting the Military Child. The toolkit provides guidance on how you can support children whose parents are deployed or in transition. It includes:

- Top 15 things school leaders can do to support military children
- Fact sheet on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, now signed by 26 states.
- Information about Impact-Aid funding for districts
- And more!

We thank the Veteran's Support Foundation, the Department of Defense Education Activity, AASA Past President Randy Collins, and Linda Spoonster Schwartz, Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs, for their support in the development of this toolkit.

Please send AASA your feedback and let us know how you use the toolkit in your district by e-mailing Amy Vogt at [avogt@aasa.org](mailto:avogt@aasa.org).

Sincerely,

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