

# Serving the children of those who serve us all



## Who Are We?

The Military Child Education Coalition is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that solely exists to help the military child thrive in the face of transition and separation.

## Our Mission

MCEC is dedicated to ensuring inclusive, quality educational experiences for all military-connected children affected by mobility, family separation, and transition.

## Our Community

MCEC is a professional Coalition with a diverse community consisting of public school districts, private schools, colleges and universities, small businesses and corporations, non-profit organizations, military commands and installations, military families, and caring individuals from local communities across our Nation.



## Our Work

MCEC delivers programs, services, and professional development to meet the needs of military-connected students, parents, and professionals.

### Student Programs

MCEC believes that enabling students to thrive and succeed in our education system by providing them the tools necessary to become college, career, and life-ready, is of the highest importance. *Student 2 Student*® (S2S™) programs at the elementary (eS2S™), middle (JS2S™), and high school (S2S™) levels bring military and civilian kids together to welcome new students, support academic excellence, and ease transitions as students pass in or out of schools.



### Parent Programs

MCEC parent programs empower parents to become informed, proactive supporters, allowing them to make a positive impact in the needs of their children. *Parent to Parent*™ provides informative and interactive parent workshops to groups and organizations in the local community that address academic, social, and emotional issues associated with a military family lifestyle.



### Professional Development

MCEC believes in the importance of professionals possessing the knowledge necessary to identify and respond to complex needs of military and veteran-connected children. Across disciplines such as education, healthcare, childcare, and business, MCEC trains professionals to address the unique challenges facing our military children. All training is grounded in research and presented by highly skilled instructors.

### Military Student Transition Consultant

A highly specialized education professional embedded within the school district dedicated to supporting military connected students who works directly with children, parents, and school personnel. An expert "navigator" and advocate for military-connected students and their families, decreasing turbulence in family life and building resiliency in students.



# We believe our mission and what we stand for!



**There are over 4 million children and youth**

with parents serving in the Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Forces, as well as those of post 9/11 Veterans.



Military kids move

**6-9 times**

during their K-12 education, and change schools

**3x** more often than their civilian peers.

**Over 80%**

attend public schools,

**less than 8%**

attend Department of Defense Schools.

Statistics from Department of Defense, 2012

## **How we make an impact:**

The educational needs of military and veteran-connected children are recognized at a local, state, and national level. MCEC pursues policies and initiatives to ensure that these communities are responsive in supporting our children during times of transition, family separation, or trauma.

### **College & Career Readiness**

MCEC places great importance on the need for students to be college and career-ready. MCEC, with support from foundation and corporate partners, produces resources that tackle learning and readiness. A series of videos and printed materials include discussions with students and interviews with educators at the high school and college levels.

### **Military Student Data Identifier**

MCEC advocates for the implementation of a military student data identifier to understand the academic health and educational outcomes of military-connected students.

### **Operation Educate the Educators**

Over 100 colleges and universities have agreed to a set of guiding principles, put forth by MCEC and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, that introduce the subject of military-connected children in the curriculum in hopes of helping educators identify and meet the needs of students. This initiative has impacted over 100,000 educators!

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and includes a military student identifier that will enable military leaders, educators, and elected officials at all levels of government to understand how military-connected children are performing in school. For the first time in the history of our nation, the military-connected student is recognized in our education policy. ESSA applies to students with a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty.

**For more information about MCEC, visit: [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org)**

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