



POLICY ON ENROLLMENT OF MILITARY CHILDREN

This policy is to ensure compliance with Chapter 392C of the Nevada Revised Statutes – Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

PLACEMENT AND ATTENDANCE

- A. Course placement – When a student transfers before or during the school year, Explore Knowledge Academy shall initially honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the student’s enrollment in the school in the sending state or educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state, if the courses are offered at Explore Knowledge Academy and space is available. Course placement includes, without limitation, honors, international baccalaureate, advanced placement, vocational, technical and career pathways courses. Continuing the student’s academic program from the previous school and promoting placement in academically and career challenging courses is paramount when considering placement. Nothing in this section precludes Explore Knowledge Academy from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure the appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the appropriate courses.
- B. Explore Knowledge Academy shall initially honor placement of the student in educational programs based on current educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state or participation and placement in like programs in the sending state. Such programs include, without limitation, gifted and talented programs and English as a second language. Nothing in this section precludes the Explore Knowledge Academy from performing subsequent valuations to ensure appropriate placement of the student.
- C. Special education services – In compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 et seq., Explore Knowledge Academy shall initially provide comparable services to a student with a disability based on the student’s current individualized education program. In compliance with the requirements of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794, and with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12165, Explore Knowledge Academy shall make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of incoming students with disabilities, subject to an existing 504 or Title II Plan, to provide the student with equal access to education. Nothing in this section precludes Explore Knowledge Academy from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student.
- D. Placement flexibility – The administrative officials of Explore Knowledge Academy shall have flexibility in waiving course or program prerequisites, or other preconditions for placement in courses or programs offered under the jurisdiction of Explore Knowledge Academy.
- E. Absence relating to deployment activities – A student whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from or immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be granted additional excused absences at the discretion of the Executive Director to visit with his or her parent or legal guardian relating to such leave or deployment.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT

- A. 1. A special power of attorney, for purposes of the guardianship of a child of a military family, which is executed pursuant to the applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the special power of attorney is executed is sufficient for the purposes of enrolling a student in school and for all other actions requiring participation and consent of a parent or legal guardian of the student.
- 2. Explore Knowledge Academy shall not charge local tuition to a transitioning military child placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent.
- 3. A transitioning military child, placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent, may continue to attend the school in which the child was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.
- B. Eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities – Explore Knowledge Academy shall facilitate the opportunity for transitioning children of military families to be included in extracurricular activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

GRADUATION

To facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families, Explore Knowledge Academy shall incorporate the following procedures:

- A. Waiver requirements – The administrative officials of Explore Knowledge Academy shall waive specific courses required for graduation if similar course work has been satisfactorily completed in another local education agency or shall provide reasonable justification for denial of a waiver. If a waiver is not granted to a student who qualifies to graduate from the sending school, Explore Knowledge Academy shall provide an alternative means of acquiring required course work so that the student may graduate on time.
- B. Exit exams – States shall accept:
 - 1. Exit or end-of-course exams required for graduation from the sending state;
 - 2. National norm-referenced achievement tests; or
 - 3. Alternative testing, in lieu of tests required for graduation in the receiving state.If the alternatives set forth in this section cannot be accommodated by the receiving state for a student transferring during the student's senior year, then the provisions of section C shall apply.
- C. Transfers during senior year – If a military student transferring immediately before beginning or during the student's senior year is ineligible to graduate from Explore Knowledge Academy after all alternatives have been considered pursuant to this Chapter 392C of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the local education agencies of the sending state and the receiving state shall ensure the receipt of a diploma from the local education agency of the sending state if the student meets the graduation requirements of the local education agency of the sending state. If the sending state or the receiving state is not a member of this Compact, the member state shall use its best efforts to facilitate the on time graduation of the student in accordance with this Article.