

MILITARY QUESTIONNAIRE

ALMIRA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.17

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Dear parent/guardian,

Beginning the 2016-17 schoolyear, the state legislature passed a law requiring Washington State public schools to collect information on military affiliation. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND RETURN THIS FORM AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

Is Parent/Guardian active duty United State armed forces? Yes No

Is Parent/Guardian Washington National Guard member? Yes No

Is Parent/Guardian U.S. Armed Forces reserves member? Yes No

If you marked yes to any question, how many parent/guardians are members? _____

Reasons for collection of the data include:

- (1) The legislature finds that, nationally, nearly two million students are from military families, where one or more parent or guardian serves in the United States armed forces, reserves, or National Guard. There are approximately one hundred thirty-six thousand military families in Washington state.
- (2) The legislature further finds that a United States government accountability office study in 2011 identified that it is not possible to monitor educational outcomes for students from military families due to the lack of a student identifier in state educational data systems. Such an identifier is needed to allow educators and policymakers to monitor critical elements of education success, including academic progress and proficiency, special and advanced program participation, mobility and dropout rates, and patterns over time across states and school districts. Reliable information about student performance will assist educators in more effectively transitioning students to a new school and enable school districts to discover and implement best practices. [[2015 c 210 § 1.](#)]

For more information: (<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5163&year=2015>)

If you have any questions please contact Shauna Schmerer at 509-639-2414 or sschmerer@achsd.org

Student(s) name(s) _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ date _____