Elementary School Transition Portfolio

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The portfolio contains well-organized documentation needed for your child’s school registration and future school transitions. Here’s what you need:

1. Provide a 2 or 3-inch binder and at least 6 tab dividers.
   Gather important documents, certificates, reports, complimentary letters written about your child, work, samples and other quality work your child has done.
2. Put portfolio together and review every six months to keep it current.
3. Reinforce with your child that the portfolio is theirs and a reflection of their success.
4. Store your child’s portfolio in a well-located site and carry with you during transitions.

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Tab 1  Personal Information
Address; SSN; Birth Certificate; Military Orders; Proof of Residency; Legal Documents; Health Records; Immunizations

Tab 2  Current School
School Website; Address; Phone; POCs like Registrar, Teachers and Extracurricular Staff Course Description Book/Grading Scale School Profile/Handbook Copy of the Cover of Each Textbook; Table of Contents

Tab 3  Records
Copy of Cumulative Folder (only copy mailed between schools is considered official) Current Schedule Report Cards; Unofficial Transcript; Withdrawal Grades (if moving during the school year) Test Scores (state standardized test results, grade-level reading and math scores) Attendance and Tardy Records

Tab 4  Special Programs Records
Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan English as a Second Language (ESL) or Gifted Program At-Risk or other Action Plans for Classroom Modifications

Tab 5  Profile
Activities Records (extracurricular) Volunteer Hours Letters of Suggestion/Recommendation Work Samples; Writing Samples or Performance Assessments Academic Recognitions; Competitions

Tab 6  New School
School Name; Address; Phone Number; POC’s Email; Contact Log Calendar, Policies Registration Information

For More Information: PARENTS@MILITARYCHILD.ORG
Resources for Transitions

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has information and tips on transitions. Check to see if there is a Military Student Transition Consultant (MSTC) in your area, [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org).

Check if the school has an Elementary Student 2 Student Program: [https://www.militarychild.org/audience/students](https://www.militarychild.org/audience/students)

Department of Education has information on family and community engagement, [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov). Check your state’s department of Education website for your Department of Education Military Child and Family Liaison. State Department of Education contacts: [https://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html)

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) provides a comprehensive, coordinated, multi-service approach for medical, educational, community support, housing and personnel services to families with special needs. Also check out Facebook Assignments: [https://www.facebook.com/EFMPAssignments/](https://www.facebook.com/EFMPAssignments/)


FOCUS (Families OverComing Under Stress) provides resilience training to military children and families. [https://focusproject.org/](https://focusproject.org/)

Great Schools has ratings and school information to help parents find the right school for their children. The website also includes a state test guide. [www.GreatSchools.org](http://www.GreatSchools.org)


Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) has resources for families. [https://militaryimpactedschoolassociation.org](https://militaryimpactedschoolassociation.org)
Resources for Transitions


Military Kids Connect (MKC) is an online community for military children ages 6-17. It gives access to age-appropriate resources to support children dealing with the unique psychological challenges of military life. [https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/](https://militarykidsconnect.dcoe.mil/)

Military One Source has a variety of resources for transitioning families including a Plan My Move guide and confidential counseling. Call 800-342-9647 to speak with a consultant. [https://www.militaryonesource.mil/](https://www.militaryonesource.mil/)

Purple Star Schools are a new trend where the Purple Star designation is awarded to military-friendly schools that have demonstrated their commitment to meeting the needs of military-connected students and their families. Check your new school district for listings. More information on the topic: [https://www.militaryspouse.com/education/military-kid-friendly-schools-shades-of-purple/](https://www.militaryspouse.com/education/military-kid-friendly-schools-shades-of-purple/)

School Digger has test scores, rankings, school and district boundaries, student-teacher ratios, and more. [https://www.schooldigger.com/](https://www.schooldigger.com/)

School Liaison Officer (SLO) listings: [https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm](https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm)


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