

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.



Source: PEIMS 2023-24

Military-Connected Students

The Military Student Identifier:

Texas Education Code

Districts and open-enrollment 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

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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



December 2015

The 86th Texas Legislature - SB 1557

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.



TEC § 25.006

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:

- 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 force who has fallen in the line of duty.

Prekindergarten students:


- A dependent of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who is ordered to active duty by proper authority.
- A dependent of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who was injured or has fallen in the line of duty.

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.



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