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Enrollment of Military Children

The School Board of Lee County will enhance the opportunity for educational success of children of military families who may be at risk because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents or guardians.

(1) Definitions

- (a) **Children of military families** means school aged children, enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, in the household of an active duty member of the uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve.
- (b) **Deployment** means the period one month before the service members' departure from their home station on military orders through six months after return to their home station.
- (c) **Education(al) records** means official records, files, and data directly related to a student and maintained by the school including, but not limited to, records encompassing all the material kept in the student's cumulative folder.
- (d) **Uniformed service** means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services.

(2) Applicability

- (a) This policy applies to the children of:
 - 1. Active duty member of the uniformed services.
 - 2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement.
 - 3. Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death.

- 43 (3) Enrollment Procedures
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- 45 (a) Student Assignment personnel or enrolling school personnel will determine if
46 an enrolling student qualifies as a child of a military family.
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- 48 (b) A special power of attorney relative to the guardianship of a child, executed
49 under applicable law, is sufficient for the purposes of enrolling the child in
50 school and for all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.
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- 52 (c) If a transitioning military child is placed in the care of a non-custodial parent,
53 or other person standing in loco parentis, who lives in a zone different from
54 that of the custodial parent, the student may continue to attend the school in
55 which he or she was enrolled while living with the caregiver if the caregiver
56 provides transportation.
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- 58 (d) If the student is eligible, the student will be eligible for immediate enrollment
59 with the following considerations:
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- 61 1. Unofficial records from the sending district will be honored.
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 - 63 2. Student has up to 30 days to provide proof of immunization.
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 - 65 3. Grade placement from the student's former district will be honored
66 regardless of the student's age.
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- 68 (e) Upon enrollment, the school shall:
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- 70 1. Honor the student's course enrollment from the sending district (IB,
71 Honors, Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, etc.).
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 - 73 2. Honor the student's educational program placement from the sending
74 district (Gifted, ESE, ELL).
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 - 76 3. Initially provide comparable services and/or accommodations based
77 on the student's IEP, 504 or Title II Plan.
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- 79 (f) Administrative personnel may waive course or program prerequisites, or
80 other preconditions for placement in course or programs.
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- 82 (g) School personnel will facilitate the opportunity for the transferring military
83 child to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of application
84 deadline, to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

- 85 (4) Excused Absences
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87 (a) A student whose parent or legal guardian has been called to duty for, is on
88 leave from, or immediately returned from deployment to; a combat zone or
89 combat support posting shall be granted additional excused absences at the
90 discretion of the Superintendent or his designee.
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- 92 (5) Facilitation of On-Time Graduation
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94 (a) To facilitate a student's on-time graduation, the school and district shall:
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96 1. Accept similar courses from the sending district for required
97 coursework.
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99 2. Accept exit or end of course exams from other districts for students
100 transferring during their senior year.
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- 102 (b) If the student is not able to satisfy all of the Lee County School District's
103 graduation requirements, the Lee County School District will ensure the
104 student's receipt of his or her diploma from the sending district if:
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106 1. The student transferred during his or her senior year.
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108 2. The student is unable to graduate from Lee County School District.
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110 3. The student has completed graduation requirements in his or her
111 sending district.
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- 113 (6) Records of Transferring Students of Military Families
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115 (a) The school shall provide a complete set of unofficial educational records to
116 the parents of an eligible child who is transferring to a school in another
117 district.
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119 (b) Upon receipt of an official request for records from another district for a
120 student who is a child of a military family, as defined in this policy, the Lee
121 County School District shall provide the requested records within 10 days of
122 the receipt of the request.
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