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Military Family Form

Please use one form per family.

Return to school office. The state Legislature requires public schools to collect educational data from military families. State bill 5163 passed the Legislature in 2015.

REASONS FOR COLLECTION OF THE DATA INCLUDE:

- (1) The Legislature finds that, nationally, nearly two million students are from military families, where one or more parent or guardian serves in the United States armed forces, reserves, or national guard. There are approximately 136,000 military families in Washington state.
- (2) The Legislature further finds that a United States government accountability office study in 2011 identified that it is not possible to monitor educational outcomes for students from military families due to the lack of a student identifier in state educational data systems. Such an identifier is needed to allow educators and policymakers to monitor critical elements of education success, including academic progress and proficiency, special and advanced program participation, mobility and dropout rates, and patterns over time across states and school districts. Reliable

information about student performance will assist educators in more effectively transitioning students to a new school and enable school districts to discover and implement best practices. [2015 c 210 § 1.]

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS DATA COLLECTION, THE TERM "STUDENTS FROM MILITARY FAMILIES" MAY INCLUDE:

- (1) Students with a parent or guardian who is a member of the active duty United States armed forces; and
- (2) Students with a parent or guardian who is a member of the reserves of the United States armed forces or a member of the Washington national guard." Collection and updating of this data must use the United States Department of Education 2007 race and ethnicity reporting guidelines, including the subracial and sub-ethnic categories within those guidelines, with modifications.

If you have any questions, please contact your school secretary or registrar for further information.

Child's Name	Student ID	Parent/Guardian Military Status *

* Not Affiliated, Active Duty, Reserves, Washington National Guard, Both Parents/Guardians are Affiliated, No Response/Refused to State

Please return with your school registration form or to your school office.