

Hickman County Board of Education

	Descriptor Term: Students from Military Families	Descriptor Code: 6.506	Issued Date: 10/20/25
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1 General

2 The Director of Schools shall develop the necessary administrative procedures to ensure that students
3 with parent(s)/guardian(s) in the armed services are identified and that appropriate and available
4 services are provided for these students.¹

5 RELOCATION OF MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER²

6 A student who does not currently reside within the school district shall be allowed to enroll if he/she is
7 a dependent child of a service member who is being relocated to Tennessee on military orders. To be
8 eligible for enrollment, the student will need to provide documentation that he/she will be a resident of
9 the school district on relocation. This documentation must be provided to the school district within one
10 (1) calendar year from the date of enrollment.

11 ~~Within fifteen (15) days of enrollment, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student shall provide proof of~~
12 ~~residency within the school district.~~

13 If the child of a military member enrolls per this policy and has an active 504 plan, IEP, or an
14 individualized family service plan, then the district shall take the necessary steps to ensure that services
15 are in place when the student enrolls.

16 ABSENCES

17 Principals shall provide students with a one (1) day excused absence prior to the deployment of and a
18 one (1) day excused absence upon the return of a parent/guardian serving active military service.

19 Principals shall also allow up to ten (10) excused cumulative absences per year for students to visit a
20 parent/guardian during a deployment cycle. The student shall provide documentation to the school as
21 proof of his/her parent's/guardian's deployment. Students shall be permitted to make up school work
22 missed during these absences.³

23 REMAINING IN THE DISTRICT⁴

24 If a student is enrolled in grades eleven (11) through twelve (12) and is a dependent child of a service
25 member who relocates on military orders resulting in the student no longer residing in the school
26 district due to relocation, the student shall have the option to remain enrolled in the same high school
27 until the student graduates or withdraws.

Legal References

1. [State Board of Education Policy 2.103](#)
2. [TCA 49-6-3101; Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 834](#)
3. [TCA 49-6-3019](#)
4. [Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 834](#)

Cross References

Attendance 6.200
School Admissions 6.203