



New State Reporting Requirement for Military Families

For the first time in the history of our Nation, the military-connected student, who also serves, is recognized in our education policy. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federal law that was passed in 2015, and it requires states to report the Military Student Identifier. Schools are tasked with collecting and reporting this information through the Ohio Department of Education using the EMIS (Educational Management Information System) that is used for all of our state reporting requirements.

Teachers and school administrators are often unaware of military-connected children being within their schools and classrooms and therefore not attentive to not only the academic needs, but also the social and emotional well-being of these children. Despite the high number of military-connected students, the vast majority in public school classrooms, there has been no reliable, consistent, school-based data on the academic health of these students, until now.

We are required to report a new data element called the Military Student Identifier. We will report one of three values for all students: A = Active Military; B = National Guard; * = Not Connected or Unknown. We have included a form below that we are asking Military families to fill out and return.

Learn more about this requirement by visiting:

<http://www.militarychild.org/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-the-Military-Student-Data-Identifier>

*Note: Only return if you can answer **yes** to the question below.*

Student Name: _____ **Building:** _____

Grade: _____

____ Yes, my child is a dependent of a member of the Active Duty Forces or National Guard.

____ (A) Active Duty Military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard)

____ (B) National Guard (Army National Guard or Air National Guard)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please return to your building secretary by March 23rd, if you answered yes to the question above.