



SOP 108-Definitions

"Commissioner" means the compact commissioner appointed by the Governor in accordance with Section [53E-3-921](#).

"Compact" means [Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 9](#), Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

"Military-connected Child"

To be considered military-connected in Higher Ed or K-12, the student must fit into one of these groups:

Veteran

Active duty military

National Guard or Reservist

Dependent (Spouse or child of those listed above)

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) defines a **military-connected student** broadly as any child or youth with a parent or guardian serving on active duty, in the full-time or part-time National Guard or Reserve, or as a military veteran or retiree.

"Designated staff point of contact" means a counselor, administrator, teacher, or other staff member who is familiar with the needs of military students and the protections afforded to service members' children under the compact.

"Armed forces" means the same as that term is defined in Section [68-3-12.5](#). means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

"Eligible student" means a student who is a dependent child of a member of the uniformed services or a DOD civilian who is: relocating to the state and does not reside in the state during an LEA's enrollment period; or relocating out of the state



during the school year; and on permanent change of station orders; or relocating for a civilian assignment or position.

"Nonresident child" means a child residing outside the state.

"Provisional enrollment" means enrollment in a public school by an eligible student:

before the eligible student relocates to the state; or after the eligible student's parent relocates out of the state, but before the eligible student relocates out of the state

"Uniformed services" means:

The same as that term is defined in Section [68-3-12.5](#); ("Armed forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard.) the reserve components of the armed forces; and the national guard of a state.

"Veteran" means an individual who is defined by [68-3-12.5](#).

has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 180 days: on active duty; or in a reserve component, to include the National Guard; or has incurred an actual service-related injury or disability while in the United States Armed Forces regardless of whether the individual completed 180 days; and was separated or retired under conditions characterized as honorable or general.

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