

Executive Summary

Knob Noster Public Schools / Whiteman AFB Ranks # 1 Nationally on Air Force Study on Public Education Quality

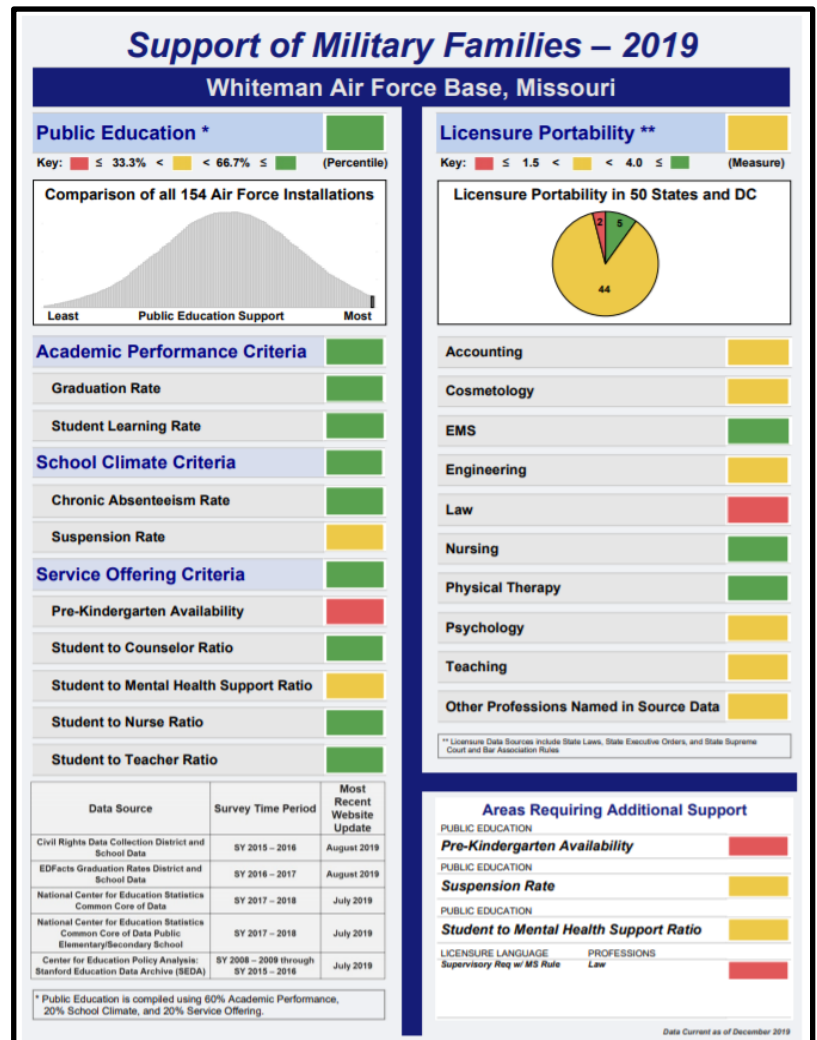
Of all 154 Air Force Bases across the nation, Whiteman Air Force Base ranked number 1 in quality of education on a study recently released by the Air Force. Whiteman AFB is located entirely within the boundaries of the Knob Noster School District. Accordingly, the majority of the installation's military-connected students attend Knob Noster Schools, representing 70% of Knob Noster's student enrollment. Over the last five years, Knob Noster worked strategically with installation leadership, Department of Defense Education Activity, Military Child Education Coalition, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, and other partners to emerge as the national leader in military student education.

The quality of education serving military installations across the country continues to rank as the top priority for the Department of Defense as it relates to mission readiness, retention, and quality of life for service members and their families.

The Department of the Air Force collaborated with policy professionals and subject matter experts to develop quantitative criteria and a framework to assess the quality of PreK-12 public education offered by school districts serving installations across the nation. The results will be used in two ways: (1) To inform the Air Force and Space Force on future basing decisions and (2) To inform communities on how they may better support service members and their families.

In alignment with the findings of this study, Knob Noster Public Schools took action last year to implement the Little Wingmen Preschool Program to enhance preschool services for students and families. The district plans to progressively expand this program to meet the needs of all Knob Noster and Whiteman AFB families in the future.

Knob Noster Public Schools extends ongoing appreciation to the Department of Defense Education Activity for continuing to invest in its students. Nearly \$5 million in grants over the last five years has resulted in excellent academic outcomes for Knob Noster and Whiteman students.



Capacity for Achieving Excellence

Knob Noster Public Schools was recognized by US News & World Report as the #1 Small and #1 Rural High School in Missouri for college and career readiness for 2019 and 2020. The District was highlighted in Forbes Magazine for specialization in military-child education and was also awarded the 2017 and 2019 National Partnership of Excellence Award by the Military Child Education Coalition. Knob Noster Public Schools #OurMissionIsStudentSuccess

