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PURPLE STAR READINESS FOR SCHOOLS



Why should my school seek designation?

The Purple Star School designation is approved at the state level and reflects the schools and districts who have demonstrated prioritization of readiness to support the social-emotional challenges military-connected students face.

What does my school or district need to do to achieve the Purple Star School designation?

Each state has a specific designation granting body and application process. The program is still expanding nationally, so states are all in different stages of legislation and implementation. While MCEC does not designate Purple Star Schools, we are the National Advocate for the program and focus on education and readiness for schools seeking the designation through their state.

Step 1:

Research your state's designation status by utilizing interactive map on the MCEC website: [MilitaryChild.org/purplestarschools](https://militarychild.org/purplestarschools). You can also search on the Department of Education website.

Step 2:

Learn more by attending an MCEC Professional Development on Purple Star Readiness by emailing info@militarychild.org or call (254) 953-1923 Ext. 1146.

Step 3:

Once MCEC helps you to identify which areas of readiness you may need, we can assist with a variety of services and resources to support your school as you seek the initial designation and work toward recertification. You can find out more about all of the services we provide on the reverse page.

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MCEC Services and Resources for Purple Star Readiness

To earn the designation, schools or districts must meet some or all of the requirements captured below. MCEC can assist in the readiness of the Purple Star designation application with services and resources listed.

COMPONENT	FUNCTION	MCEC SUPPORTS
Point of contact for military students and families	Serves as the primary link between the school and military-connected families to assist with transitions in and out of the school	MCEC provides advanced educator professional development to these liaisons, and our Military Student Consultants (MSCs) are available for real-time answers and resources.
Dedicated website with resources for military families	Signals military support and inclusion to incoming families and centralizes critical transition information and resources	Recommendations for helpful resources to include: SchoolQuest[™] Resources on creating transfer-friendly websites
Student Transition Program	Assists incoming students to acclimate to a new campus and community with ongoing connections in the school	Student 2 Student[®] is a student-led ambassador program that promotes 100% acceptance
Professional Development for School Professionals	Cultivates awareness of and empathy for military-connected students while equipping all staff to support families and students	MCEC offers a range of Professional Development topics, Webinars, and Podcasts on military student transition challenges
Military Recognition Events	Honors and increases awareness of military-connected students, families, and staff to help families integrate into a new community	Month of the Military Child Toolkit and Parent Support programs



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