

# Updated U.S. Armed Forces Enlistment Guidance

This document provides updated guidance for reporting enlistment in the U.S. Armed Forces in the fall 2020 TSDS PEIMS submission.

## General Guidance

Last fall the agency conducted numerous district special accreditation investigations in response to inflated and potentially bad faith reporting of students enlisting or intending to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a result of actions on the part of certain districts, the agency revises its guidance from allowing districts significant discretion when reporting, to only accepting data that includes students falling into one of two categories: Confirmed Actual Enlistment and Confirmed Imminent Enlistment.

While the agency continues to work with the Department of Defense to obtain source data that accurately and precisely documents military enlistment, each district will continue to decide the methodology for collecting and documenting this indicator, subject to 3 BDC 0.025 Tc4l (c)e 0.021351351.222 T3 (.)4 (t&.2 (y)1.6 f)35.4 )18.28.2 (

Districts must maintain verifiable, supporting documentation that may be reasonably determined by the agency to conclusively demonstrate and accurately account for Confirmed Actual Enlistment and Confirmed Imminent Enlistment

This documentation may be subject to audit by the agency

Examples of methodologies that may be determined as bad faith if utilized by a district include, but not be limited to the following:

Reporting students based solely on the district inducing student contact with a military recruiter (i.e. holding an assembly in the cafeteria with a military recruiter where student attendance was required or otherwise prompted by the district)

A district soliciting student signatures on forms, including but not limited to senior surveys, indicating the student's intent to enlist in the military when the district possesses no documented evidence of Confirmed Imminent Enlistment

Reporting students who have taken, but failed, the ASVAB

Reporting students based solely on a student taking the ASVAB when the test is administered by the district but possesses no additional evidence of enlistment once the student receives the results of the test

