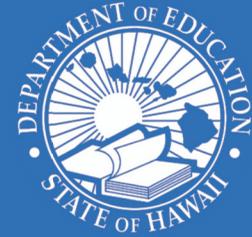


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12,344

military dependent students in public schools

7%

of the total public school enrollment

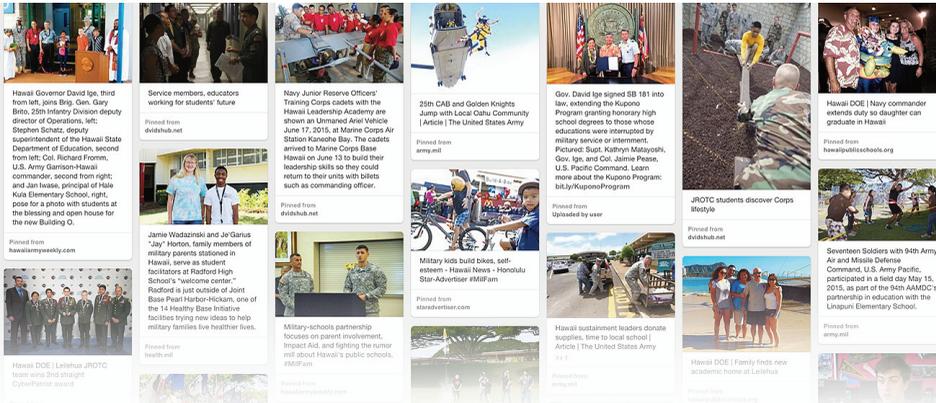
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public schools with significant military-dependent population



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Military personnel can be confident about Hawaii's public schools

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Military children typically attend six to nine different schools from kindergarten to grade 12, move at least twice during high school, and often change schools in the middle of the school year.

What a surreal experience it has been to return to Hawaii 15 years almost to the day, increase the Santa Ana brood to eight kids, and find a Hawaii public education system that met our expectations.

It's no secret that a number of military families being reassigned to Hawaii arrive with negative perceptions of Hawaii's public schools. For me, colleagues told me similar negative stories and I wondered how to pay for private school.

Monica and I are firm believers in public school, and this assignment would be no different than the previous six in regards to school enrollment. Despite the negative stories, we researched and planned to enroll the kids in the Hawaii public school system. Hickam Elementary, Moanalua Middle and Radford High Schools were very accommodating, understanding and attentive to our relocation needs as a military family. Thanks to the superb support of these schools' staff, our kids started school on the first day, though it began a month earlier from their previous school calendar, and transitioned seamlessly. I have also witnessed firsthand the great work of the Radford Transition Center student facilitators who help all new stu-



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our highly mobile military families, it is reassuring to know that Hawaii has the same educational standards as 41 other states, the District of Columbia, four territories, and the Department of Defense Educational Activity. Hawaii also uses the same assessment test as 14 other states, and we now know that a student who does well in Hawaii's public schools will also do well in these other states.

Radford High has almost 65 percent military students, and their student successes are impressive. One military family had two daughters graduate as valedictorians in 2013 and 2015, respectively, with the older one attending Yale University on an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. Another military daughter arrived in Hawaii for her senior year, graduated as a valedictorian in 2015, and was accepted into the Doctor of Medicine Early Acceptance Program at the University of Hawaii.

These are just a few of the many student success stories in Hawaii's public schools.

dents quickly adjust to their new school.

Education is a readiness issue for the military, as service members can better focus on achieving their respective mission objectives when their school-age children enroll in quality education. For

IMPACTED SCHOOLS

CENTRAL DISTRICT

- Aiea High
- Aliamanu Elementary
- Aliamanu Middle
- Daniel K. Inouye Elementary
- Helemano Elementary
- Hickam Elementary
- Keoneula Elementary
- Kipapa Elementary
- Leilehua High
- Makalapa Elementary
- Mililani High
- Mililani Middle
- Mililani Ike Elementary
- Mililani Mauka Elementary
- Mililani Uka Elementary
- Mililani Waena Elementary
- Moanalua Elementary
- Moanalua Middle
- Mokulele Elementary
- Nimitz Elementary
- Pearl Harbor Elementary
- Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary
- Radford High
- Red Hill Elementary
- Scott Elementary
- Shafter Elementary
- Solomon Elementary
- Wahiawa Elementary
- Waialeale Elementary
- Webbing Elementary
- Wheeler Elementary
- Wheeler Middle

LEEWARD DISTRICT

- Barbers Point Elementary
- Campbell High
- Ewa Elementary
- Ewa Makai Middle
- Highlands Intermediate
- Holomua Elementary
- Iliama Intermediate
- Iroquois Point Elementary
- Kaleiopuu Elementary
- Kanoelani Elementary
- Kapolei Elementary
- Kapolei High
- Kapolei Middle
- Lehua Elementary
- Mauka Lani Elementary
- Pearl City Elementary
- Pearl City High
- Waialeale Elementary

WINDWARD DISTRICT

- Aikahi Elementary
- Kailua Intermediate
- Kainalu Elementary
- Kalaheo High
- Mokapu Elementary