

STANHOPE ELMORE HIGH SCHOOL
“MILITARY CONNECTED LIAISON”
MILLBROOK, ALABAMA

Military Connected Liaison Program Mission Statement

Stanhope Elmore High School located in Millbrook, Alabama provides a high-quality environment that includes: safety, diversity, outstanding academics, competitive athletics, prominent clubs, and many other programs to all students; which include our transitioning military families. Our Military Connected Liaison Program is currently the program of record that we administer to our transitioning military students. The program is all encompassing and thoroughly addresses the students' needs of integration into a new environment. **We Are SE! and We Win!**

Principal's Intent

To provide a quality experience of integration into the Stanhope Elmore High School family to transitioning students. Through the Military Connected Liaison Program, we administer a premier and model program within the State of Alabama in its design and execution that thoroughly addresses the needs of every student.

Fundamental Message

Military/ Transitioning students experience many challenges as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station. By establishing a county wide Military Connected Liaison program, the county can encourage and ensure that at every level of education we are attending to the needs of transitioning families in a way that is second to none.

Analytics and Statistical Data

The average military-connected student will experience six to nine different schools during their K-12 education experience. More than 1.1 million such students and their families have identified school transitions as a top priority and concern as they integrate into new communities and school systems. In fact, the school system generally drives the local community where the family decides to settle. Military - connected students often experience difficulties as a result of parents being deployed or constantly on the move. There are many challenges that mobile military students face, such as learning gaps and overlaps in curriculum, differing graduation requirements and course placement disruption. These students also face social and emotional challenges that include leaving supportive friends and activities only to start over in a new community and school system.

The Military Demographic Data for Alabama is as follows:

- 12,970 active-duty service members
- 6,688 active-duty spouses
- 14,426 active-duty children
- 24,835 National Guard and Reserve Members
- 12,109 National Guard and Reserve Spouses
- 17,777 National Guard and Reserve children

The Demographic Data for Stanhope Elmore High School in Millbrook, Al:

- 1,090 total student body population
- 50% Caucasian
- 45% African-American
- 1.1% Hispanic
- .8% American Indian
- .03% Other
- .01% Pacific Islander
- .03% Unclassified

SEHS “Military Family Liaison Program”

Meeting Required Activities

- Stanhope Elmore High School Counselors are the school’s single initial point of contact as a military liaison along with our JROTC Instructor, who is also a veterans and program administrator of the Military Connected Liaison Program here at SEHS.
- Here at SEHS, we are able to identify our military-connected students and students of our Civil-Servant Employees enrollment by way of our counselors and their use of the INOW program through the Public Education Information Management System via the Military Student Identifier.
- The School Counselors and the Military Liaison Administrator will serve as the points of contact between the school and military-connected students and their families, installation leadership and the installation school liaison officer.
- The total team of administrators, counselors, teachers, and military liaisons will assist families and students in identifying services available to our military-connected students and will make sure that every student transitioning into SEHS will have a smooth, friendly, welcoming transition into our total school environment.
- The Stanhope Elmore Team will also assist in coordinating school programs relevant to military-connected students through transition support, alternative schooling options, deployment support/ counseling if required, college-career-military readiness, special education and scholarship and grant resources.
- The Stanhope Elmore High School Military Connected Liaison Program primary administrator has been fully trained under the Purple Star Program of record and the Student2Student Ambassador Programs and has a Certificate of Training on the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children.
- The Program Primary Administrator will conduct professional development training sessions that inform all employees of the unique needs of military-connected students via designated faculty meeting.
- Stanhope Elmore High School has a school website (mysehs.com/#) where you can go to Parent Information and find a Military Family Liaison link.

This link will be linked to many other information tabs that are full of information about Stanhope Elmore High School for all transitioning families, these connections will take you to all areas of interest that include; academics, sports, clubs, contacts and other useful and pertinent information.

SEHS Purple Star Application Process

- SEHS has made application to become designated a member of the “Purple Star Program”. As we wait for final adjudication of our submitted application will continue to provide to our military-connected, and other transitioning students a high caliber transitioning experience until we receive the coveted “Purple Star Designation”.
- Student-led and faculty advised program with the goal of taking care of all new students entering Stanhope Elmore High School. The Program has one faculty advisors and eleven student Ambassadors that are fully trained for this task; the advisor is a veteran and thoroughly understands the difficulties of transition. The students are the very best hand selected young men and women to function in this capacity and with a bi-lingual capability. We call our students “Ambassadors”.
- The program will maintain the core values of leadership, academics, services, finding the way, relationships and complete acceptance.
- The Military Connected Liaison Program/ S2S Team will work very closely with our counselors in identifying newly transitioning students into the SEHS family; military-connected students, and any and all other students from other communities. We are an all-inclusive: Family-School-Organization
- This team has a charter that will:
 - Meet twice a month; every Tuesday of the first and third week
 - Program review, assignments of Ambassadors, discuss upcoming events
 - Provide every student a tour
 - Show the new student all of the school links for pertinent information
 - Eat lunch with the new student
 - Provide academic resources and encouragement
 - Provide activities to new students and help them meet other students
 - Follow-ups with the transition students to insure complete integration.
- The SEHS Military Family Liaison Program/ S2S Team is well trained through the Purple Start Program Initiatives/MCEC/S2S Program. The training is very encompassing in the challenges faced by students making transition into our school, and is steeped in the core values of the

program. The training is a school-day-long for the primary administrator and a school day for the students with hands-on engaging instruction.

- Transitioning families can go to the Stanhope Elmore High School site; mysehs.com/# and select “Parent Information”, that will take you to the “Military Family Liaison”. There will be links that will take you to Program Documents, Guidance Counselors, Academics, Athletics, Clubs and Organizations, Relocation Information to Millbrook, Alabama, Special Education, and Information on the Interstate Compact On Education Opportunities for Military Children. You will also be able to find Resources; local, state, and national.

- Current Scheduled Military Connected Student Recognition Days:
 - 05 March 2023 - Military Kids Appreciation Day - Hosted By JROTC
 - 02 November 2023 - Military Kids Appreciation Day - Hosted By DECA
 - 15 March 2024 - Military Kids Appreciation Day - Hosted By BETA
 - 01 November 2024 - Military Kids Appreciation Day - Hosted By KEY

- Contact Information- The primary contact for the Military Connected Liaison Program can be accessed by making direct contact to the school administration and or COL (R) Charles A Bonasera, JROTC Senior Army Instructor.