What is the role of the School Liaison Officer?

The Navy has designated the School Liaison Officer (SLO) as the communications link between the command, military families, teachers, and school administrators. The primary function of the School Liaison Officer is to help the military-connected child experience a smooth transition between schools and to empower parents to advocate for their military children at all levels K – 12.

Why is the School Liaison Officer important?

Almost three quarters of Navy personnel have children, installation commanders know that addressing children’s issues is critical to the quality of life of military families and thus mission readiness. The School Liaison Officer serves as the primary advisor and subject matter expert to the Commander and military families on education issues. The SLO also provides timely information to the local education agency regarding availability of installation programs and support services.

What are the major responsibilities of the School Liaison Officer?

There are seven defined areas of responsibility: 1) school transition services, 2) deployment support, 3) communication services, 4) Partnership in Education (PIE) programs, 5) homeschool support services, 6) postsecondary preparation services, and 7) special education system navigation. As the “point person” on the educational front, the School Liaison Officer assists installation leaders and military families by answering questions about local schools, offering referral information, and much more.

Will the Navy School Liaison Officer assist families from other branches of service?

Absolutely! The School Liaison Officer serves members of all branches of service living within a one hour drive from the installation. In the case of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, the School Liaison Officer serves all military and military-connected children attending Camden, Glynn, Brantley, Charlton, Ware, and/or Nassau counties schools. SLOs also provide services to activated members of the National Guard and Reserves.

How can I contact my Kings Bay School Liaison Officer?

The NSB Kings Bay School Liaison Officer, Clainetta Jefferson, can be reached by calling (912) 573-8986 or by e-mailing KingsBaySLO@navy.mil. The School Liaison office is located in the NSB Kings Bay Youth Center at 650 USS Wahoo Avenue, Building 0166. Whether you are coming to or leaving the Kings Bay area, please feel free to call or schedule an appointment should you have questions relating to your military child’s education.