



## **NSA Naples School Liaison Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is a School Liaison Officer (SLO)? How can a SLO help me?**

A: SLOs help by providing you with educational information on your new area (based on residence) and connect you with a SLO at your next duty station, if you are leaving Naples. In addition, SLOs offer resources on deployment support, are the liaison between command, schools and military families, work with commands and schools on the Partnership in Education program, help families navigate the special needs programs in districts and offer information and support for home school and post-secondary preparation.

**Q: How do I choose a school?**

A: We know the importance of choosing a school that best meets the needs of your child(ren). Even though SLOs are unable to make direct recommendations for schools, they are available to help you acquire information and research the schools in your area. SLOs can provide overall information on your options, which include DoDEA, international schools, local Italian public schools and home schooling. Please see the “Alternative Day Care and Education Options” download on the SLO Web page as a starting point in your research.

**Q: What are the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school immunization requirements?**

A: Students who enroll in DoDEA schools are required to meet specific immunization requirements. These requirements represent the minimum criteria and do not necessarily reflect the optimal immunization status for students. The DoDEA provides the Immunization Requirement list to parents for informational purposes only. At time of initial registration, you must provide official proof of immunizations (i.e., copy of child’s immunization/shot record) to the school registrar to verify immunization compliance. For more information, go to <https://www.dodea.edu/registration-process.cfm>.

**Q: Do I need to complete a Free/Reduced-Meal Program form?**

A: The Navy Exchange Services Command (NEXCOM) operates the student meal program with a local contractor in the school cafeteria. Meals meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) strict guidance in order to support USDA reimbursement. All NSA Naples elementary and middle high school students receive a free lunch for school year 2021-22.

All students must have a student lunch account in case a student wants seconds or ala cart food, which they will be charged for these items. NEXCOM uses point of service to register and make payments on your child's lunch account. You child will be issued a student ID

number when you register your child at either the elementary or middle high school. NEX will send a letter to the parent's email address that contains your child's PIN. Do not lose this information. Once you get this information, you will need to log into TITAN School Solutions <https://family.titank12.com/> to set up your child's account and make payments.

**Q: What is the Interstate Compact and what can it do for my family?**

A: The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between public school districts and states. The goal of the Interstate Compact is to replace the widely varying policies affecting transitioning military students. The Compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. For more information, go to [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net).

**Q: What if I am moving with a child with special needs?**

A: In the Navy, your SLO may help you with the special needs navigation of the school or district where you are planning to send your child(ren). Please contact the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) coordinator to enroll your family in the program and to inquire about local information and resources EFMP offers.

**Q: Can SLOs advocate for an IEP for my child?**

A: SLOs are not able to advocate on your behalf. SLOs offer information, resources and help you find the right people at the school or district to talk to about an IEP. If you have issues with your IEP or school, please call your SLO to obtain community resources for special education guidance and assistance.

**Q: May I home school and use DoDEA services?**

A: DoDEA schools provide and offer classes and/or special education services, consistent with existing regulations and policy. Dependents of sponsors electing to take one or more DoDEA classes must complete a school registration form and comply with other registry procedures and requirements. For information such as policy, eligibility, auxiliary services, courses and/or SPED, graduation and commencement, go to <https://www.dodea.edu/parents/homeschooling.cfm>.

