

EDUCATION WEEK

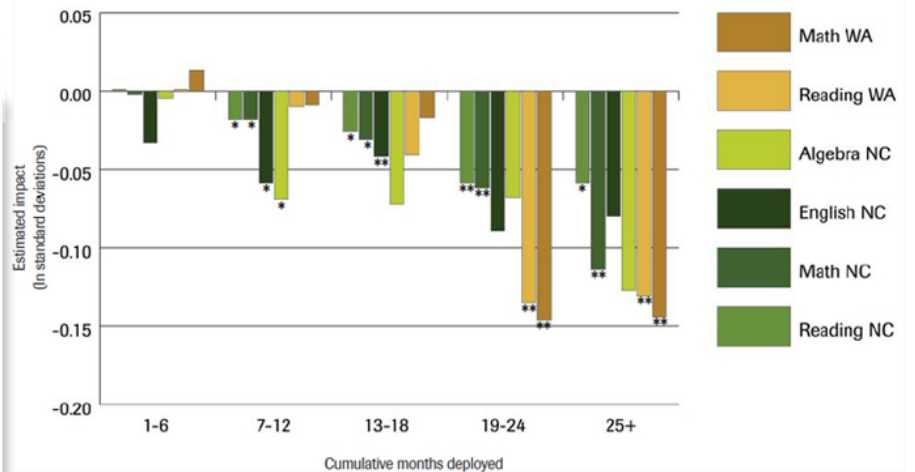
“How many military-connected children are in your school?”

Study Finds Children's Learning Suffers When Parents Are Deployed

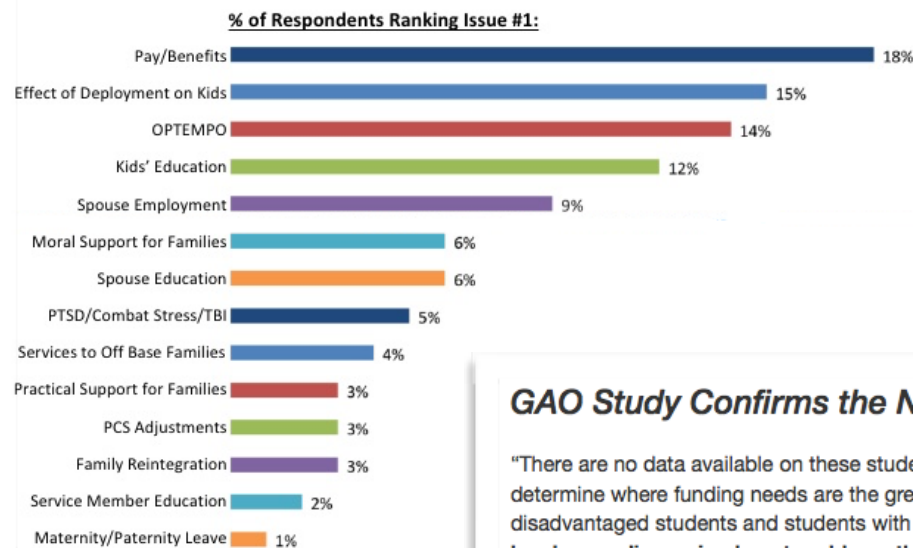
After nearly a decade of U.S. military action in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere, extended deployments have become a new norm—and an academic and emotional burden—for military children.

Deployment Deficits

Children of Army parents away on extended military deployment falter in math and language arts performance, according to a new study by the RAND Corp.'s Arroyo Center, which studies the military. Looking at students in North Carolina and Washington state, researchers found that military students' scores were particularly low, compared to peers, when their parents had been deployed for 19 or more months.



What are the Top 3 military life issues that most concern you?



GAO Study Confirms the Need to Identify Military-Connected Students

“There are no data available on these students that could be used to assess their academic achievement or educational outcomes, or determine where funding needs are the greatest. Such reporting requirements exist for certain other groups of students, such as economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities. **Federal agency officials acknowledged this need for information, and Education has begun discussing how to address this need.**”

- Education of Military Dependent Students-Better Information Needed to Assess Student Performance

The Need for a Military Student Identifier

- Over 1.3 million military-connected children are 4-18 years old.
- Over 1.1 million military-connected children attend U.S. public schools.
- Every school district in the U.S. has military-connected children.
- Active Duty military-connected children move 3x more frequently than civilian peers.
- Currently there is no reliable, consistent school-based data on the academic health of military-connected students.
- Military impacted school districts cannot track military-connected students' performance long-term because there is no linkage in student data systems.

The Benefits of a Military Student Identifier

- A military-connected student identifier will assist educators in more effectively preparing transitioning students for their new school.
- A military-connected student identifier will provide key performance indicators for school districts to discover “best practices” and processes.
- What is learned about military-connected students can help other children who experience school moves or other disruptions to academic continuity and opportunity.
- Parents will have evidence-based insights about school districts and campuses with respect to the educational attainment of military-connected students as a cohort.
- By giving military parents more precise information about how military-connected students are faring as a group, they can be more confident about choices concerning the education of their children.
- A military student identifier indicates trends and patterns so that critical support reaches these students.

Parents	Teachers	Administrators
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Military parents want evidence-based insight about academic performance of other military-connected children in the school or district.• Military parents want to be more confident in choosing the best educational path for their children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many military-connected children are in your classroom?• How are they performing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many military-connected children are in your school?• How are they performing?