

GMS PFaCE Plan Addendum for Engaging Military Families FY2024

The District Military Education Coordinator (DMEC), the School Military Liaison (SML), and/or a parent/guardian who represents the military community will serve on the campus committee.

The following components will be addressed by the Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFaCE) work at the district level and at the campus sites.

- Advocate for military students of military families
 - Address military concerns in your school engagement plan
 - Ask a military parent to serve on your school engagement committee

- Make an effort to identify students of military families and to serve their unique needs
 - Make sure that your registration forms have a question asking about military status
 - Identify military families when they enroll
 - Survey your military families on their specific needs
 - Hold a forum just for your military families to voice their needs

- Provide a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for students of military families and their family members as part of regular school activities
 - Recruit military parents to help with school activities especially when it capitalizes on their expertise (e.g., STEM Night)
 - Invite military families to present to your faculty and staff on needs of military kids
 - Share military concerns as part of monthly reporting and/or as agenda items as needed for the district's Board of Education
 - Invite military personnel serve as volunteers at the school
 - For those military personnel who log 200 hours of volunteer service within the district, the DMEC will send a letter to their commanders to recommend them for the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

- Support and implement pertinent recognition related to military families
 - current programs (e.g., Purple Star School Program; Outstanding District Military Education Coordinator; Service to Military Families)
 - anticipated programs (Outstanding Military Scholar Award; Outstanding School Military Liaison; JROTC Cadet Award of Excellence)
 - annual events (e.g., Month of the Military Child in April; Purple Up Day in April; Military Spouse Appreciation Day in May)