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Mackinley L. Cross is the School Liaison Program Manager of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Force Support Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida. She establishes, implements, and coordinates administrative and operational policies & procedures that generate real-time solutions for approximately 5,200 military-connected students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve. As the subject matter expert, Dr. Cross serves as the advisor to the Installation Commander regarding PreK-12 education to ensure military-connected students are provided opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally as they face global educational challenges and transitions. As School Liaison, Dr. Cross collaborates with educational and community stakeholders to build an ecosystem for enhanced educational opportunities and partnerships.

Dr. Cross has been assigned to Hurlburt Field since September 2024. Prior to her assignment she was a public educator for twenty years. She has taught across the United States, as well as for Department of Defense Education Activity, Pacific East.



EDUCATION

1998 Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

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