



Educators and community leaders throughout the state of Florida are deeply concerned about the results of the Air Force’s Support of Military Families assessment on the Public Education Impacts on Military Families.

Florida takes the issue of education of military children very seriously

Florida legislature has passed major education reforms over the last 4 years

- No cost school choice
- Early registration
- Portable funding

Florida students outperform much of the nation

- 1st for participation in AP
- 4th for performance on AP
- 4th grade students outperform national average in reading and math

The State of Florida consistently ranks high in education, but the Air Force analysis has Florida trending near the bottom for all 9 Air Force installations.

2022 Ranking

- #1 Higher ed
- #3 Overall
- #3 High school

Recommendations for AF consideration: Adopt US News and World Report Analysis or retool existing model

- Transition from comparative analysis to benchmark – tell the communities what you are going to be measuring and what expectation is
- Drop SEDA learning rate – tracks rate of growth but doesn’t compare overall test scores
- Drop ratios of student counselor, teacher – does not measure effectiveness and driven by state standards
- Work closely with AF families and defense communities to determine what parents want for their children’s education want and how to measure that
- Adjust catchment areas for schools studied for each base to the school districts in which base personnel are actually living. Consider weighting by numbers of military students