

## Department of Defense Education Activity Educational Partnership Grants



The Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on  
Educational Options for Military Children

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## DoDEA Educational Partnership Framework

- Provide information and resources to support educational opportunities and outcomes for school-age military children;
- Memorandum of Understanding with U.S. Department of Education - establishes inter-agency collaboration in addressing military child education issues;
- DoD Ex-Officio Member to the Interstate Compact Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children;
- Effective collaborations with NGOs and Federal Agencies; and,
- Facilitate and administer outreach opportunities that enhance and support educational continuity [i.e. Students at the Center, SLO Modules, SPED].

## Since 2009...



**\$346**  
**million**  
**awarded**



**in more than**  
**1,520**  
**schools**

**serving over**  
**750,000**  
**students**



**with over** **370,000**  
**military-connected students**



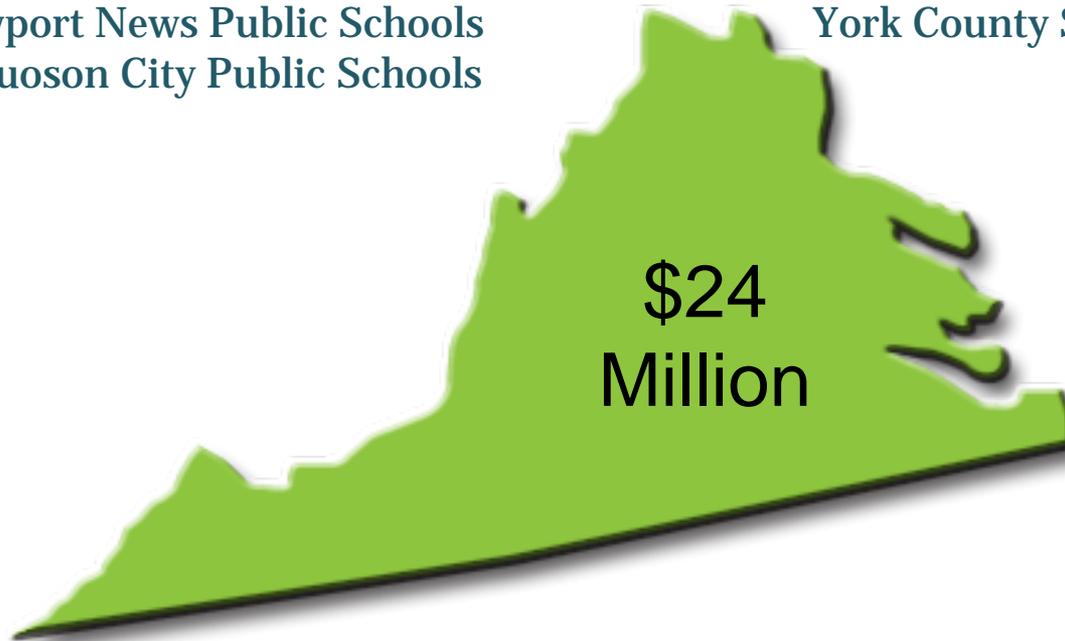
## Grant Program Overview

- DoDEA supports research-based programs that aim to increase student achievement and ease the challenges that military children face due to their parents military service. The grant program provides resources to military-connected local educational agencies to develop and implement projects that are designed to:
  - Promote student achievement in the core curricular areas.
  - Ease the challenges that military students face due to transitions and deployments.
  - Support the unique social and emotional needs of military students.
  - Promote distance learning opportunities.
  - Improve educator professional development.
  - Enhance and integrate technology.
  - Encourage parental involvement.

# DoDEA Virginia Grant Recipients 2009-2014

Chesapeake Public Schools  
Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
Hopewell City Public Schools  
Newport News Public Schools  
Poquoson City Public Schools

Prince George County Public Schools  
Prince William County Public Schools  
Stafford County Public Schools  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools  
York County School District



# Impact of Virginia Grants

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Total Partnership grants awarded in VA:	23
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Total number of students served:	41,175
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Total number of military students served:	14,370
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Grants focus areas:

- Student services
  - STEM programs
  - English/Language Arts
  - Special Education
  - Strategic Foreign Languages
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# Virginia School Districts by Installations

- 23 grants serve the areas around bases in Virginia including:
  - Chesapeake PS – Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, USCGS Hampton Roads, NAS Oceana, Norfolk Naval Station, Joint Expeditionary Base-Fort Story
  - Chesterfield/Hopewell/Prince George PS – Fort Lee
  - Fairfax County PS – Fort Belvoir
  - Newport News PS – Joint Base Langley-Eustis
  - Poquoson City PS – Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Norfolk Naval Station, NWS Yorktown
  - Prince William/Stafford County PS – Fort Belvoir, MCB Quantico, Pentagon
  - Virginia Beach City PS – Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, USCGS Hampton Roads, NAS Oceana, Norfolk Naval Station, Joint Expeditionary Base-Fort Story
  - York County SD – Camp Peary, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, USCGS Hampton Roads



## National Math and Science Initiative

- The National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) *Initiative for Military Families* is a joint endeavor to expand a program that provides consistent, high-level coursework in high schools serving military children while also addressing the national STEM crisis.
- DoDEA provides funding for 7 Virginia high schools to participate in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.
  - Hampton, Prince William, Stafford, and Virginia Beach
- Nearly 50 military-connected high school students in 16 states participate in the program through a DoDEA grant.



## National Math and Science Initiative

- Through the *Initiative for Military Families*, the average first year increase in passing scores in math, science, and English for military schools in Virginia is **60 percent**.

# Focus on Military Students' Transitions

## – Newport News

- Goal: To support military-connected students and families in their transition to the school district.
- Method: The funds support 2 Military Support Counselors (MSCs) to connect families and students to resources and ease the adjustment process. Teachers will also be eligible to receive ODU Military Child and Families Graduate Certificate for educators.
- Result:
  - *After the MSCs came on board, 90 percent of parents of military-connected students reported being satisfied or highly satisfied with the transition.*

# Focus on Military Students' Transitions

## – Virginia Beach

- Goal: To ease the transition to Virginia Beach Public Schools for military families that have students with disabilities and to increase military-connected students' emotional wellbeing.
- Method: Use school-level liaisons to support military families through the special education system. These liaisons will work with the students and families to ease their transition and improve their emotional wellbeing.

## Focus on STEM – York County

- Goal: To support Transformative Learning in the district to improve student interest in reading and STEM and integrate previous efforts in instructional technology into the classrooms.
- Method: Provide sustainable professional development to students through integrated technology including their own devices and tailored curriculums for military families.
- Results:
  - *Increased use of technology in the classrooms by teachers and students.*
  - *Overall, military connected students increased their proficiency rates on Virginia’s standardized tests by 7.1 percentage points.*

## Focus on STEM – Fairfax County

- Goal: To increase teachers' content knowledge and proficiency to enhance, create, and teach curriculum related to STEM through intense exposure to research-based approaches to STEM curriculum, engagement in school-wide professional development and formative assessment processes, and enhancing resources for training and professional development.
- Method: Hire a STEM teacher and use three researched-based programs: 1) Engineering is Elementary (EiE) standards-driven and classroom tested curriculum, 2) Math Solutions staff development program for K-8 math content and instructional strategies, 3) National Center for Earth and Space Science Education Summer Institutes.

## Focus on STEM – Newport News

- Goal: To improve student performance in math and support mathematics instruction in the public schools and to provide supportive environments to military families.
- Method: Working with Old Dominion University, four Newport News PS Math teachers will receive mathematics specialist certification to provide expert advice and professional development.
- Results:
  - *Old Dominion professors acting as mentors to Newport News teachers provide sustainability to the project.*



# Focus on English Language Arts – Poquoson City

- Goal: To support increased focus on English language arts in the curriculum.
- Method: The funds supported the “Reading for All” program with the goal of all students performing at proficient or better on the Virginia statewide exams.
  - Funds were used to support:
    - Professional Learning Communities within schools
    - Professional development on current ELA teaching methods.
    - A Balanced Literacy approach
- Results:
  - *Results showing progress even with the implementation of new statewide tests.*

## Focus on Students with Disabilities – Chesapeake

- Goal: To reduce disparities in reading performance among military connected students with disabilities and other students.
- Method: Through literacy programs in school, the funds will be used to reduce disparities in K-5 student performance on reading assessments. The community program will work with military families to address socio-emotional topics that are difficult for students with disabilities to comprehend and manage.

## Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Program

- Request for Proposals: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- Applications due **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Technical Assistance Webinar:  
[www.dodk12grants.org/granteeresource.aspx](http://www.dodk12grants.org/granteeresource.aspx)
- Questions: [grants@hq.dodea.edu](mailto:grants@hq.dodea.edu)
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