

Texas has the

## second highest number

of identified

military-connected students in the nation with

## nearly 215,000

attending public and open-enrollment charter schools.



# Military-Connected Students

#### The Military Student Identifier:

Districts and openenrollment charter schools are required to collect the military student identifier (MSI). This includes active duty, National Guard, and a reserve force.



TEC § 25.006

**2013-2014** School Year

All 50 states are required to collect the military student identifier (MSI) for active duty only.

December 2015

The 86th Texas Legislature - SB 1557

**Texas Education Code** 

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

New PEIMS indicator codes. Students with a parent/guardian who:

- 1. Are veterans.
- 2. A member in the U.S. military or reserve force who have fallen in the line of duty.

EC § 25.

**2019-2020** School Year

Strengthening Military Student Identification (MSI)

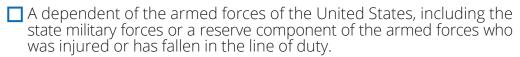
Texas Education Code §25.006 requires districts and open-enrollment charter schools to collect data to identify their military-connected student population and submit to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Students in K-12th grade	Stud	ents	in	K-12th	grad	e:
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☐ Student is a dependent of a current member of one of the following:
U.S. military;
Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard); or A
reserve force.
☐ Student is a dependent of a former member of one of the following:
U.S. military;
Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard); or A
reserve force.
☐ Student was a dependent of a member of the U.S. military or reserve for o
who has fallen in the line of duty

#### **Prekindergarten students:**

☐ A dependent	of an active-o	duty membe	er of the	armed f	forces	of the
United States,	including the s	staťe military	/ forces or	a reserv	e comp	onent
of the armed f	orces who is o	rdered to a	ctive duty	by prope	er autho	ority.



### **FAQs**

What are the benefits of identifying students as military-connected?

District and open-enrollment charter schools will be able to appropriately link military connected students and their families to resources, services, and laws (MIC3) they are eligible for because of their active-duty status.

What are a school's requirements for collecting military student identifier (MSI) data?

Districts and open-enrollment charter schools must include the military student identifier question in their student enrollment packet.

Does the parent/guardian need to provide proof of their military status? Verification of military status is not required for the purposes of the military student identifier. Verification may be required if the school has a special program for which there is an eligibility requirement, such as state-funded prekindergarten. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools should not make copies of Department of Defense (DoD) identification cards.

How does the military student identifier (MSI) in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) differ from the Federal Impact Aid Survey?

PEIMS allows the TEA to collect data from districts and open-enrollment charter schools regarding their military connected student population, also known as the military student identifier (MSI). Districts and open-enrollment charter schools may choose to apply for Impact Aid funds based on the number of military-connected students; however, the collection of the Impact Aid survey is not connected to the PEIMS military student identifier. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools should ensure they are collecting the PEIMS military student identifier through their enrollment process.

