Our Commitment to Military Students

At Ridgecrest Elementary School, we are committed to honoring and supporting the unique experiences of our military-connected students and their families. Our transition plan is designed to ensure that every new military child feels welcomed, valued, and connected from the moment they arrive on campus.

Upon enrollment, families are greeted by our front office staff and provided with essential school information, including campus procedures, extracurricular opportunities, and community resources. We prioritize meeting new families promptly to ensure a smooth start and to answer any questions they may have.

Each student is paired with a trained "Ridgecrest Buddy," a peer who helps them acclimate to the school environment, navigate routines, and build early connections. This buddy system helps ease the stress of transition and promotes a sense of belonging.

Within the first week, classroom teachers meet individually with each new military-connected student to learn about their academic needs, previous schooling experience, and any support required during their transition. Our school counselor also meets with new military students to provide social-emotional support, share available programs, and ensure they feel seen and supported.

Additionally, our school maintains communication with military-connected families throughout the year, sharing important events, family resources, and opportunities designed to strengthen family-school partnerships.ed.

Through these intentional practices, Ridgecrest Elementary ensures that every military child entering our school is met with compassion, structure, and a strong sense of community. Our goal is to honor their service-connected experiences by fostering stability, support, and academic success from day one.

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