



Open Enrollment Policies 2022

Does the state have specific enrollment provisions for military-connected youth?

March 2022

This datapoint captures enrollment provisions that apply specifically to military-connected youth, including advance enrollment, enrollment priority, and educational continuity. It does not capture states that have adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. For more information on education provisions for military-connected youth, consult Education Commission of the States' [State Information Request: Military Child Enrollment](#).

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| Alabama | Yes. School districts must allow for advance enrollment in virtual education options. | |
| Alaska | Not specified in state policy., | |
| Arizona | Yes. Schools districts must allow for advance enrollment. | Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 15-823.01 |
| Arkansas | Yes. School districts must allow for advance enrollment and virtual course enrollment for inbound students. Application deadlines for school choice transfers do not apply to military-connected students. | Ark. Code Ann. § 6-28-101 et seq. Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-227 Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-1901 et seq. |

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| California | Yes. Children of military personnel are exempt from interdistrict open enrollment limitations and application deadlines. They are also given priority in open enrollment. School districts must allow for advance enrollment and for a student to remain enrolled in their school following a change of residence to another district. | <p>Cal. Educ. Code § 46600</p> <p>Cal. Educ. Code § 48354</p> <p>Cal. Educ. Code § 48300 et seq.</p> <p>Cal. Educ. Code § 48204.3</p> <p>Cal. Educ. Code § 48204.6</p> |
| Colorado | Yes. School districts must allow for advance enrollment and guarantee automatic matriculation from grade-to-grade. Priority for enrollment must also be given to siblings of military-connected youth enrolled at the school. | <p>Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 22-36-107</p> |
| Connecticut | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Delaware | Yes. Districts must allow advance enrollment through remote registration. | <p>Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 202</p> <p>Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 402</p> |
| District of Columbia | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Florida | Yes. Military-connected students must be given priority in open enrollment and virtual school enrollment. Districts must allow for advance enrollment. | <p>Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1002.31</p> <p>Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1002.37</p> <p>Fla. Stat. Ann. § 1003.05</p> |

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| Georgia | Yes. Districts must allow for advance enrollment and unlimited intradistrict enrollment for military students. Students who attend school for more than half a school year are also permitted to stay enrolled in the school for remainder of the year in the event of a change of residence. | Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-295 Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-150 Ga. Code Ann. § 20-2-296 |
| Hawaii | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Idaho | Yes. Districts must allow for advance enrollment for military-connected students. | Idaho Code Ann. § 33-525 |
| Illinois | Yes. Districts must allow for advance enrollment and may not charge tuition to military-connected students who are placed with a noncustodial parent in a non-resident district. | 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/34-18.30 105 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 70/25 |
| Indiana | Yes. Districts must allow advance enrollment for military students. | Ind. Code Ann. § 20-26-19-1 et seq. |
| Iowa | Yes. Military students may enroll in a school district in a county in the state that is located contiguous to an out-of-state federal military installation. | Iowa Code Ann. § 282.1 |
| Kansas | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Kentucky | Yes. Districts must allow advance enrollment through electronic registration. | Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 159.075 |
| Louisiana | Yes. Public school governing authorities must allow children of active duty members of the U.S. military to register and preliminarily enroll in a public school in the event of military transfer. | La. Stat. Ann. § 17:101 |
| Maine | Yes. A military-connected student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to Maine while on active military duty is considered a resident of the district in which the address identified by the parent is located. | Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 20-A, § 5205 |

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| Maryland | Yes. A dependent child of a service member relocating to the state on military orders, but not currently residing in a particular county, is allowed to apply for enrollment in the same manner as a student residing in the county. | Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-115.1 |
| Massachusetts | Yes. When the child of a military family transfers before or during the school year, the receiving school must honor placement of the student in courses and programs based on the student's previous school, subject to availability. | Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 15E, § 3 Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 15E, § 4 |
| Michigan | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Minnesota | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Mississippi | Yes. Children of active members of the U.S. military residing on a military base may enroll and attend the school district of their parent/guardian's choosing within 30 miles of their residence. | Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-15-29 |
| Missouri | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Montana | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Nebraska | Yes. A school board must offer advance enrollment, permitting children of military families to enroll preliminarily and attend in a district if the parent presents evidence of military orders that they will be stationed in Nebraska during the current or following school year. | Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 79-215 |
| Nevada | Yes. The superintendent of a district or their designee must make reasonable efforts to accommodate a student who transfers to a public school because of their parent or guardians' military transfer. | Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 388F.070 |
| New Hampshire | Not specified in state policy. | |

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| New Jersey | Not specified in state policy. | |
| New Mexico | Yes. Every school district and charter school must allow the enrollment of students whose parent/guardian is relocating to a military installation in the state due to an official military order, even if enrollment is prior to physical presence in the school district. | N.M. Stat. Ann. § 22-1-4 |
| New York | Yes. A student whose parent or guardian is being relocated to the state under military orders is deemed a resident of a school district for enrollment purposes, even if this requires preliminary enrollment before the child is physically present in the district. | N.Y. Educ. Law § 3304-a |
| North Carolina | Yes. School districts must allow advance enrollment and continuous enrollment if a parent or guardian relocates for active military duty. | N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-366 N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-407.5 |
| North Dakota | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Ohio | Yes. School districts must allow advance enrollment and enrollment in virtual options to minimize disruptions caused by transfers. | Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3301.601 Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3301.65 |
| Oklahoma | Yes. Students who are the dependent children of a member of the active uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active duty status and students who are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on active duty orders shall be eligible for admission to the school district of their choice regardless of the capacity of the district. | Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 70, § 8-103.1 |
| Oregon | Yes. For the purposes of enrollment and class placement at a school of a school district, a military child will be considered a resident of the school district if the school district is the school district of military residence for the military child; and entitled to the same processes and rights of enrollment and class placement as any child who is a resident of the school district. | Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 339.139 |

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| Pennsylvania | Yes. Child lives outside of Pennsylvania as a result of one or both parents being called or ordered to active military duty, the child will continue to be considered a resident of the school district that was the child's resident school district immediately prior to the parent being stationed outside of Pennsylvania. | 24 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 13-1302(d) |
| Rhode Island | Not specified in state policy. | |
| South Carolina | Yes. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school districts or variations in entrance/age requirement. | S.C. Code Ann. § 59-46-50 |
| South Dakota | Yes. If the parent or guardian of a child is transferred to or is pending transfer for an official military order, the child meets the residency requirement for free school privileges in the school district in which the parent or guardian resides or will reside. At the time a child is enrolled in a school district, the school residence of the child as determined by that school district within thirty days after the enrollment may not change during the school fiscal year, unless the child ceases to be an enrolled member of a school within the district. | S.D. Codified Laws § 13-28-9 |
| Tennessee | <p>Yes. The board of education must allow a student who does not reside within the boundaries of the school district to enroll in a public school within the school district if:</p> <p>(1) The student is the dependent child of a service member who is being relocated to the state of Tennessee on military orders and will, upon relocation, be a resident of the school district, but will not be a resident of the school district when the school district conducts an open enrollment period</p> <p>(2) The service member provides the school district with documentation evidencing that the student is the dependent child of the service member and that the service member is being relocated to the state of Tennessee on military orders and will, upon relocation, be a resident of the school district.</p> | Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3101 |
| Texas | Yes. A student whose parent or guardian is an active-duty member may establish residency in a school district for the purposes of advanced enrollment upon receipt of valid military orders assigning them to a nearby military installation. | 2019 TX H.B. 1597 (NS) |

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| Utah | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Vermont | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Virginia | Yes. Any local school board of a school division in which a military installation or other military housing is located will implement policies to provide for the enrollment to any school of any student residing on a military installation or in military housing within the school division upon the request of his parent if space in the school is available. | VA ST § 22.1-7.2 |
| Washington | Yes. A school district shall accept, on a conditional basis, an application for enrollment for children of military families who meet the requirements. A child of a military family complies with the residency requirements for enrollment in a school district if a parent of the child is transferred to, or is pending transfer to, a military installation within the state while on active duty pursuant to official military orders. | Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 28A.225.216 |
| West Virginia | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Wisconsin | Yes. Students relocating to the state or district due to military orders may apply for open enrollment at any time. | Wis. Stat. Ann. § 118.51 |
| Wyoming | Yes. For purposes of registration with a school district, a pupil shall be considered a resident of this state if the pupil's parent or guardian is transferred to or is pending transfer to the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order. | Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-4-302.1 |
| Puerto Rico | Not specified in state policy. | |
| Total answers | Yes: Not specified in state policy: | 35 17 |