

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.



At FOCUS Homeschool we understand the unique challenges that Military Homeschool families face.

That is why we feel privileged to receive the designation of a Purple Star School for 2023-2026.

Whether you are preparing to move to Alaska or you've been here for a while, we strive to provide you with a quick and simple process to getting connected in the homeschool community.

Our priorities for our military-connected families include making sure that:

- ★ Your family connects quickly with other families so that you can feel at home in the community.
- ☆ You understand what is needed to homeschool in Alaska.
- ☆ You can get started quickly if you arrive during the school year.
- ★ We work with the military education liaison officers to ensure we meet your family's educational needs.
- ☆ When it is time to move, we provide the support you need while you re-establish at your next duty station.

At FOCUS Homeschool, we keep things simple and flexible, as the only statewide competency-based homeschool program in the state. This means your child(ren) learns at their own pace and is not penalized when more time is needed to complete the curriculum over the summer or into the next school year.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Your family could receive free tutoring; check out <u>www.tutor.com/military</u> to learn more!

To learn more about the Purple Star School Program and how schools are partnering with the military, go to https://www.militarychild.org/purplestarschools

☆ Military Family Points of Contact who can help you transition smoothly:

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## Fort Wainwright School Liaison Officer

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#### JBER - Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson School Liaison Officers

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Additional resources to help you know your educational rights as a military-connected family:

- ☆ Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Website and Resources Link
- ☆ MIC3 Summary with Provisions Video
- ☆ MIC3 Article VII Graduation Video

### FOCUS Homeschool current demographics:

★ 15% of our student population is military-connected (as of October 2023).

Got questions? We've got answers! Connect with us @FOCUS Homeschool to get started in your Alaska homeschooling experience!