**ESSA Requirement: Military Data Reporting**

Under ESSA regulations that go into effect for the 2017-18 school year, districts are required to identify students whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) fall within military-related classifications. According to USED, “We want all military-connected school children to have an equal and fair opportunity for academic success. This requires that those individuals who make up our nation's educational system, our teachers, principals, school nurses, coaches, and counselors understand the unique situations the children of our service members experience."

Districts should collect these data through their registration/enrollment/data collection procedures to report in EIS. As of 2014-15, there are three military-related student classifications in EIS:

* + 4-Active Duty Military
  + 5-National Guard Military
  + 6-Reserve Military Dependent

We have compiled responses to some frequently asked questions below for your review. If you have any questions, please contact [Linda.Stachera@tn.gov](mailto:Linda.Stachera@tn.gov)

* **Which students should be coded as 4-Active Duty?** 
  + Students with a parent or guardian enlisted in:
  + Full-time Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard duty or
  + Full-time National Guard duty or
  + Active Guard Reserve (full-time Reserve duty)
* **Which students should be coded as 5-National Guard Military?** 
  + Students with a parent or guardian who participates in the National Guard on a part-time basis.
* **Which students should be coded as 6-Reserve Military Dependent?**
  + Students with a parent or guardian who participates on a part-time basis in the Reserves of a branch of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard).
* **What if both parents are active duty military?**
  + The student would be coded once with classification 4.
* **What if one parent is active duty military and one parent has part-time National Guard duty?**
  + The student would be flagged with classification 4 and with classification 5.
* **What if a student is enlisting in the military?**
  + These classification refer to the status of the student’s parent or guardian. This data classification should not include older students who are entering the military.
* **How can I check my data in EIS?**
  + Use the Student Classifications Research Query to check your data.
  + Select District / Research Queries/ Student Classifications.
  + Select Student Classifications and 4-Active Duty Military / 5-National Guard Military / 6-Reserve Military Dependent.
* **Where can I find more information?**
* For more information about USED’s commitment to services for military families, please visit <https://www.ed.gov/veterans-and-military-families>
* *Annual Mandatory Collection of Elementary and Secondary Education Data through EDFacts (military comments begin on p. 210)*   
  <https://ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essaaccountstplans1129.pdf>
* *Every Student Succeeds Act & the Military Student Data Identifier* <http://www.militarychild.org/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-the-Military-Student-Data-Identifier>