

Military family members have the opportunity to learn and excel in Hawaii's public school system.  
With parental involvement, students can and will reach their fullest potential.

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<b>#1: Myth:</b> The only way my child can get a good education in Hawaii is if he or she attends a private school.	<b>#2 Myth:</b> Army families are not satisfied with the Hawaii educational system.	<b>#3 Myth:</b> Children attending Hawaii schools do poorly on standardized tests.	<b>#4 Myth:</b> Hawaii schools do not care about military connected students.	<b>#5 Myth:</b> There is nothing I can do as a parent to help improve my child's education.
<b>Reality:</b> Hawaii public schools are sound institutions of learning. They are nationally accredited schools and are continually improving. Educational reform is on the forefront of the Legislature's, Board of Education's, and the Superintendent of the Department of Education's agenda as they strive to provide a free, first-class public education for every child of Hawaii.	<b>Reality:</b> The Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) recently conducted a Customer Satisfaction Survey. The results of this survey indicated that of the 4,000 plus parents and students queried: --over 75 percent felt positively about the student's ability to learn at public schools; --two-thirds felt that students receive help when they need it and that teachers are well trained; --but on a less positive note, many parents and students felt that Hawaii's facilities, textbooks, and technology were less than adequate.	<b>Reality:</b> Hawaii military impacted schools score higher than other Hawaii schools on standardized tests. In 2005, 80 percent of all military impacted schools scored at or above the national norms on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-9). Although scores are slightly lower than the national norm on the National Assessment of Education Progress, Hawaii schools continue to improve year after year.	<b>Reality:</b> In the recent JVEF Customer Satisfaction Survey, the results showed a strong majority of responders students feel welcomed at school. Also, to assist military families with the transition concerns frequently experienced, Transition Centers are available in military impacted schools.	<b>Reality:</b> When parents are involved in their child's education and become active in their child's school, students achieve more. Parents are encouraged to turn in their Federal Survey Card. These survey cards determine the number of federally-connected students in the public school system for which the Hawaii DOE receives Federal Impact Aid funds under Public Law 103-382. Every card not returned means funds lost to Hawaii classrooms statewide. Lastly, know when your child's school starts. All schools in Hawaii begin on the 27th of July
One example of Hawaii's quality education is that 86 percent of graduating seniors at military impacted schools attend college.	The JVEF is a cooperative venture between the U.S. Pacific Command military community and the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE). It facilitates military participation in Hawaii public education and serves to advance the military community's responsibility in the pursuit of quality education. JVEF uses the results of the survey to identify needs and then focuses its resources on fixing those issues.			