

SLO Down Newsletter

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." —Abraham Lincoln.

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Welcome to 2024!!! My name is Matt Mason and I am your School Liaison Program Manager. I want you to know I am here to support the needs of of Hill AFB families on everything related to your experience with our local districts and schools



When your child's school sends home the Impact Aid Survey Form, it is critically important that the surveys are signed, dated, and returned accurately in the timeframe requested by the school.

There are over 8,000 military-connected students in our schools. Whether you live on or off base, your affiliation to the military means potential federal funding for your child's school. Impact Aid is a federal program administered through the Department of Education. It provides funding for a portion of the cost for educating children whose families live on military installations and those parents employed on federal property.

Why? Military installations are federal property and exempt from paying property taxes. The loss of revenue results in reduced financial resources for the district. Impact Aid Program was set up to allow districts to receive reimbursement for the education of children who reside on military installations or have a parent who works on military/federal property.

What is the Davis School District Military Support Team?

The average military connected student will move 6-9 times throughout their school aged years, which is three times more than their non-military counterparts. DSD recognizes the need for an increased level of support to military-connected families that provides easy access to Military Educational Therapists and Military Family Advocates. Military Support Team information is below:

Email: Dsdmilitarysupport@dsdmail.net, Phone: 801-402-5421



Utah currently has 33 Purple Star schools. A Purple Star school is one that meets the criteria of commitment and support to military students (and their families) as they transition to new homes and schools.

** Applications for new schools applying will open on 1 February 2024**



School Engagement: Our lead for school engagement is the 75th Mission Support Group Commander, Col Khalim Taha. Initiatives in this focus area partner with local elementary, junior high, and high schools to connect base-affiliated children with resources, bring Air Force representation into the schools, and foster the connection between Hill AFB military/civilian Airmen and our neighborhood communities. Initiatives also include targeted support to families facing challenges in our schools. Both Col Taha and I are here as a resource. If you are experiencing any issues with your child's school please reach out to me.

Mr. Matt Mason

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Local School Districts

Davis School District 801-402-5261 **Ogden School District** 801-737-7300 Weber School District 801-476-7800

Who Knows the Who of Hill

Aerospace Museum - 801-825-5817 CDC - 801-777-6321/6223 EFMP - 801-586-4820 MFLC - 801-644-0493 MFRC - 801-777-4681 **STARBASE - 801-586-7494** Youth Center - 801-777-2419

Quiz to Fiiz

What was the highest grossing movie of 2023 until it was dethroned by Avatar: The Way of Water?



Email Matthew.mason.9@us.af.mil with correct answer to be put into a drawing for Fiiz Giftcard. Good Luck!