

Match Charter Public School Military-Connected Students Policy

Match Charter Public School (“Match”) is committed to easing the transition for children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. Match will follow all requirements set forth in the military connected student provisions of Title I, Part A of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and The Massachusetts VALOR Act of 2012, Mass. General Laws c.71 § 6B as amended by St.2022, c.154, § 9, as well as guidance related to Massachusetts joining the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and other guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”).

Eligible Student

“Military connected students” are defined as children of the following:

1. Active duty members of the uniformed services. “Active duty” refers to full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders. “Uniformed services” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, including the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services;
2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement;
3. Members of the uniformed services who died on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death.

The definition of “military connected students” is not extended to children of the following:

1. Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves;
2. Members of the uniformed services who are now retired (except as defined above);
3. Veterans of the uniformed services (except defined above); or
4. Other United States Department of Defense personnel or other civilian and contracted employee not defined as on active duty.

Enrollment and Placement

Match will follow all applicable laws and guidance related to military-connected students, including, but not limited to, the enrollment and placement of military connected students (including the option to enroll military-connected students remotely), the transfer of records for military-connected students, the provision of special education services and accommodations under the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the student’s current Individualized Education Plan. For more information, please see the DESE Guidance on the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission.

Resources:

DESE Guidance <https://www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/mic3/>

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