

Anchored for Life Club: Process & Structure

Mission Statement

To provide a welcoming, supportive, and engaging environment for students from active military families, helping them build connections, participate in school life, and develop leadership and resilience.

1. Membership & Recruitment

- **Eligibility:** Open to all students from active military families.
 - **Recruitment Periods:** At monthly new student breakfasts.
 - **Referral System:** Teachers, counselors, and current members may refer new students.
 - **Welcome Package:** New members receive a welcome letter, club schedule, and a small gift (e.g., school spirit item).
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2. Orientation & Onboarding

- **Intro Meeting:** Overview of the club's purpose, activities, and leadership opportunities.
 - **Peer Buddy Assignment:** Each new member is introduced to a current member to help them adjust.
 - **School Tour & Resource Guide:** Learn more information through school online military families webpage.
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3. Regular Meetings

- **Frequency:** Monthly meetings after school.
- **Agenda Includes:**
 - **Check-ins and sharing**

- **Planning upcoming events**
 - **Leadership development activities**
 - **Guest speakers (e.g., school staff, military personnel, counselors)**
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4. Events & Activities

- **School Spirit Events:** Participation in pep rally, sports games, and themed dress-up days.
 - **Community Service Projects:** Partner with local organizations or base initiatives.
 - **Celebration Days:** Recognize Month of the Military Child, Veterans Day, and other relevant dates.
 - **Social Gatherings:** Movie nights, school events, PTA events, new student breakfast, and April military family social event.
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6. Communication

- **Bulletin Board:** Club news and photos posted in a visible school location.
 - **Digital Platform:** Morning news show, school website, parent square.
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7. Support & Resources

- **Counselor Collaboration:** Regular check-ins and referrals for additional support.
- **Military Family Liaison:** Connection to base resources and family support services.
- **Transition Support:** Help for students entering or leaving the school due to relocation.

Events

Monthly: Anchored for Life students lead the pledge at Character Counts Presentation, and National Anthem on morning news, Monthly club meetings

September: Celebrate Freedom Week Honoring military students by having them read the Declaration of Independence on the Puma Morning News

October: Anchored for Life Club-support @ PCES

November: Treats for Troops: collecting candy donations and cards to send to our active military & Citizenship Presentation

December: Cards for Troops

January: Anchored for Life Club- Patriotism Presentation

February: Anchored for Life Club-serving at Drive in Movie

March: Anchored for Life Club lead the Pledge for the School Advisory Council

April: The Month of the Military Child Wear Purple on April 15th for Purple Up Day recognizing the children of our military men and women!

May: Honoring Memorial Day, Military students place flags around the school