



Successes

Takeaway: When implemented as intended, several positive impacts were reported.

Positive Impact Reported	AE	Compact	MSI	PSSP
Reduced stress on families/smoothen transition	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Extra-curricular participation	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Schools more prepared	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Less out of school time for students	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Getting needed/wanted classes	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Benefit when needs can only be served in certain schools	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Can get on waiting lists earlier	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Graduation	Light Purple	Dark Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Academic outcomes	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple
Social-emotional outcomes	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple
Helps with accountability	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple	Light Purple
Increases supports, resources, programming offered	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple	Light Purple
Teacher-student interactions	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple	Light Purple
School selection	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple
Inclusion and belonging	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple
School culture/climate	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple
Leadership skills	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple
School staff understanding of military lifestyle	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Dark Purple

Fewer Participant Reports More Participant Reports No Participant Reports **Note.** List does not include all participant responses.

Initiative Descriptions



Advance Enrollment (AE) is an initiative that allows parents to enroll their children in a public school based on military orders as opposed to traditional means of establishing residency (e.g., lease, mortgage statement).



Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) is intended to reduce some of the challenges that students can encounter when they transfer to a new school. Specifically, the Compact is designed to address challenges that are related to enrollment, transferring records, immunizations, program placement, deployment-related absences, extra-curricular activities, and graduation.



Military Student Identifier (MSI) is a federally required data point that requires schools to ask about students' military affiliation, similar to how race, ethnicity, gender, and economic disadvantage data must be collected.



Purple Star Schools Program (PSSP) is a state-sponsored recognition program for schools that have taken specific steps to be military friendly.

Participant Experiences as Discussed in the Qualitative Evaluation



AE

- Helps families breathe a little easier knowing the school will be ready for their child. (School Liaison)
- Students seem more invested in school if they use Advance Enrollment. Like getting the classes they want. (Teacher/Counselor)
- They can get information on extra curriculums or special services before they are even there. (School Liaison)
- Staff can be frontloaded with information that they need about students. Get our ducks in a row and things are in place from the first day. (Teacher/Counselor)



Compact

- It makes for a smoother transition during a stressful time. (Parent)
- Sports – if they miss tryouts, they have the opportunity to try out. (School Liaison)
- It affects credits and courses the most. (Teacher/Counselor)



PSSP

- Yes [it impacts school selection]. Especially experienced Service members who see [Purple Star Schools] as more inviting and supportive. (School Liaison)
- I think it affects culture. When the culture is positive, as with any recognition, it bolsters morale, self-confidence, the desire to do the very best when it comes to school. Military students know they are an appreciated, valued member of the student body. (School Administrator)
- More military children are going to that school since more parents choose to send their children there. Creates more community for both the students and the families. (Parent)



MSI

- A higher military student population allows for a full-time MFLC, Anchored4Life. (School Administrator)
- It helps people to serve the students better – additional understanding of possible needs. (Teacher/Counselor)
- We can check to make sure the kid is taking advantage of available supports. (School Administrator)

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- <https://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/resources/view/mil-students-ed-success/>
- <https://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/resources/view/four-initiatives-military-students/>
- <https://militaryfamilies.psu.edu/resources/view/four-initiatives-evaluation/>