

# **Impact of House Bill 503 on the Enrollment of Students in Military Families**

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

- If I have military orders that indicate I will be stationed in the Anne Arundel County school district, can I enroll my child prior to establishing residency?
  - This law allows an active-duty service member to enroll their dependent child prior to establishing residency based on military orders indicating a transfer to Anne Arundel County.
  
- How many days prior to the arrival date published on the military orders will I need to produce enrollment documents, including residency documentation?
  - If a dependent child of an active-duty service member is enrolled under this law, the parent/legal guardian is required to provide all necessary enrollment documentation within ten days of the published arrival date on the service member's military orders. This documentation is not limited to, but includes residency documentation, birth certificate, a copy of the military orders, immunization records, and report card from the sending school.
  
- Can I apply for my dependent child to enroll in Programs of Choice (i.e. – Magnet Programs, Centers of Applied Technology, etc.) and charter and contract schools prior to arriving to Anne Arundel County?
  - If a student is enrolled under this law and the window to apply to one of the programs of choice or charter schools is still open and is within the normal application window, an application can be completed for eligibility in the program or school. If eligible, the application will enter the lottery. If the window to apply late is open, the eligible application will be placed at the head of the late wait list. If the window to apply is closed, the application cannot be considered for the program or school. For more information on the Programs of Choice, visit [www.aacps.org/magnet](http://www.aacps.org/magnet). For more information on AACPS Charter and Contract Schools, visit [www.aacps.org/charterschools](http://www.aacps.org/charterschools).
  
- Does this legislation allow me to enroll my dependent child in any school in Anne Arundel County?
  - No. In Anne Arundel County, your child will be enrolled in the school attendance zone in which you have established residency, unless your child is accepted into a Program of Choice or a charter or contract school or if you have been approved for an Out of Area Transfer. We support all military families with the enrollment process in accordance with the [Military Interstate Compact](#).
  
- Can I apply for an Out of Area transfer for my dependent child prior to establishing residency?
  - Yes. This law allows active-duty service members to apply for an Out of Area Transfer prior to establishing residency. However, the application for an Out of Area Transfer must meet the reasons outlined in the [AACPS regulation](#). For more information on the Out of Area Transfer process, please visit [www.aacps.org/outofarea](http://www.aacps.org/outofarea). You can also review the [FAQs](#) for more information. Note: Magnet Programs do not allow for Out of Area Transfers for any reason.