

The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern school building. It shows a wide, light-colored concrete staircase with metal railings. Several students are walking on the stairs; some are going up and some are coming down. They are dressed in casual clothing like t-shirts, hoodies, and jeans, and many are carrying backpacks. Large windows on the right side of the building let in bright, natural light, creating a clean and airy atmosphere.

Earning the Purple Star Campus Designation

October 24, 2023 | 2pm

- Jimmy Bowser, Ed.D., Highly Mobile State Coordinator
 - Highly Mobile & At-Risk Student Programs Division
- Background
 - 26th year of experience
 - Teacher, campus administrator, district-level administrator
 - Dept of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)
 - Military background: United States Marine Corps, Reserve



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- Introduction
- Purple Star Campus Designation Program
 - Authority
- Program Requirements
 - Campus-Based Liaison
 - Easily Accessible Website
 - Student-Led Transition Program
 - Professional Development for Staff
 - Military Student & Family Support Initiatives
- TXSchools.gov
- FAQ's
- Resources for support



Military-Connected Students

- Approximately 915,000 school-age DoD military dependents*
- School-age dependents of military personnel are faced with numerous transitions during their formative years
- On average, military children move 3x more often than civilian peers^
- Military dependents who move from one school to another during high school years are faced with special challenges to learning and future achievement
- Texas is home to 15 active-duty military installations and nearly 200,000 military-connected students

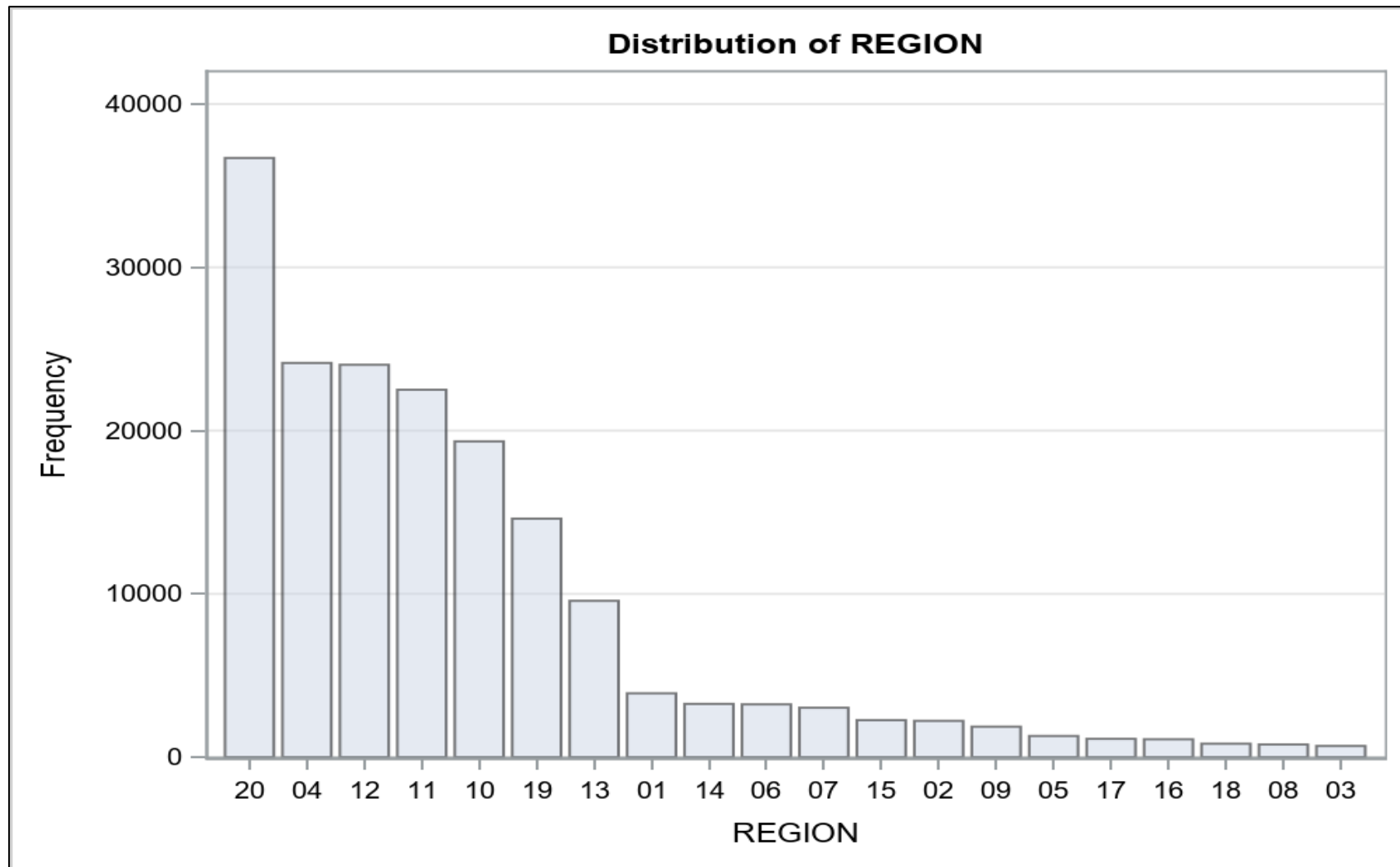
Sources:

^ [Revolving Doors: The Impact of Multiple School Transitions on Military Children](#)

* [2020 Demographics: Profile of the Military Community](#)

Military-Connected Students by ESC Region

REGION	AREA	M-C STUDENTS
20	San Antonio	36,696
4	Houston	24,142
12	Waco	24,034
11	Fort Worth	22,507
10	Richardson	19,344
19	El Paso	14,611
13	Austin	9,579
1	Edinburg	3,915
14	Abilene	3,265
6	Huntsville	3,237
7	Kilgore	3,032
15	San Angelo	2,273
2	Corpus Christi	2,226
9	Wichita Falls	1,870
5	Beaumont	1,301
17	Lubbock	1,126
16	Amarillo	1,101
18	Midland	827
8	Mount Pleasant	779
3	Victoria	691



**PEIMS Data 2021-22

Federal and Statutory Authority

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 2015 requires reporting of assessment data for military-connected students

TEC §25.006 requires LEAs to collect data on military-connected students (“Military Student Identifier or MSI”)

TEC §33.909 Purple Star Campus Designation

Effective 2020-21 School Year, Awarded Annually

TAC Title 19 Chapter 61FF [Commissioner’s Rule §61.1063](#)

Purple Star Campus Designation



- Created by 86th Legislature (SB 1577)
- Recognizes campuses for demonstrating support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families
- Effective 2020-21 school year – 4th year of program

Purple Star Campus Designation

- Criteria
 - Campus-based military liaison
 - Webpage for military-connected families
 - Student-led campus transition program
 - Professional development for staff
 - Participation in at least one of three initiatives to support military-connected students and families.
- Designation lasts for 2 years
- Congratulations to previous designees

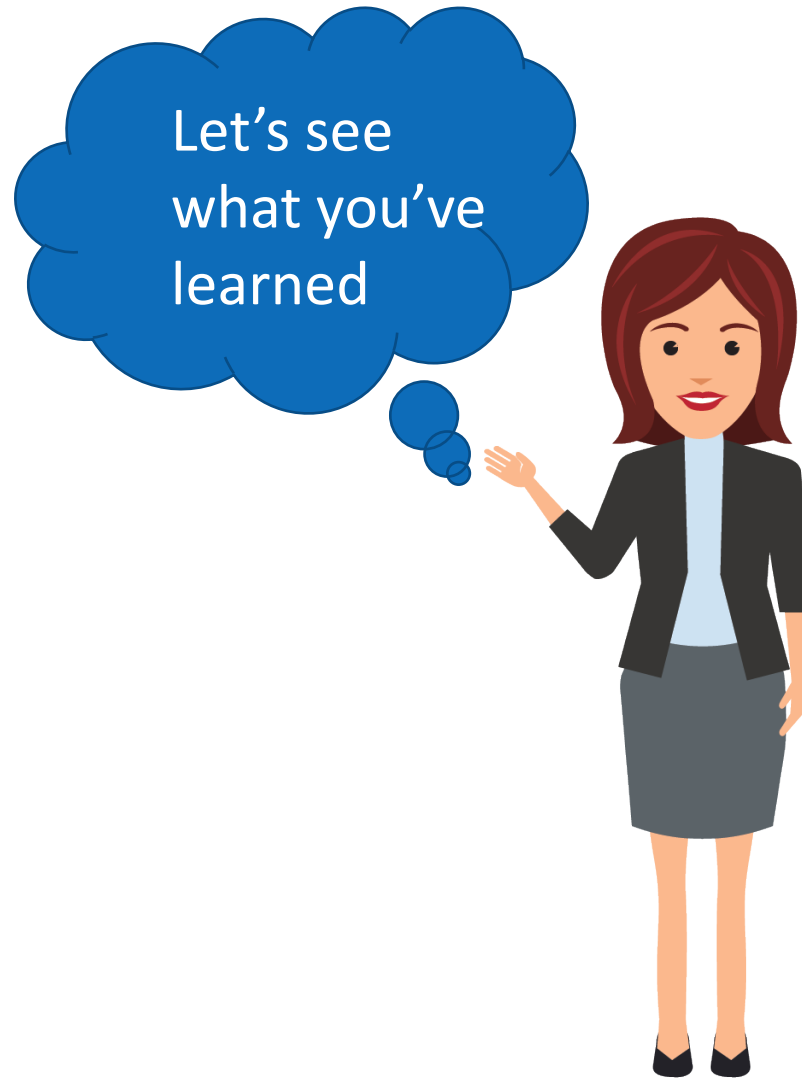


Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Designate **LEA staff member** as a military liaison
- Duties Include:
 - Identifying military-connected students enrolled and ensure PEIMS “military identifier” is correct;
 - Serve as POC between the campus and military-connected students and their families;
 - Determine appropriate campus services available to military-connected students; and
 - Assist in coordinating campus programs relevant to military-connected students



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Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Maintain an **easily accessible web page** that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including info regarding:
 - Relocation to, enrollment at registration at, and transferring records to the campus;
 - Academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available at the campus;
 - Counseling and other support services
 - Contact Information for campus-based liaison and the liaison's responsibilities





Welcome Military Families

NEISD welcomes our military families! We aim to provide support to our military families to help ease the challenges they face due to deployment and relocation. This page was created to provide you with valuable information to assist you.

North East ISD welcomes military families who have been transferred to a local military installation. Any parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, or are part of the reserve armed forces, may establish residence and enroll children in North East ISD.

Simply provide a copy of a military order requiring your transfer to a military installation in or adjacent to the district's attendance zone. The parent or guardian has up to 10 days of the arrival date specified in the order to provide North East ISD with proof of residence.

Thank you for choosing our community. Our aim is to support you and your children, ease into our community and schools. For your convenience we have collected here resources that you may find valuable.

Sample Internet Page - NEISD

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Bradley Middle School

6 - 8
GRADES

1186
ENROLLMENT

CAMPUS WEBSITE

CONTACT SCHOOL

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

PHONE
210-356-2600


LOCATION
14819 Helmer Road
San Antonio, TX 78232

PRINCIPAL
Brenda Cerroni

FAX
210-491-8314

PRINCIPAL EMAIL
bcerro@neisd.net

RECOGNITION



Bulverde Creek Elementary School

PK - 5
GRADES

1011
ENROLLMENT

CAMPUS WEBSITE

CONTACT SCHOOL

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

PHONE
210-407-1000


LOCATION
3839 Canyon Parkway
San Antonio, TX 78259

PRINCIPAL
Daryn Polanco

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PRINCIPAL EMAIL
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RECOGNITION



- Purple Star schools indicated with the logo listed as a “Recognition” for the campus
- District template individualized for each campus with campus-based information
- <https://www.neisd.net/schools>


Sample Internet Page – Socorro ISD



#TeamSISD


Socorro Independent School District **Leading • Inspiring • Innovating**

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Military Connect

- Welcome
- Contact Us
- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
- Military Family Events
- Things to Do in the El Paso Area
- Deployment
- Student Programs and Services
- Parent Involvement
- Academic Resources




SISD Military Connect


The Socorro Independent School District (SISD) is located on the far east side of the city of El Paso. SISD is one of the fastest-growing and most innovative school districts in Texas. We are educating over **47,200** students, which includes over **6,035** military-connected students. We proudly share with you that 45 out of our 49 state-of-the art schools are designated by the Texas Education Agency as **"Purple Star"** Campuses. We offer a multitude of programs for students from 3 years old to 12th grade. We understand and value your service to our nation and we are honored to serve you and your family here at Socorro ISD.




Adult Education



Elementary Academies



Free Online Tutoring



High School Advanced Programs

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Sgt. Roberto Ituarte Elementary

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- District Military Support

Welcome Military Families



Watch on  YouTube



[Purple Star Designated Campus](#)



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Military Liaison:

Kaila Berg
Phone: 915-937-7013
[Contact Kaila Berg](#)

The Military Family Liaison (MFL) is recognized as one of the strongest supports for addressing the social and emotional needs of military parents, families, and communities. The MFL's major duties and responsibilities:

- Integrate the Military child into the campus.
- Reports to the principal or his/her designees, on transitional issues for the parent or child.
- Communicates with principal, teachers, students and parents.
- Exercises emotional stability patience, tact and good judgement in all situations.
- Interact with students on campus.
- Models good oral language.
- Serves as a District advocate to the military community.
- Keeps the military leadership aware of district, family, and school issues.
- Advocates and provides program information and support to military families.
- Interacts with Military parents.
- Upholds and adheres to safety rules and policies of the SISD safety program.
- Supports the goals and objectives of the school district and follows all district policies.
- Demonstrates the ability to attend work on a regular and routine basis to avoid disruption to district operations.
- Performs other duties as determined through discussion with the supervisor.
- Provide optimal customer service to all students, employees, parents, community, members and any other stakeholders of the district.

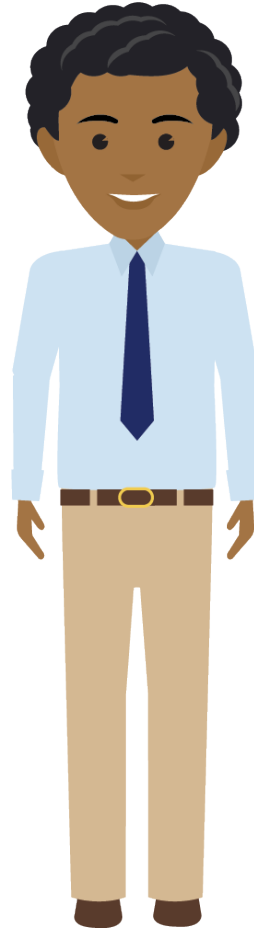
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Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Maintain a **transition program** (*led by students*) that assists military-connected students in transitioning to the campus
- Must be sponsored by a staff member, but does not have to be the campus-based military liaison
- Activities can include:
 - Tours of the campus
 - Walk student schedule
 - Lunch Buddy
 - Location/practice opening locker

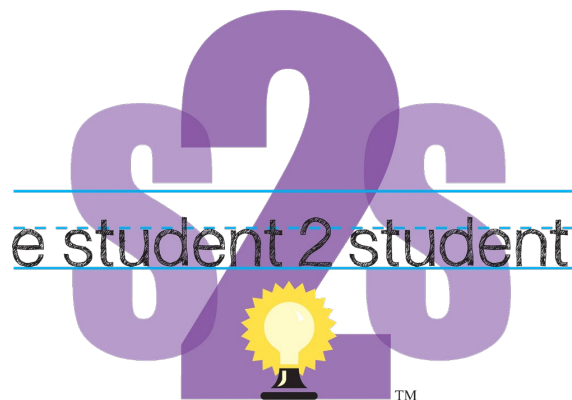


Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Activities can include (Con't):
 - Invitation to campus events and activities
 - Introduction to key members of the staff (e.g. principals, counselors, registrar, librarian, attendance clerk, etc.)
 - Operational orientation (e.g. how *to add money to lunch account, where to turn in absence notes, hall passes, bus and parent pick up/drop off, etc.)



Student Transition Programs



A Military Child Education Coalition® Initiative



Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Offer professional development for Staff members on issues related to military-connected students
- Can be done by campus-based military liaison, installation liaison or by a guest speaker from military advocacy group
- Topics may include:
 - Researched-based information on findings from studies of military-connected students;
 - Helping students build resilience



Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Topics may include (Con't):
 - Identifying and supporting students that struggle due to issues such as deployments or other areas that may cause separation
 - Becoming a Purple Star Campus
 - Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission or MIC³
 - Assisting military-connected students with college applications and other post-high school choices; and many, many more!



Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Offer at least one of the following initiatives:
 - A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families;
 - Recognition of the Month of the Military Child (April) or Military Family Appreciation Month (November) with relevant events hosted at the campus; or
 - A partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active-duty military members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.



Support for Military Students & Families

Lake Dallas ISD Board of Trustees Resolution for the Support of Military Children and Families

WHEREAS, our country owes the daily freedoms to the members of the Armed Forces, their family members and loved ones who share in their service, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the exceptional service, strength and character of military-connected students and families in Lake Dallas ISD Schools; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that military families face unique challenges due to deployment, reintegration, service in combat zones and frequent relocations based on duty assignments; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools affirms their commitment to providing the resources and programs to support military-connected students academically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools calls for the continued creation of opportunities for military families and community members to purposely partner with schools in supporting student achievement, aspirations and social-emotional development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools officially supports all military children and families; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools encourages all school staff and community members to initiate support and participate in appreciation activities designed to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected youth make in our nation's best interest; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes

LDISD Board President

LDISD Board Vice President

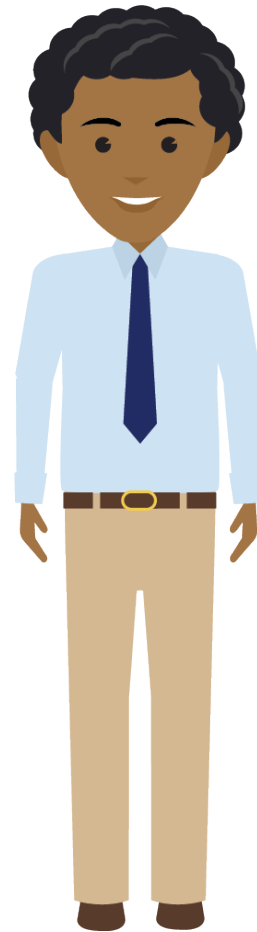
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- Resolution in support of military families
- Month of the Military Child (April)
- Military Family Appreciation Month (November)



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Purple Star Campus Designees Receive...



A letter from the Commissioner of TEA recognizing them as a Purple Star Campus



A virtual logo to use on the school's campus and webpage



A searchable designation on their TxSchools.gov profile

SY 2023-24 Purple Star Campuses Announced

SY 2023-24 Purple Star Campus Designations announced by Governor Abbott on 8/24

- 150 schools announced
- 13 ESCs (vs 10 last year)
- 44 ISDs (vs 29 last year)
- 54% recertification rate
- Granbury ISD (100% Purple Star Campuses!)
- [See the full list on our website](#)



SY 2023-24 Purple Star Campuses Announced

TEA TAA Letter



To the Administrator Addressed

Texas Education Agency

Commissioner Mike Morath

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DATE:	August 31, 2023
SUBJECT:	Purple Star Campus Designation Awardees SY 2023-24
CATEGORY:	Notice
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

Overview:

The Purple Star Campus Designation recognizes Texas school district and open-enrollment charter school campuses that show their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) accepted applications for the 2023-2024 school year from April 3, 2023, through June 2, 2023, for campuses to apply for the designation and demonstrate they have met the established criteria:

- Designating a campus-based military liaison;
- Creating and maintaining an easily accessible web page that includes information for military-connected students and their families;
- Implementing a campus transition program; and
- Offering at least one of the following initiatives:
 - A resolution showing support for military-connected students and families;
 - Participation in Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month; or
 - Partnership with a school liaison officer to encourage and provide opportunities for active-duty military members.

Customized Campus Award Letters



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Purple Star Campus Designation 2022-23 Award Letter

Date: September 22, 2022

Subject: Purple Star Campus Designation Award Announcement SY 2022-2023

Dear Dr. John Craft

The Texas Education Agency is pleased to announce that Killeen High School has fulfilled the criteria for earning the Purple Star Campus Designation for the 2022-2023 school year. This special designation, created by the 86th Texas Legislature through SB 1557, recognizes campuses for demonstrating support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. The designation is effective for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Applicants must have met the following eligibility criteria:

- Designate a campus-based military liaison;
- Create and maintain an easily accessible web page that includes information on military-connected students and their families;
- Must have a campus transition program; and
- Offer at least one of the following initiatives:
 - A resolution showing support for military-connected students and families;
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 - Partnership with a school liaison officer to encourage and provide opportunities for active-duty military members.

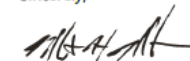
Recipients of the award receive the following:

- Purple Star recognition to display (See the attached documents).
- Purple Star designations will be featured on the TxSchools.gov web page.

To see the Purple Star Campus Designation rule in its entirety visit: 19.TAC.Chapter.61.School.Districts.Subchapter.FF.Commissioner's.Rules.Concerning.Veterans.and.Military.Dependents.Division.2.Military-Connected.Students.5.61.1063

For questions regarding the Purple Star Campus Designation, please contact Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Highly Mobile State Coordinator, in the Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division at militaryconnectedstudents@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education

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Grade Levels

Copperas Cove ISD Killeen ISD Select a District

School Rating
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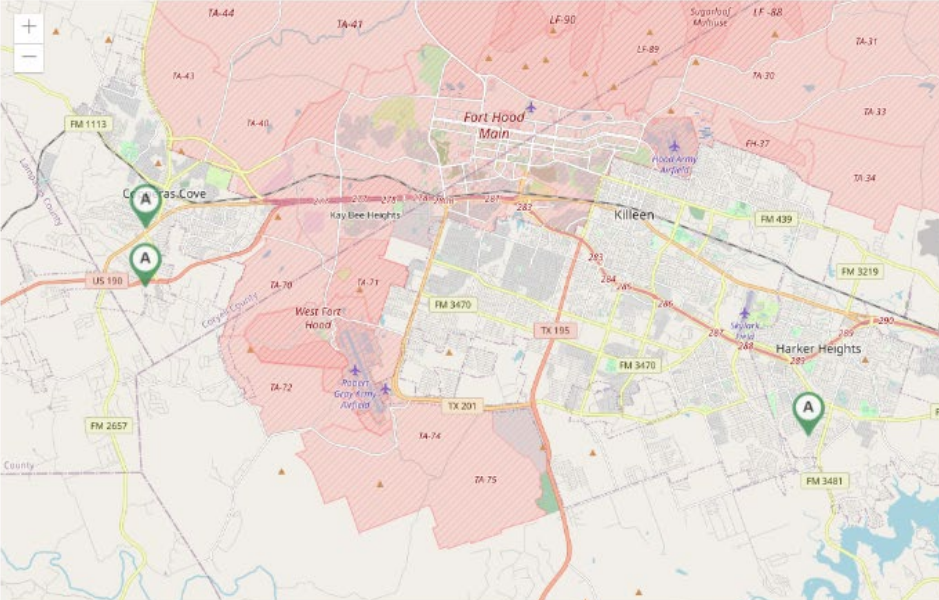
School Type
☐ Charter ☐ Traditional
Other School Type
☐ Online / Virtual School ☐ Alternative School
School Enrollment Type

School Designations
☒ Purple Star School ☐ Blue Ribbon School

CLEAR ALL SELECTIONS

Key
Each school receives a letter grade based on its overall performance.

A 90 - 100 B 80 - 89 C 70 - 79 Not Rated



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Filter by School Name

School Name	School District	Street Address	Grades Served	Overall Rating
Fairview/Miss Jewell Elem	Copperas Cove ISD	710 S 5th St, Copperas Cove, TX 76522	Kindergarten - Grade 5	A
Martin Walker Elem	Copperas Cove ISD	100 FM 3048, Copperas Cove, TX 76522	Kindergarten - Grade 5	A
Skipcha Elem	Killeen ISD	515 Prospector Trl, Harker Heights, TX 78548	Prekindergarten - Grade 5	A

- Search by ISD/Charter
- Several other filters
- Includes Purple Star filter



How to Apply

- Application posted late March 2024 on [TEA Purple Star campus designation website](#)
- *{Tentative} Application Window: [April 1, 2024 – June 7, 2024](#)
- Begin preparation activities and hosting events [NOW](#)
- Be sure to document activities
 - Pictures from events

How to Apply

- Be sure to document activities
 - Screenshots from social media posts, website posts, emails, proclamations, etc.
 - PDFs of presentations (staff development), sign in pages, flyers, banners, posters, etc.
- Upload videos to YouTube, Vimeo, or other web-based video hosting site
- Create a binder or electronic portfolio that can be passed on in case there is a change in campus-based liaison position

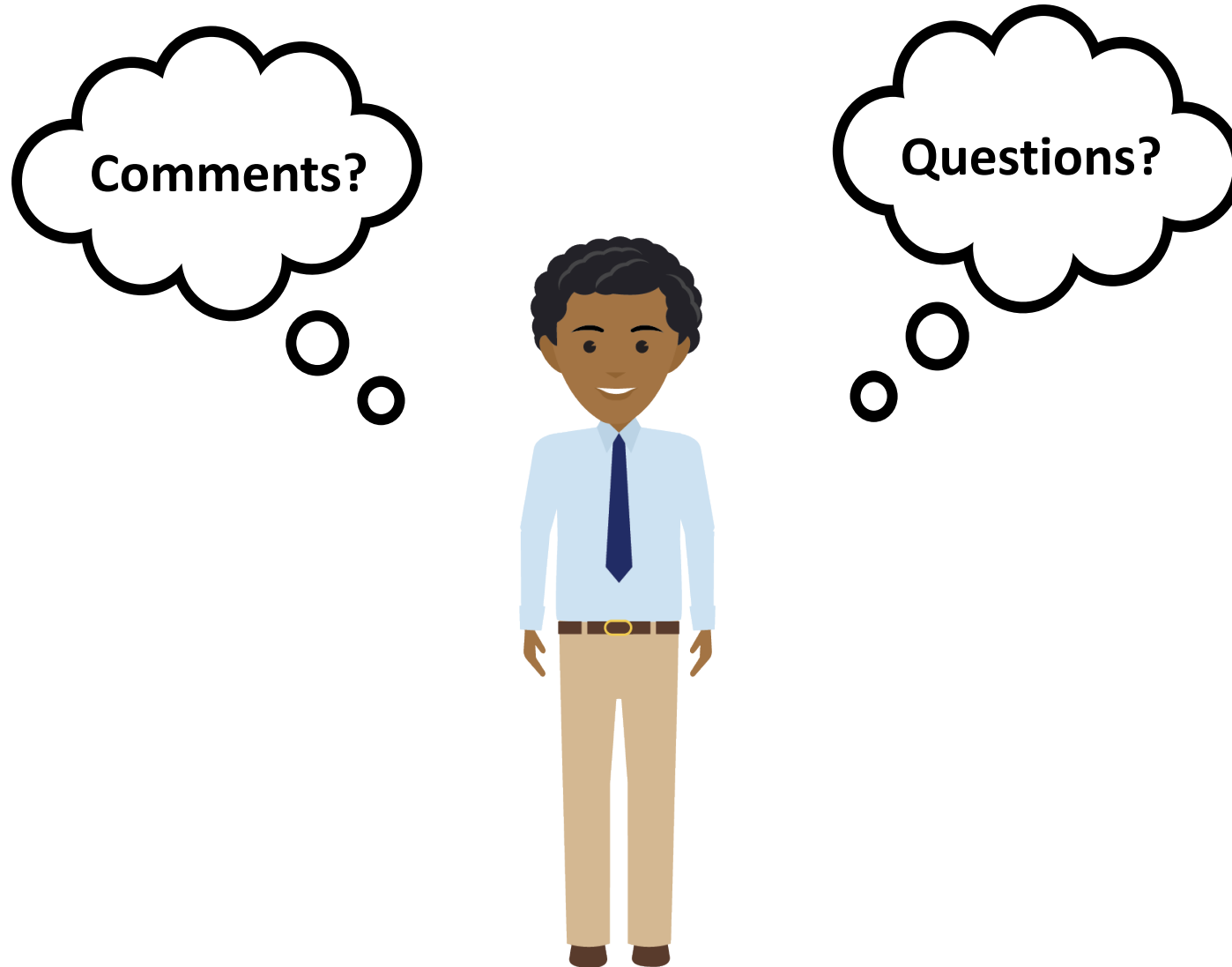
Frequently Asked Questions

- Does the campus-based liaison have to be an employee of the school district? Answer = YES
- Can I work with my school district to help create my easily-accessible website? Answer = YES, however your campus-based site must list the contact information and responsibilities for your campus liaison.
- What is the best way to submit collected evidence? Answer: Host videos on YouTube, Vimeo, etc. Post other forms of evidence as PDFs. Yes, these can be hosted or stored in Google Folder.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How soon can I expect to know if our application has been approved to earn the Purple Star Campus designation? Answer = August 2023
- If I notice a mistake after I submit my application or I have questions before submitting my application, who do I contact? Answer = You can send an email to militaryconnectedstudents@tea.texas.gov.
- What resources are available to assist with completing my application? Answer: Some resources are currently available on our Purple Star Campus designation website. Other resources will be added in Fall 2023/Spring 2024.

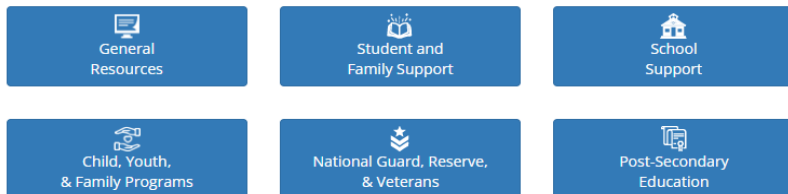
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Key Resources and Supports

1) Students, Families & Schools Support

Military-Connected Student and Family Resources



Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission MIC3

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Military Compact) exists to strengthen transitions and close educational gaps as military families and their children move to a new school district in another state.

[Learn More](#)

Purple Star Campus Designation

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[Learn More](#)

[View 2022-23 Awardees](#)



[Military-Connected Website](#)

2) MCEC Purple Star Support Page

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

Purple Star Schools: Your Questions Answered

- ✓ What is a Purple Star School?
- ✓ How does your state start a Purple Star Program?
- ✓ What are the requirements for a Purple Star School?
- ✓ Why does America need Purple Star Schools?
- ✓ How does a Purple Star School program help meet state obligations?
- ✓ MCEC Purple Star School contact and resources for starting a Purple Star School program.
- ✓ Purple Star Schools in the News

★ Purple Star Schools. Take the Step. ★

[MCEC Purple Star Website](#)

3) Military One Source Purple Star

MILITARY
STATE POLICY
SOURCE



DISCUSSION POINTS

Discussion Points for
Purple Star Schools
Program



BEST PRACTICES

Purple Star Schools
Program Best Practices

[Military One Source Page](#)



Military Family Resources



- Dr. Jimmy Bowser
 - Highly Mobile State Coordinator
- militaryconnectedstudents@tea.texas.gov
- tea.texas.gov/mil
- Sign-up for TEA Military Newsletter here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new>

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