

Partnering with our Military Families

Fairfax County Public Schools



Your Military Family Support Team

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FCPS Military Families Website



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Military Families

FCPS welcomes responsive and collaborative communication and partnerships with the families of our students.

Fairfax County Public Schools welcomes all of our new and returning military-connected families during Blue Star Welcome Week and throughout the year! Whether your family is moving permanently to the school district or living here for a short time, our schools and support staff welcome you and will be able to assist with your transition into and/or out of our district.

For further assistance or questions about how our military-connected families are supported, please email [Family and School Partnerships](#) or contact the [Fort Belvoir School Liaison Officer](#).

Purple Star Schools



[The Virginia Purple Star Designation for Schools](#)

[Dan Dunham](#), Virginia Department of Education Military Student and Family Specialist
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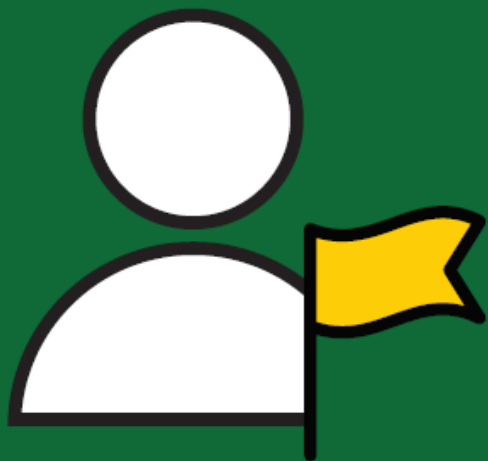


Student Ambassadors

A school-based, student-led leadership program that brings together military and civilian peers to support all student's transition and connection to school, helping to **create a welcoming environment and accepting school culture.**

**Research suggests that student transition programs are among the most impactful social-emotional supports for highly mobile students. (MCEC & CPRL, 2020.)*





Student Ambassador CONVENING '23

You don't have to fit in when you belong.

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Check-in			
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Opening Session			
11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session 1			
	Red Group	Green Group	Blue Group	Sponsors
	Room 1202	Room 1203	Room 1204	Room 1201
12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH			
12:50 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.	Breakout Session 2			
	Red Group	Green Group	Blue Group	Sponsors
	Room 1203	Room 1204	Room 1202	Room 1201
1:50 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.	Student Ambassador Team Work Session			
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Closing Session			



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STEM Book Family Festival

Join [First Book](#) and [Blue Star Families](#) on Saturday, November 11 at Catholic University from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a free book giveaway and STEM Book Family Festival for military families and Title I educators and the families they support!

Don't miss out on a fantastic day of fun activities and the opportunity to select from 35,000 free STEM books suitable for all ages. [Reserve](#) your family today!

To receive updates and information on events and support for military families within your community, join Blue Star Families - [National Capital Region Chapter](#).

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Blue Star Welcome Week 2023

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BLUE STAR Welcome Week 2023

September 23 - October 1

FCPS welcomes our new and returning [military families](#)! This year, [Blue Star Welcome Week](#) takes place from Saturday, September 23 - Sunday, October 1, 2023. FCPS is committed to ensuring all of our military families feel a sense of belonging to the division and their school communities.

[Blue Star Families](#) and their partners will be hosting a variety of events throughout the National Capital Region to welcome military families. For more information about opportunities near you, please visit [Blue Star Families' list of upcoming events](#).

In conjunction with [Blue Star Welcome Week](#), FCPS would like to take the opportunity to offer a warm welcome to our military-connected families. FCPS is honored to have our military families as part of our community, and we thank you for your service. Please connect with us at militaryfamilies@fcps.edu.



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Veterans Day Nov. 11, 2023

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Family and School Partnerships



Fairfax County Public Schools pauses to express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to our veterans for their brave and selfless service. This year, Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, falls on a Saturday.

We encourage all members of our community to take a moment to reflect on the meaning of Veterans Day; to remember the sacrifices, the service with honor, the dedication of those who have served, and those who love and support them. It is important to acknowledge and thank veterans for their service on Veterans Day, and throughout the year.

Happy Veterans Day from Fairfax County Public Schools.

Thank you for your service.

#FCPSVeteransDay

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Family Resource Center

Formerly named Parent Resource Center

Announcements:

The Virginia Family's Guide to Special Education.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has updated The Virginia Family's Guide to Special Education. This publication is a revision of the former A Parent's Guide to Special Education which was initially published in 2010. This new state guide was developed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to

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 - ✓ Military & Family Life Counselors
 - ✓ Military-Connected Youth Process
Action Team
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Fort Belvoir Resources



UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES



Alexander T. Augusta
Military Medical
Center

Fort Belvoir Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): (800) 208-8649

Army Community Service : (571) 231-7001

Community Information Services: (571) 231-1001

DEERS/ID Cards: (703) 805-5578/1066

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center: (703) 704-3009

Fort Belvoir Community Hospital ER: (571) 231-3168

Suicide Prevention Lifeline: text 838255 or Dial 998 or 800-273-8255

Fort Belvoir Behavioral Health: (571) 231-3224

Social Work Service: (571) 231-7015/717

Tricare: www.tricareonline.com

Fort Belvoir Homepage: www.belvoir.army.mil

Metro & Bus Information: www.wmata.com

ASAP Facebook:

www.facebook.com/FortBelvoirASAP

Kids Included Together

KIT offers a library of inclusion resources to ensure all students are included, regardless of ability.

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