



School Scuttle

Educational issues affecting military kids
Camp Lejeune - New River - Cherry Point - Private - Home Schools

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This Month's Theme is:
ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR MILITARY KIDS

Have you heard about the great FREE resources available to help students who are struggling in school?

SOAR – Student Online Achievement Resources
www.SoarAtHome.com

This program allows parents of children in 2/3 grade through high school to administer short standardized test to their children in math and language arts tied to state standards. Interactive tutorials are provided to support the areas where children need to build skills. There are parent resources to help them help their children as well as new video lessons that come with printable worksheets. In this area, students do not need to be military connected to use this resource so feel free to share it with your friends! Don't delay, sign up today!



ONLINE HOMEWORK HELPER

<http://www.usmc-mccs.org/library/tutor>

This program has two main features, a resource library and a live tutoring tool. Students can be connected with a certified tutor in any subject area kindergarten through community college. You need to call your base library for a personalized password to this valuable program!

ATTENTION! MILITARY KIDS AT RISK

A new report says military teens may be at **increased risk for drug and alcohol abuse** for three reasons. First, transitional periods are high risk times for teens to start experimenting; second, today's military teens are under increased pressure; and finally, many military teens have access to drugs used to treat war related injuries and illness.

Get a free "Talk Kit" and find out how you can protect your child or teen at:

<http://timetotalk.org/Military>

From the Bulletin Board...



PARENTS RIGHTS IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS

1. Your child is entitled to a free, appropriate public education that meets his educational needs at no cost to you.
2. The school must notify you when they want to evaluate your child.
3. Parents may request an evaluation.
4. The school will ask you for consent to evaluate your child.
5. Your child must be reevaluated at least every 3 years
6. You may review all of your child's records and obtain copies of those records (they may charge you)
7. You must be fully informed by the school of all the rights provided to you and your child under the law.
8. You may have your child educated in the least restrictive environment
9. You may request a due process hearing to resolve differences with the school that could not be resolved informally

Click here for a PDF copy of the Parent's Right's Handbook:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/ec/policy/resources/2008/ecparenthandbook0409.pdf>

ASK AN EXPERT

Q: People keep mentioning the Interstate Compact, what is that? What can it do for me?

A: The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children is legislation in which states agree to provide some flexibility for students transferring between states in the compact.

Academically it allows for some tests to be waived or other exams substituted. It allows more freedom in evaluating high school transcripts, and allows students who are in gifted programs to transfer straight into another gifted program without having to wait for new testing. For students with special needs, the IEP from the sending state remains in effect while new evaluations are done.

For more information: <http://www.csg.org/programs/ncic/EducatingMilitaryChildrencompact.aspx>

WEB RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

www.MilitaryOneSource.com

This website can help military family or providers locate and obtain resources from a wide variety of sources on almost any topic! The webinars are education issues are especially helpful.

Check out the "Plan my Move" application to get completely organized for your next PCS!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Responding to Poor Report Cards

A parent's goal is for our children to keep striving to do better, we do not want to stifle that drive with ridicule and embarrassment. Here are some important tips.

1. Begin with yourself. Do you provide a quiet place to study? Does your child get enough sleep at night? Children ages 5-9 still need 10-11 hours of sleep a night?
2. Express disappointment in their lack of progress, not in them.
3. Problem-solve with your child. Ask them where they are having trouble, and listen.
4. Work with your child to set reasonable goals for the next report card.
5. Have a conference with your child's teacher to share perceptions and concerns.
6. Acknowledge your child's successes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
10-6	Exceptional Family Member Support: School Liaison Resources	Russell FSC Camp Lejeune
10 -17	LINKS for Teens 0900-1200	MCFTB Cherry Point
	Boot Camp for Educators	MCFTB New River
10-19	SOAR Training for Parents	Tucker Creek MS Cherry Point
10-22	Prep for College -1900-2030	MCFTB New River
10-23	Boot Camp for Counselors 830-1500	MCFTB Cherry Point
11-12	Positive Change of Schools 1730-1830	MCFTB New River
12-9	Positive Change of Schools 1830-2000	Russell FCS Camp Lejeune



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