

Purple Star School of Distinction Application

The Florida Purple Star School of Distinction recognizes schools that have made a significant commitment to supporting military families and students of servicemen and women. Schools must meet specific requirements designed to support the unique needs facing military students and families.

In order to qualify for the Purple Star of Distinction Designation, school principals (or their designee) must complete this form certifying that all required criteria have been met. Completed applications must be submitted by September 30 of each school year to PurpleStarSchools@fldoe.org. The Purple Star School of Distinction will remain in effect for three years. After three years, schools must re-apply to maintain their Purple Star status.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School District:	
School Name:	
School MSID Number:	
Physical Address:	
Phone Number:	
Principal Name:	
Principal's Email:	
School Military Point of Contact (MPOC) Name:	
MPOC Email:	
MPOC Phone Number:	

Is this a charter school? Yes No

Is this a private school participating in an educational choice scholarship program under Chapter 1002, Florida Statutes? Yes No

PURPLE STAR SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must certify that all required criteria have been met by checking the corresponding boxes:

Military Point of Contact: The school has designated a school counselor, teacher, principal, or assistant principal as the Military Point of Contact (MPOC) for the school to serve as the central liaison with military families. The MPOC is responsible for assisting military families with student enrollment, records transfer, accessing services for students with disabilities, and accessing school- and community-based resources that are available in the district for military students and their families.

Military Webpage: The school has created and maintained a web page that is linked on the school's home page and includes the following information (all boxes must be checked):

- Transition planning for military families;
- Academic planning for military families;
- Resources and educational opportunities for military students;
- Information on the school's student-led transition program;
- Information exceptional student education services;
- Information on upcoming military recognition events; and
- Information on the mental health challenges facing military students, including ways to access school-based mental health services.

Transition Program: The school has a student-led transition program to assist military students coming into the school. The program includes a student serving as transition team coordinator; a military peer-support system linking new military students with others at the school within 2 weeks of arrival; and, a process for familiarizing new students with the school campus, including student leaders and upcoming events.

Professional Development: The applicant offers annual professional development to staff concerning how to identify and respond to the needs of military students and their families.

Open Enrollment: The school reserves at least 5% of controlled open enrollment seats, as defined in Section 1002.31, F.S., for military students.

Additional Activities: The school participates in at least three of the following activities (check at least three boxes):

- The school hosts at least one of the following annual military recognition events: Month of the Military Child, Month of the Military Family, Purple-Up! For Military Kids!, Veteran’s Day, Memorial Day;
- The district school board, or governing board in the case of a charter or private school, issues a resolution publicizing support for military students and families;
- The school partners with one or more military School Liaison Officers to provide opportunities for active-duty parents to volunteer at the school;
- The school maintains a public display recognizing service members, veterans, or military students and families;
- The school participates in a service project to connect the school with the military community, such as adopt-a-school, sending letters or care packages to deployed troops, or Yellow Ribbon events; and
- The school offers the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) program.

Acknowledgement: I hereby certify my school has completed the requirements to earn the Purple Star School of Distinction Designation as indicated above:

Name

Title (Principal or Designee)

Date

Name

Title (Superintendent or Designee)

Date