



TEAMS

for military-connected children

Teaching, Education and Awareness
for Military-connected Students



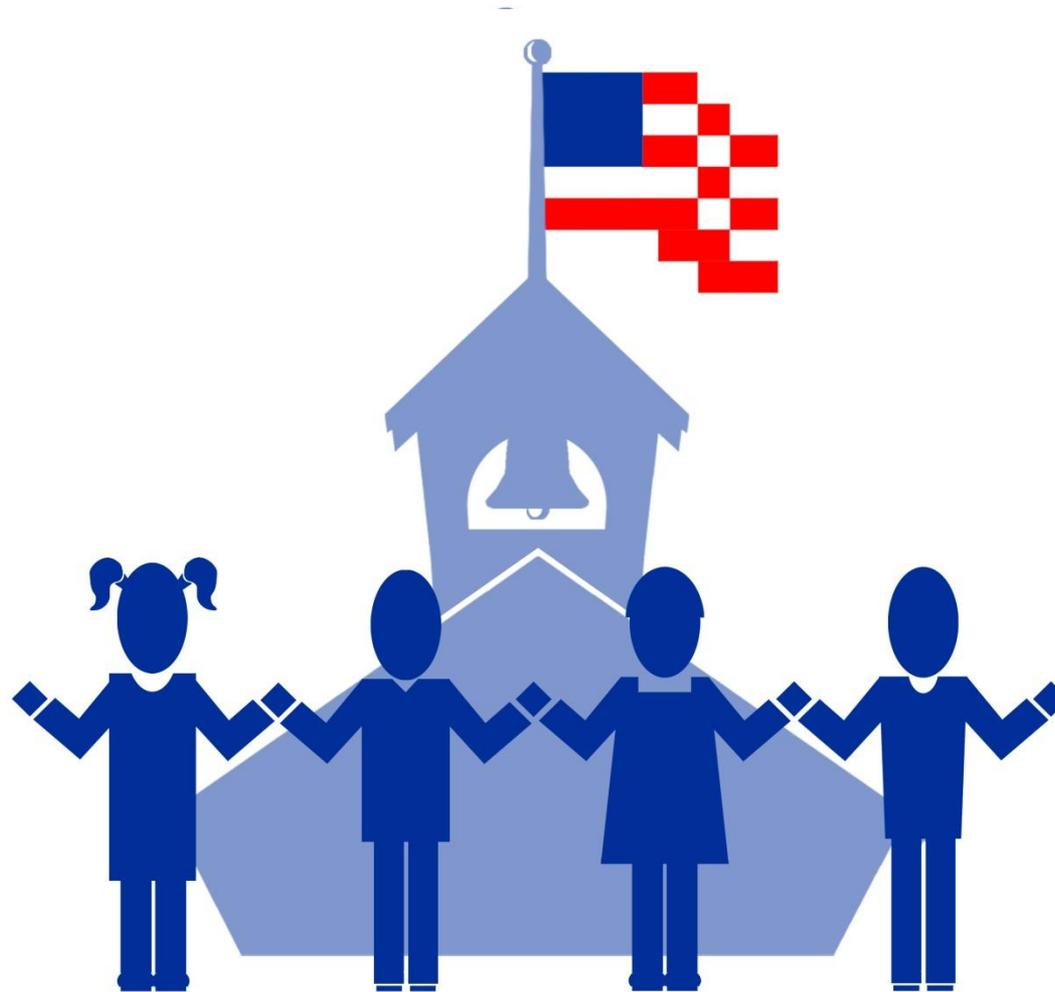
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TEAMS advances a vision for

Military Conscious Schools:

Where every military child is educated by individuals who are well prepared to effectively respond to the unique learning and social-emotional needs of military-connected children. TEAMS augments and facilitates, rather than duplicates, the missions of other agencies and programs.





TEAMS INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH



TEAMS has conducted a needs assessment of military-connected schools in Virginia

Setting:

Eight public elementary schools purposively selected because they serve significant populations of military children from all branches

Participants:

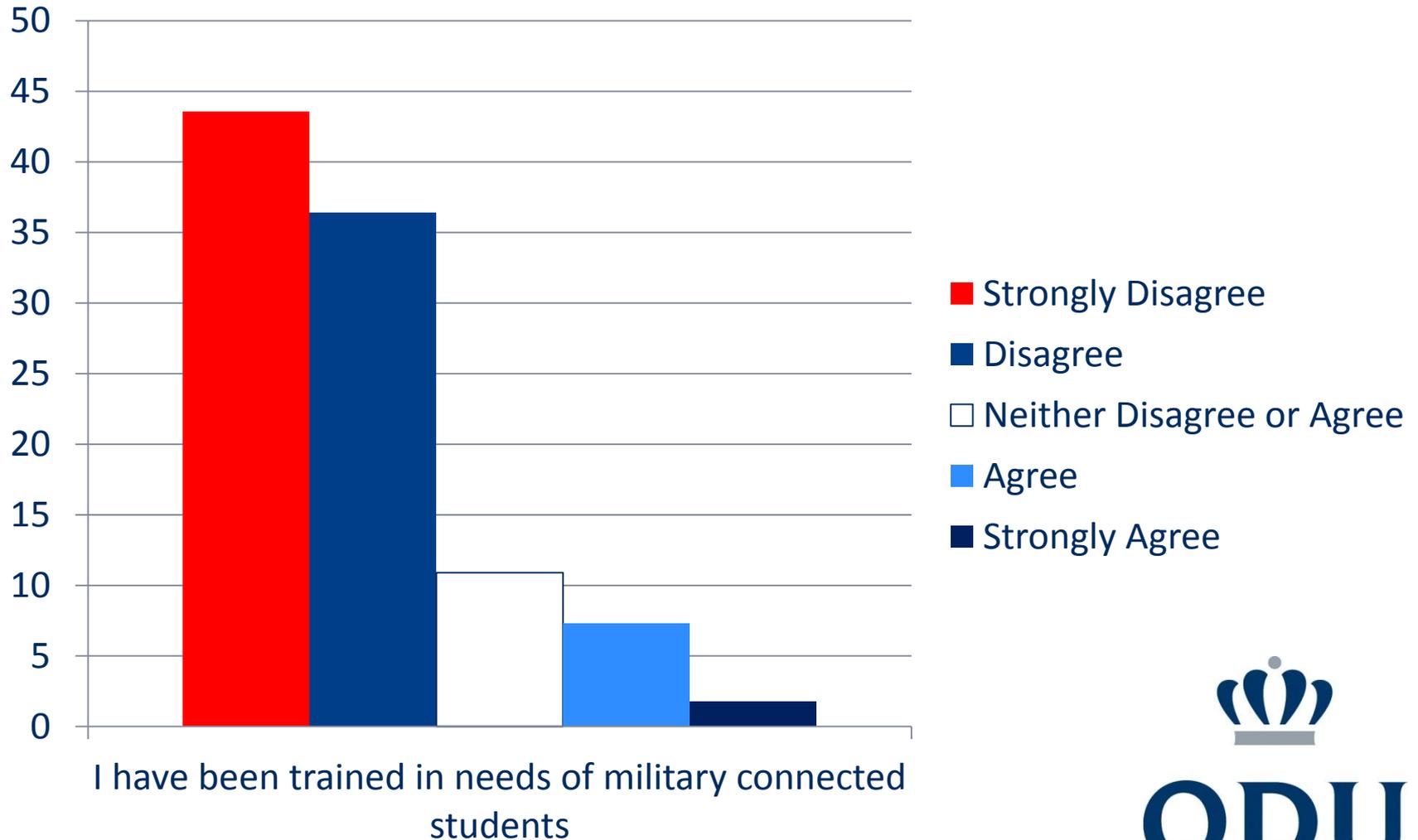
- ✓ 7 principals
- ✓ 16 school counselors
- ✓ 59 general and special education teachers
- ✓ 2 school data administrators
- ✓ 4 specialists

Mixed Methods:

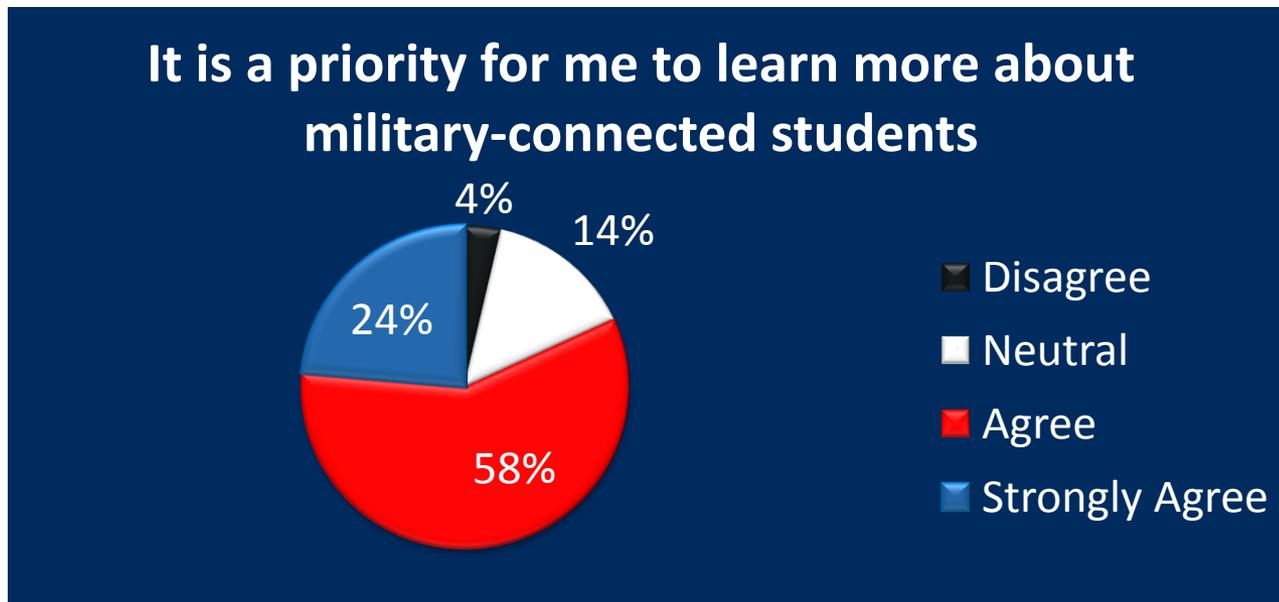
- Principal Interviews
- Counselor Interviews
- Teacher Focus Groups
- Teacher Questionnaire



Few educators reported receiving preparation specific to military-connected students.



Educators recognize military students as a unique population and report a desire for more specific preparation in how to effectively educate them.



82% of teachers indicated it is a priority for them to learn more about military-connected students.

Categories of School Needs and Response Identified by Principals, Teachers and Counselors Educating Military-connected Students in VA Public Schools

Academic Support

Instructional placement, assessment, curriculum, remediation, student academic performance.

Social-emotional Support

Students' mental and emotional wellbeing, social and peer relationships, emotional resiliency, social support, school counselor and teacher activities.

School Leadership and Student Records

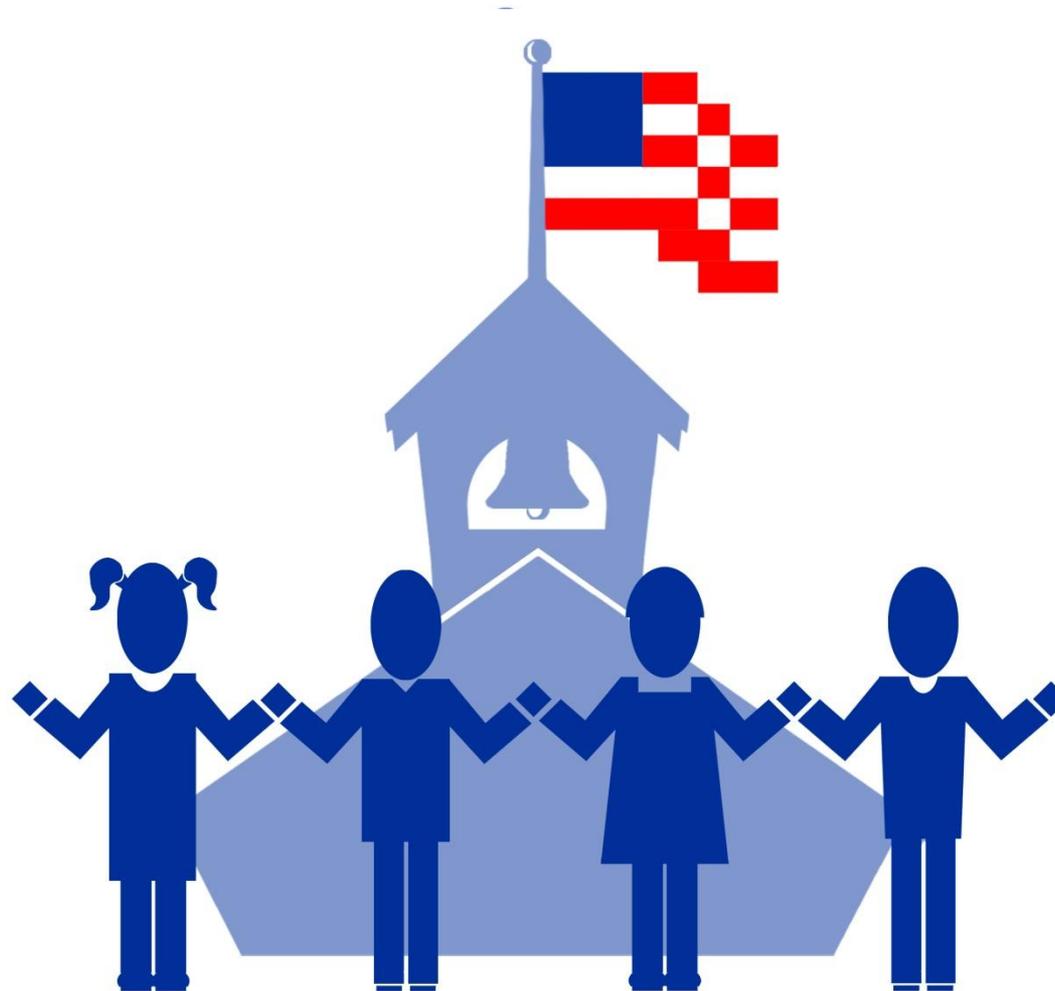
Administrative processes or activities such as record keeping, data gathering and usage, student records transfer; policies including attendance, discipline, structure of the school day; activities of the principal or division leaders.

Cultural Awareness and Responsiveness

Knowledge and consideration for the life experiences of military children and families; utilization of experiences in the classroom.

School-military-community Partnerships

Mechanisms for communicating with the military community, including the command post, school liaison officers and families.



**Old Dominion University
Military Child and Families Education
Graduate Certificate.**



The ODU Military Child and Families Education Graduate Certificate prepares educators to provide sustainable, comprehensive school-based responses



Foundations

Assessment

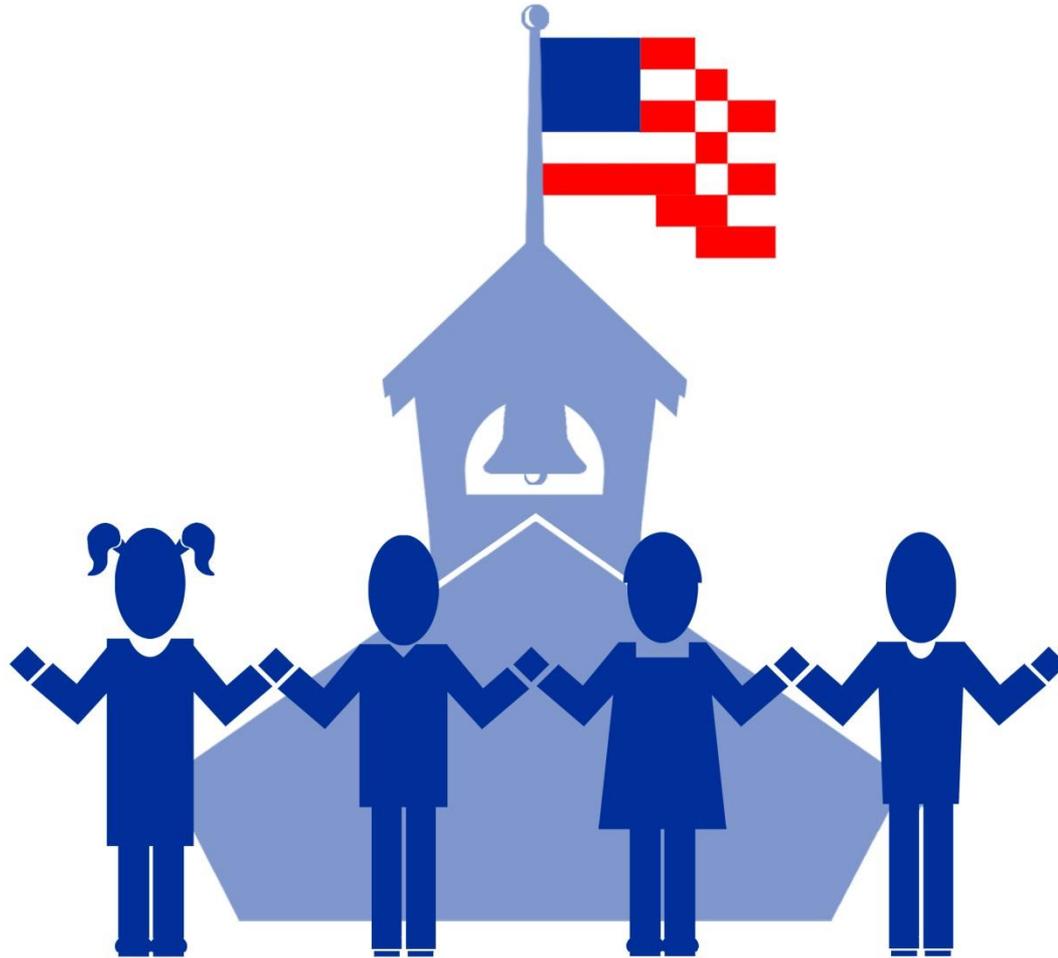
Service Delivery
Design

Embedded
Field
Implementation

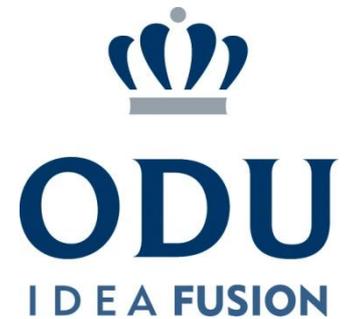
- ✓ Interdisciplinary cohorts of teachers, counselors, administrators, service providers
- ✓ 3 sequenced 4-credit courses
- ✓ 12 graduate credits total
- ✓ Integrated service learning components in each course
- ✓ Blended on-line delivery
- ✓ Customized partnerships with school districts and agencies



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**The Military Consciousness Assessment Toolkit
(Mil-CAT)**



The Military Consciousness Assessment Toolkit (Mil-CAT) provides schools with tools to assess need and responsiveness

Need/
Response
Domain

- 1. Academic support
- 2. Social emotional support
- 3. School Leadership and Student Records
- 4. Cultural Responsiveness
- 5. School Military Community Partnerships

Needs
Assessment

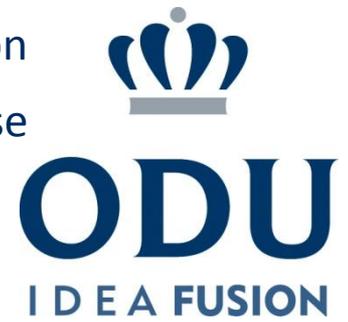
Logic Model/
Formative
Evaluation

Summative
Program
Evaluation

Rubric
Dimension



- 1. Comprehensiveness
- 2. Impact
- 3. Sustainability
- 4. Consistency
- 5. Customization
- 6. Research base



The Mil-CAT enables schools to plan and assess system-wide changes in the ability to respond to the needs of military-connected children



Needs
Assessment

Mil-CAT_{PLAN}

Conduct needs assessment
Generate goals and strategies
Design logic model



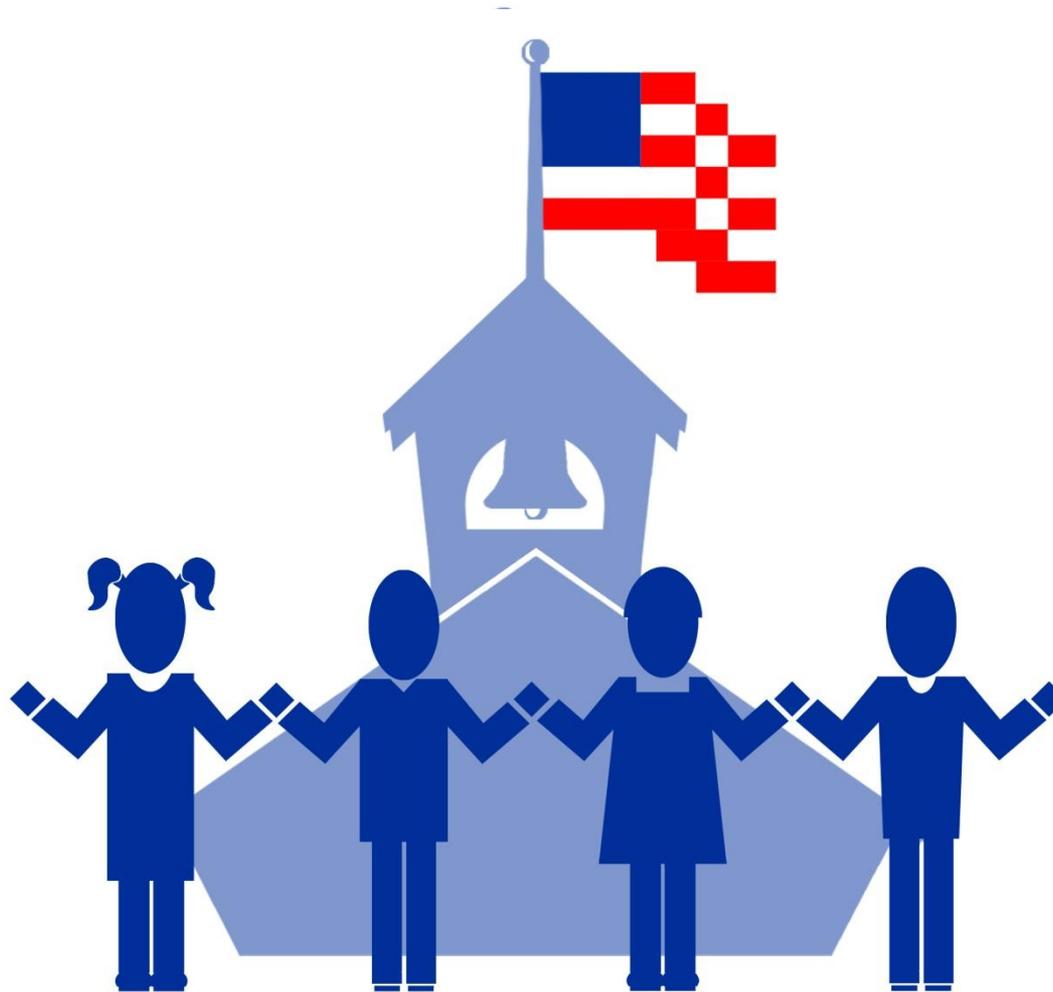
Mil-CAT_{RESPOND}

Assess implementation fidelity
Monitor progress
Inform program changes



Mil-CAT_{DISPLAY}

Apply rubric
Communicate
outcomes
Display growth



TEAMS Partnerships



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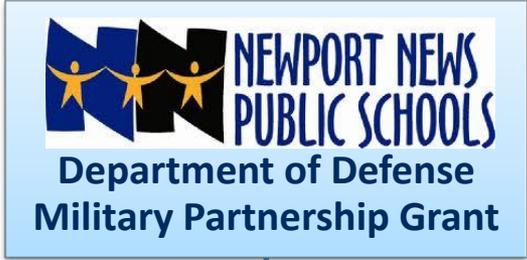


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Academic Support

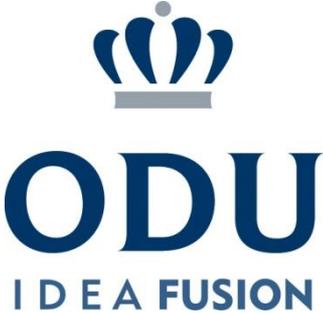
Social-Emotional Support

Math Coaches

ODU Graduate Certificate in
Military Children and
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ODU Math Specialist
Certification
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School Counselor
Professional Development
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