



# SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

## TIPS ON PROVIDING AN EDUCATION AT HOME

### SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER

Every installation has a School Liaison Officer. School Liaison Officers provide support for our Families, their students, and Command for all school related questions, comments, and concerns, K-12. As our children continue their education amidst COVID-19 school closures, don't forget to contact your installation School Liaison Officer for your K-12 education questions and resources.

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### BEST PRACTICES FOR LEARNING AT HOME

- Create a consistent schedule and learning space for your student. Keep a regular bed-time.
- Set aside a quiet space. But you don't have to replicate the classroom environment. There's nothing wrong with doing classwork in the backyard!
- Set rules about distractions like electronics. When and what times they can play video games, use their cell phone and watch TV.
- Allow student to work on assignments in increments of 20-30 minutes at time (depending on age) for a maximum of 3 hours daily. Schedules may differ, especially if you have multiple children. It may be different from child to child.
- Do intensive subjects like math, science, and English in the morning and leave the afternoon for more self-directed work. Again, this may differ from child to child and be flexible.
- If you're stuck on an assignment, or don't understand it, remember to use Tutor.com for Military Families!
- Read, read, read! Cooking together is brought up many times with home school families. It's math, science, reading, and relevant skill rolled into one.
- Pinterest. If you're looking for extra activities, look up home school activities on Pinterest.
- Learn your children's motivation. They have rewards in school, try to create rewards for them at home for their accomplishments.

### FREE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNDED EDUCATION TOOLS



#### FREE TUTOR.COM (LIVE HOMEWORK HELP)

Tutor.com for US Military Families is a program that provides on-demand, online tutoring AND homework help at NO COST to eligible Military dependents. With live, expert tutors available 24/7

The Classroom features chat interface and an interactive Whiteboard, both of which can be used by both tutor and



#### MANGO LANGUAGES: ONLINE LANGUAGE LEARNING

Mango Languages is a digital language learning program for learners of all levels, with courses in over 70 different foreign languages, 21 English Language Learning courses, and 44 specialty courses designed to celebrate world cultures. Mango Premier offers over 40 streaming international movies which takes the rich cultural input of film and uses it as a medium to teach students language and cultural lessons. (funded by Office of the Secretary of Defense)



### LEARNING BEYOND THE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS (Not endorsed by DoD)



#### MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION ([militarychild.org](http://militarychild.org))

The Military Child Education Coalition is providing tips and resources for our military families providing home instruction, including some virtual learning opportunities.



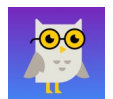
#### KHAN ACADEMY ([khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org))

Khan Academy now provides daily schedules for students ages 2-18 to help keep them learning specifically for families now providing the education at home. Khan Academy also offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and personalized learning for all ages.



#### READWORKS ([readworks.org](http://readworks.org))

Readworks provides remote learning content from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Readworks has remote learning resources for families and all the materials are always free.



#### SOCRATIC by GOOGLE (Android and iPhone App)

This learning app is for high school students and will help students find the best online resource to learn concepts from high school courses.