



Hot Topic: Purple Star Campus

Definition

Originally the idea of a MIC3 Commissioner from Ohio, Pete LuPiba, the Purple Star Campus program seeks to recognize exemplary schools that support military-connected children. States are developing their own programs with seven states currently participating: Ohio, Virginia, Arkansas, *South Carolina*, *Texas* (in development through legislation [Texas SB1557](#)), *Tennessee*, and *Georgia* (under the Military Flagship Schools program).

MCEC recommends all states adopt a statewide program that recognizes school campuses that support military-connected students by having them meet the following minimum requirements:

1. School must have a staff point of contact for military students and families. The POC serves as the primary link between the military family and the school. The individual could be a counselor, administrator, teacher or another staff member.
2. School maintains a dedicated page on its website featuring information and resources for military families. (Use the VA model)
3. School maintains a student led transition program to include a student transition team coordinator.
4. School provides professional development for additional staff on special considerations for military students and families

How Can you Help?

As you interact with schools, districts and administrators, advocate for the Purple Star designation. Point out the great ways they're already assisting military families. Remind them of the MCEC programs that align with the requirements and encourage them to become a Purple Star Campus, especially in SC, TX and GA.

FAQs

What questions are you hearing from the field about Purple Star Campuses?

For more information and a link to a list of schools for Ohio, Virginia, South Carolina and Arkansas:
<https://www.niche.com/blog/what-is-a-purple-star-school/>

Texas

https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Other_Services/Military_Family_Resources

Tennessee

<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-/pssa.html>

Georgia

<https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/communications/Pages/PressReleaseDetails.aspx?PressView=default&pid=658>

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https://www.militarychild.org/upload/files/OTM%20PDF/WEBSITE_OTM_Fall_2019_Transition.pdf