Our Commitment to Military Students

While the LPS district has policies in place regarding military dependents new to the area such as specific resources and documents as well as the Military Interstate Compact, we at Almor West ES institute the following to help military students adjust to new surroundings.

1. First Contact & Warm Welcome

   - As soon as the school is notified of an incoming military-connected student, the office staff reaches out to the family to provide essential school information (hours, calendar, contacts, enrollment requirements).

2. Smooth Enrollment & Orientation

   - The counselor will meet the family on the day of arrival.
   - The student receives a brief tour of the school and introduction to key staff (teacher, counselor, nurse, front office, principal), and explanation of daily routines.
   - Families are informed about available support, including the military family liaison assigned to AWE.

3. Buddy Program

   - Each new military student is paired with an "Almor West Buddy"—a responsible peer who:
     - Escorts them to class, lunch, and recess for the first week.
     - Helps explain school rules and traditions.
     - Introduces them to classmates and supports social connections.

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4. Classroom Integration

- Teachers are informed in advance of incoming military students to help plan a smooth social and academic transition.
- The teacher checks in regularly to support any academic adjustments.

5. Ongoing Social & Emotional Support

- The military counselor meets with each new military student to check their adjustment, answer questions, and offer resources tailored to military life.

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