

## DoDEA and DOD Supports for Military-connected and all CUSD Students

CUSD's military-connected student population is its largest demographic subgroup by far (2016-17 38%). Due in large part to our partnership with DoDEA and the Department of Defense which provide significant support to all aspects of our educational program, we continue to shift our culture to more personalized learning in order to meet each individual student's needs. Despite state funding challenges, we remain highly encouraged because of this support, and are incredibly grateful to DoDEA and the DoD.

The impact of DoDEA and DOD on CUSD is evidenced by:

- district and site strategic plans focus on providing interventions for all identified students, especially those who are military-connected
- every military-identified student has a PEP for mathematics, parents of these students are even involved
- the personalized learning initiative continued in order to strengthen personalized learning for all students for the next five years, as required in the CUSD Board Goals and Local Control Accountability Plan; CUSD is studying its PL initiative in depth in 2016-17
- CUSD students are advocates for their own learning; parents and teachers work together to support them
- all valid, reliable data is understood and used throughout the system by students, teachers, and parents
- the power of a positive mindset is promoted, especially for students who may already have a fixed mindset which impedes their progress
- job-embedded professional development and training for teachers, administrators, parents, and students on the availability and benefits of CLO, ALEKS, Edgenuity, and other available resources for personalization continues
- professional development for STEAM-related content, such as NGSS training is in place for all teachers
- professional development for all math teachers and support for development of math units aligned to CUSD's vision for high quality mathematics instruction are in place and even more opportunities for parent education in CCSS mathematics are provided
- all students are digitally literate 21<sup>st</sup> century learners
- small group interventions and supports are a part of each school's plan
- supports and services for children of military families include:
  - Local Planning Council compact with Naval Base Coronado; meetings are held four times a year; Senior Director of Learning and a site principal are District leads; periodic attendance by Naval Base Coronado (NBC) Commanding Officer and CUSD Superintendent
  - CUSD designated Navy Region Southwest School Liaison Officer, Amiee Gillig
  - Military Family Life Counselors (MFLCs) serve at each CUSD site
  - District and site websites for military families <http://coronadousd.net/parents-students/military-families>
  - Military identification a part of registration/enrollment and is a component of data systems used by the District

- With permission from military families, support services are established immediately at enrollment
- Director for Student Services is connected to the local Navy Exceptional Family Members Program
- The Navy has partnered with LRP Publications to bring parents access to web-based resources, including Special Ed Connection and DirectStep, so they have a clear understanding of what special education is and how it works
- Tutor.com/military – free online tutoring for military students 24/7
- New student orientations held at each site annually
- New Family Orientation nights are held annually, organized by the School Liaison Officer for all new families to CUSD; it is attended by the CO of NBC
- Ambassador Clubs and Student to Student Clubs are at each CUSD site to assist all transitioning students
- Local Coronado Student and Family Enrichment (SAFE) Organization alliance and coordination of services with School Liaison Officer – provides welcome baskets to new military families
- Coronado Connections Corner meeting room located at Silver Strand Elementary for Skype conferencing with deployed military parents and their child’s teachers, meetings, college resources, etc.; United Through Reading location
- Coronado High School Graduation webcast allow for deployed parents to view the ceremonies
- Military representation on site and district strategic planning and other district committees
- “Bring a Veteran to School Day” and “Silver Strand Honors Military Heroes Day”, Veteran’s Day observances
- “What Memorial Day Means to Me” essay and coloring contest
- Operation BIGS and Operation PALS at Village and Silver Strand Elementary; many other military partnerships including NAVAIR, USS America, USS Boxer, Naval Base Coronado, ACB-1, ACU-1, HSC-6, all of which connect local service men and women with students
- Services from ASYMCA, FOCUS, Fleet and Family Services, and other support services, especially at Silver Strand Elementary
- Military Parent Groups and support activities (e.g., VA GI Bill presentation at CHS, Military Spouse Appreciation breakfast at Silver Strand)
- Excused absence for military family reunification
- Military Spouse Meetings held at school sites
- “CO for the Day” opportunities for 2 students per school yearly