Our Commitment to Military Students

Cleveland Elementary has established a comprehensive, coordinated plan to welcome and successfully transition all new military-connected students into our school community. Recognizing that military families often experience frequent relocations, periods of deployment, and significant adjustments, our campus is intentional in creating a supportive, organized, and welcoming environment from the moment a family enrolls.

During the enrollment process, families are asked to indicate military affiliation on registration documents. Once identified, the school's designated Military Liaison is notified and initiates contact with the family to welcome them and provide key information about the campus. The liaison serves as the primary point of contact for military-connected families and ensures that students are connected to all appropriate academic, social, and emotional supports.

As part of the transition plan, each new military-connected student is paired with a trained Student Ambassador. These ambassadors are selected based on leadership skills, positive character, and a welcoming attitude. The ambassador meets the new student upon arrival, provides a guided campus tour, introduces them to teachers, classmates, and key staff members, and assists the student in learning daily routines and expectations. Over the first several weeks, the ambassador conducts regular check-ins and provides consistent social support to help the student feel comfortable, included, and connected.

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The counselor and teachers collaborate with the Military Liaison to monitor the student's academic and social adjustment. If additional support is needed, the student may be offered small group counseling, individual check-ins, academic interventions, or peer support opportunities. Classroom teachers are informed so they can provide understanding, flexibility, and intentional inclusion within the classroom setting.

To further strengthen the sense of belonging, military-connected students and their families are invited to participate in school-wide recognition events such as Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! Day. The school also provides families with access to military-specific resources, community connections, and counseling supports through the Military Liaison and school counseling department.

Through a combination of personalized attention, peer mentorship, family engagement, and ongoing communication, Cleveland Elementary ensures that every military-connected student is greeted with care, supported through their transition, and welcomed as a valued member of the school community.

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