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Factsheet for Military Families: High School Senior Stabilization Programs

Purpose of the Programs

Military families experience frequent relocation or permanent change of station (PCS) moves. This can make it hard for families to adjust. **High School Junior/Senior Stabilization Programs** in each military branch provide stability to armed forces members who have children in their senior (and/or junior) years of high school by allowing them, according to each branch's policies, to remain in their current assignment.

Army

The Army provides the **High School Senior Stabilization Program** to soldiers with family members in their **junior and senior years** of high school. The Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate (EPMD) will, to the maximum extent possible, approve stabilization requests and is not supposed to place soldiers on assignment with report dates before the stabilization termination date. Soldiers must use a [DA Form 4187](#) to **request stabilization no earlier than March 1 of the student's freshman year and no later than the start of the student's sophomore year**. This application window also applies to students in year-round schooling programs. Requests submitted later than the start of the student's sophomore year may be processed as an exception to policy and must include justification, signed by the first O6 in their chain of command, that supports the delay. Exceptions are not allowed if the request is submitted early.

Air Force

The Air Force has the **High School Senior Assignment Deferment Program**. The program increases stability for military family members entering their senior year of high school. Active-duty officers (lieutenant colonel and below) and enlisted members (senior master sergeant and below) stationed in continental United States locations can apply. **Members who meet eligibility requirements can defer an assignment for up to one year.** Approval is not automatic. The approval or disapproval of individual requests is based on Air Force Needs. Back-to-back deferments may be possible and dual military (both spouses serving in the military may also

Resources

[Army - High School Senior Stabilization Program](#)

[Army Reenlistment - High School Stabilization](#)

[Air Force - High School Senior Deferment](#)

[Air Force - Resource-Personal Career Development-High School Deferment](#)

[Air Force - Assignment Policy for Families with Seniors](#)

[Marine Corp Order 7220.56A -Housing Allowance Waivers](#)

[Military Spouse - High School Seniors Stabilization Program](#)

[Navy Guidance Memo 0405-1609](#)

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apply. The family must be living with the Airman and enrolled in the DEERS. Officers can apply before receiving an assignment; enlisted men after receiving an assignment. Airmen can complete the application on the **Virtual Military Personnel Flight website**; it will be automatically sent to their squadron commander and to the appropriate assignment team at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Navy and Marines

The **Navy** allows sailors with dependents who will be entering their high school senior year to **remain in the same geographic location** until their child completes their senior year. PCS orders won't be issued for the sailor during this time. Sailors who are in the negotiating window will not be approved for **High School Stabilization** programs. Eligible service members are those whose projected rotation dates (PRD) occur between the month of the first day of the high school dependent's junior year and the month of the high school graduation date. Dependents must be enrolled in DEERS and listed as residing at the same residence as the service member. The request with a **positive command endorsement** must be submitted no later than the first day of 12 months prior to their rotation date. Assignment officers consider **community impact and career milestones** and must counsel service members. There may be times when the request cannot be approved but the expectation is that the Navy will look at all reasonable actions before they disapprove the request.

The **Marines** do not have a High School Stabilization Program. But the Navy and Marines do offer **Housing Flexibility** for sailors with dependents who meet certain eligibility criteria. One program is called **Delay of Dependent Travel (DDT) due to Continuity of Education (COE) for Minor School-Aged Dependents**. A marine with a dependent who is a high school senior may request a COE until June 30 of the current academic year. The request may not be approved for another child who will be a senior the following year. There are other circumstances in which a DDT may be granted for sailors with dependents in K-12 education. A Commanding Officer recommendation is required and the application is submitted to NXAG_N13OC@navy.mil (OCONUS) or PERS451@navy.mil (CONUS).

For More Information

Army

Call 502-613-5852 or email usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.epm.d-psa-branch@army.mil

Air Force

Visit the Air Force Personnel Services website: [Home \(af.mil\)](http://Home.af.mil) and search for "HSSAD" or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102 or DSN 665-5000.

Navy

Contact your Detailer for more information about this program or visit mynavyhr.navy.mil

Marines

Visit this website: <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/Pay-Benefits/N1301C/>



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