

# School Support Services

(School Liaison Office)

School Support Services is a branch of Child, Youth & School Services (CYSS). The program is responsible for the coordination and assistance of Army school-age youth with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. This is accomplished through the work of the School Liaison Officer.

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The School Liaison Officer (SLO) serves as the installation subject matter expert for youth education and school transition issues. They inform and advise commanders and parents on student education/transition issues, promote parent involvement in youth education and collaborate with local schools and the installation. Their goal is to provide a wide variety of programs and services that help ensure a “level playing field” for Army youth transitioning among installations and school systems. Their strong partnership with the Department of Education also helps to improve the various Alaska public schools that military children attend.

**YOUTH SPONSORSHIP.** If you are new to Fort Wainwright Alaska and would like to find out more about your new home and school, the Youth Sponsorship Program is for you. Our SAS and YS Youth Sponsorship clubs offer regular activities to welcome you to your new home in the arctic.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.** The State of Alaska Department of Education (DOE) administers public schools (29 regular, 4 charters, 1 magnet and 1 correspondence home school). Most of the military children attend the public schools however interior Alaska has a large of following of homeschooling. Information can be found on the school website is [www.k12northstar.org/](http://www.k12northstar.org/)

**MILITARY CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIPS.** The SSS program helps students and families by providing post-secondary and scholarship information. Visit the following web sites or call the SSS office for more information. [militaryhandbooks.com/?p=24](http://militaryhandbooks.com/?p=24) and <http://www.militaryscholar.org/> and <http://www.militarychild.org/military-parent/links/>

**OPERATION MILITARY KIDS.** The SSS office is a team partner of Operation Military Kids (OMK). OMK collaborates with groups across the state to provide sustainable local support services to military youth, both active duty and Reserve /National Guard, before, during and after their family members are deployed. Visit the OMK web site at <http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx> or the Alaska OMK web site at

<http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/statePOCHome.aspx?state=Alaska>

**STRONG BEGINNINGS.** The SSS staff supports the Strong Beginnings initiative that prepares Pre-Kindergarten children for transition into the actual school kindergarten classroom. Child Development Centers can coordinate school visits by contacting the SLO office at Fort Wainwright.

**SCHOOL-AGE HOMEWORK CENTERS.** The SSS office works closely with the director of the Army School-Age Services program (grades K-6) and Middle School /Teen program to support the programs Homework Center which serves as an “anchor” for military children-creating a safe and familiar academic support environment before and after school.

**LIVE HOMEWORK HELP** called "Study Strong" is available from Child, Youth & School Services both in the School-Age and Middle School/Teen programs and at home 24 hours a day 7 days a week at [Tutor.com/army](https://www.tutor.com/army). Online tutoring services are available in English and Spanish from certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors and graduate students. Educational support is available for Kindergarten - 12th grade and college prep with subject support for all grade levels in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies.

**Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR)** is a free internet-based program for students in grades 3-11. It helps families manage their children's education with cutting edge technology with a focus on math, reading, and language arts. [Click to learn more about SOAR](#)

**MARCH 2 SUCCESS** is a free online tool that provides educational content to help students improve their knowledge and test scores in the areas of Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. The site is sponsored by the United States Army and is more inclusive than traditional college entrance test prep courses. Please visit the March 2 Success web site at [March2success.com](https://www.march2success.com)