

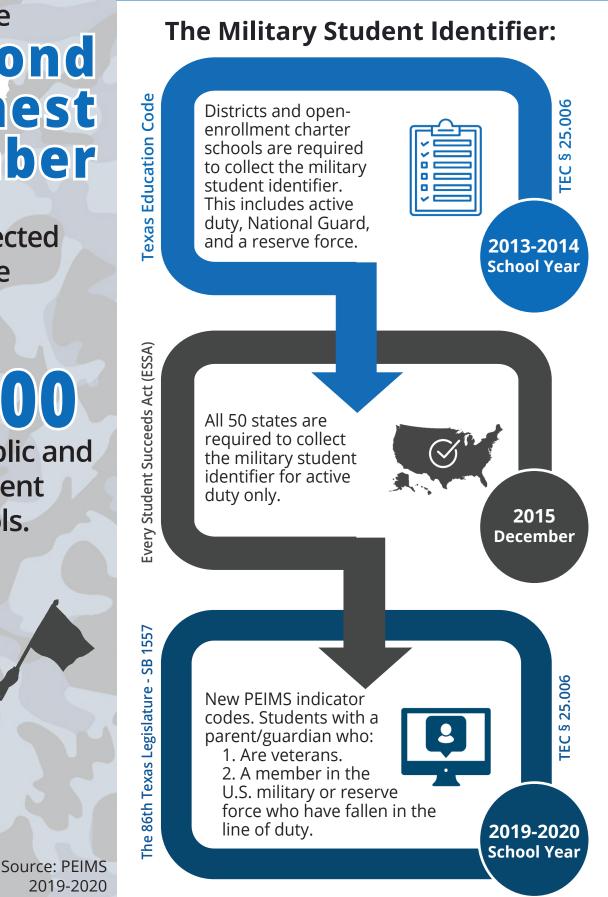
Military-Connected Students

Texas has the

second highest number

of identified military-connected students in the nation with **over 100,000** attending public and open-enrollment

charter schools.



Strengthening Military Student Identification

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.

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 is injured or fallen in the line of duty.

FAQs

What are the benefits of identifying students as militaryconnected?

District and open-enrollment charter schools will be able to appropriately link military connected students and their families to resources, services and laws (MIC3 - www.mic3.net) they are eligible for because of their active duty status.

What are a school's requirements for collecting military student identifier 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 connected student identifier 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. 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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