



Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of the new accountability requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the U.S. Department of Education is requiring school districts to identify students who are armed forces family members. These students will be part of a new accountability subgroup. St. HOPE Public Schools will submit this data to the California Department of Education (CDE) via the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. As this is a new demographic data collection requirement, St. HOPE is asking all parents/guardians to return this form to their school indicating whether or not students are armed forces family members.

What is the definition of an “armed forces family member”?

A student is considered to be an Armed Forces Family Member if **at least one parent or legal guardian is an Armed Forces member on active duty, or serves on full-time National Guard duty**. The terms “armed forces,” “active duty,” and “full-time National Guard duty” as defined by Sections 101(a)(4), 101(d)(1), and 101(d)(5) of the United States Code are:

- 101(a) (4) – The term “armed forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.
- 101(d) (1) – The term “active duty” means full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. Such term includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the military department concerned. Such term does not include full-time National Guard duty.
- 101 (d) (5) – The term “full-time National Guard duty” means training or other duty, other than inactive duty, performed by a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or the Air National Guard of the United States in the member's status as a member of the National Guard of a State or territory, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia under Section 316, 502, 503, 504, or 505 of Title 32 of the United States Code, for which the member is entitled to pay from the United States or for which the member has waived pay from the United States.

Where can I find out more information about this data submission?

More information regarding this data collection can be found on the CDE’s website: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/calpadsfaqs.asp>

If I have more than one student at St. HOPE, can I complete one form?

Yes. You only need to fill this form out once for all of your students enrolled at St. HOPE.

Please select one of the following and complete the chart below. Sign and date this form and return it to a St. HOPE school front office:

_____ Yes, my student(s) is part of an armed forces family.

_____ No, my student(s) is not part of an armed forces family.

Student Full Name	Grade Level for 2016-17	St. HOPE School Site for 2016-17

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____