



Emergent Bilingual Students with Multi-Needs

This resource is designed to help teachers instructing emergent bilingual students who qualify for military-connected services.

Cross-Reference Checklist

Emergent Bilingual

Military-Connected

Military-Connected & Student Success

Dual identification of emergent bilingual students involves more than instructional considerations. An emergent bilingual student who is highly mobile may experience frequent interruptions to their education and services which can have a particularly negative impact on linguistic and academic development. This document provides guidance and resources for educators working directly with military-connected students.

Military-connected students are recognized as a distinct subgroup in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This includes students who are dependents of:

- an active duty member of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard)
- a member of the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard)
- a member of a reserve force in the United States military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard)

Students with parents/guardians who serve full-time in the military may move and change schools frequently. They also may experience separations from a parent/guardian due to their parent's service to the U.S. military.



Considerations

Military-connected students change schools an average of nine times between kindergarten and graduation.

- Children who are moved from their schools and communities face inconsistent academic standards which can create gaps in learning that adversely affect a students' success.
- Emotional struggles can result when children move often or are faced with an absent parent due to military assignments.

Recommendations

Below are some recommendations to support military-connected students:

- Provide military-connected students with a class mentor to guide them in understanding routines.
- Maintain communication with parents to gain insight into the student's strengths and needs.
- Share curricular resources with parents and students and offer support and tutoring as appropriate.

Resources

Below are some resources to support military-connected students:

[Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) - Free for military-connected students

[Sesame Street for Military families](https://www.sesamestreet.org/military)

[SchoolQuest](https://www.schoolquest.com)

[Empowering the Military Teen](https://www.empoweringthemilitaryteen.com)