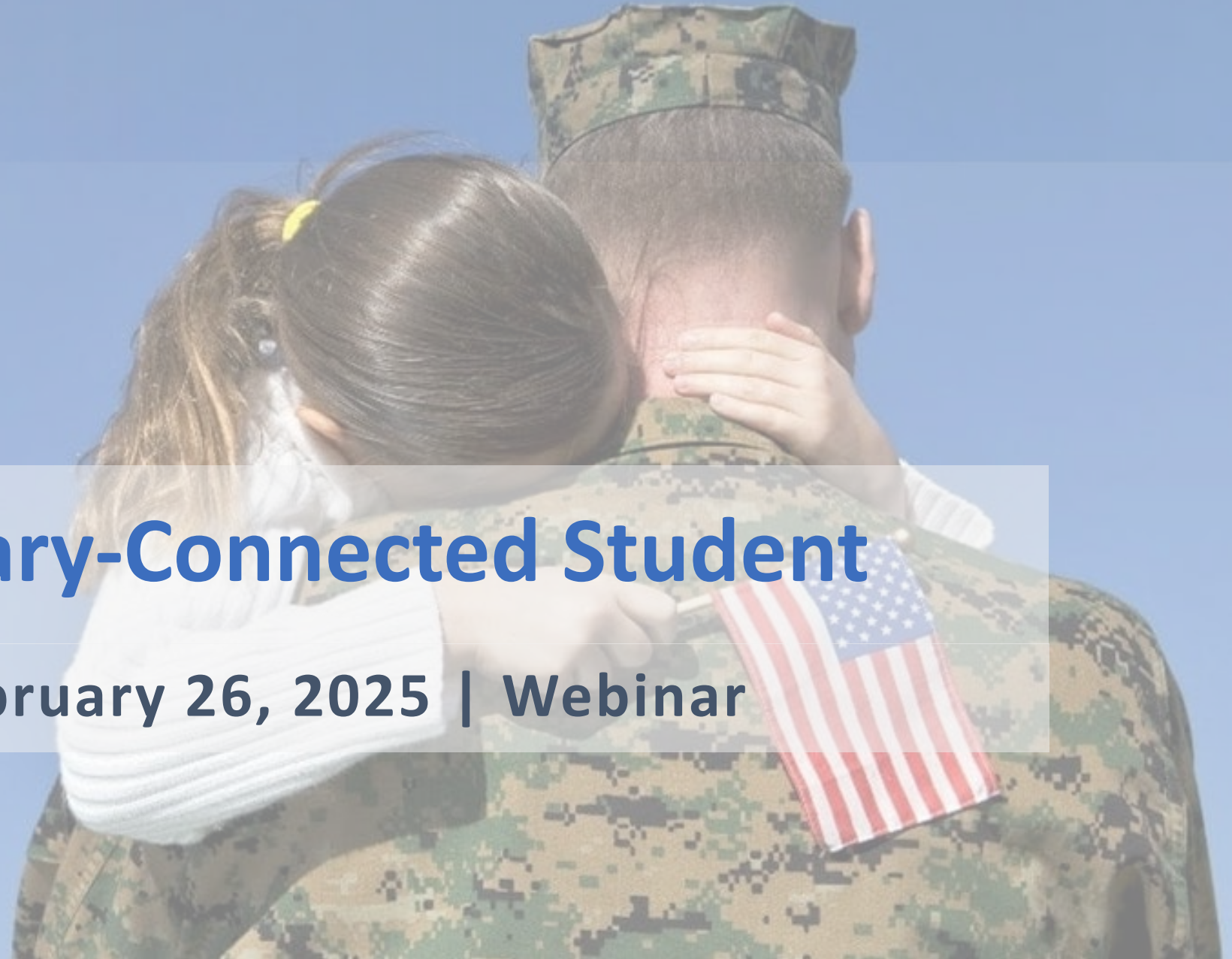


Military-Connected Student

February 26, 2025 | Webinar



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Objectives and Agenda

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- Welcome
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- Changes over the years

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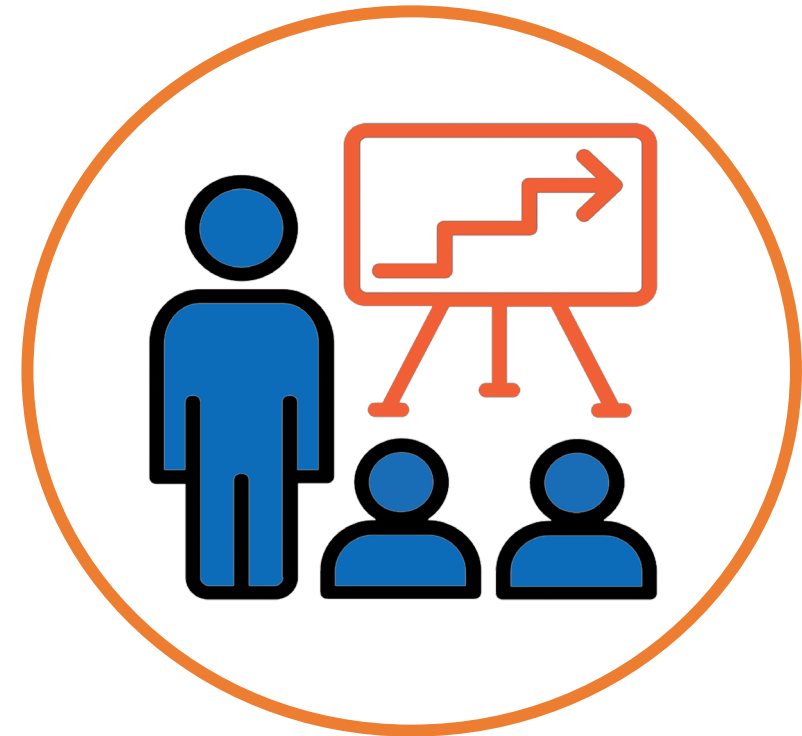
Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD)

- Application Process
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- Upcoming Trainings

- 1) Please use the Zoom's **Q&A** feature to submit **questions** during the presentation.
- 2) The **chat** feature is turned on so the audience can provide **input and receive** live links throughout the presentation.
- 3) The video **recording** of today's presentation will be **posted** on the **HMAR Webinar Webpage** under **Military-Connected Student Programs**.
- 4) We are unable to make the power point available in advance. Thank you for your understanding!



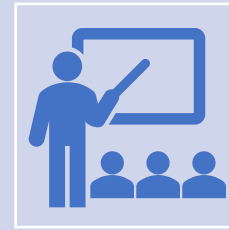
PEIMS Coding



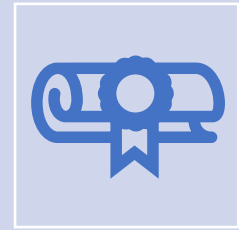
Why Identify Military-Connected Students?



THE 'EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT' (ESSA, 2015) REQUIRES LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES TO **IDENTIFY MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS** AS A UNIQUE SUBGROUP



THEIR **PROGRESS ON STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS** MUST BE REPORTED ANNUALLY ALONG WITH OTHER HIGHLY MOBILE GROUPS



IN TEXAS AND OTHER STATES, MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS ARE IDENTIFIED USING A **MILITARY STUDENT IDENTIFIER (MSI)**

Who Are Our Military-connected Students?

- TEC §25.006(d) - “Military-connected student” means a student enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school who:
 - (1) is a dependent of a current or former member of:
 - the United States military;
 - the Texas National Guard; or
 - a reserve force of the United States military; or
 - (2) was a member of a military or reserve force described by Subdivision (1) who was killed in the line of duty



Capturing the Military Student Identifier in PEIMS (C197)

Students identified as a military-connected student are captured in PEIMS using one of six “military identifier” codes

Table ID	Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C197	MilitaryConnectedStudent	08/01/2013	09/01/2023
Descriptor	Short Description	Long Description	
1	KG-12 Dependent Active-Duty US Military	Student in grade KG – 12 is a dependent of an active-duty member of the United States military	
2	KG-12 Dependent Current Member of TX National Guard	Student in grade KG – 12 is a dependent of a current member of the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard)	
3	KG-12 Dependent Current Member Reserve Force US Military	Student in grade KG – 12 is a dependent of a current member of a reserve force in the United States military	
4	PK Dependent Active-Duty US Military Or Reserve, Killed On Active Duty	<p>Prekindergarten student is:</p> <p>1) a dependent of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority, or</p> <p>2) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.</p> <p>Note: A student remains eligible for enrollment if the child's parent leaves the armed forces or is no longer on active duty after the child begins a prekindergarten class.</p>	
5	KG-12 Dependent Former US Military, TX National Guard, Reserve US Military	<p>Student in grade KG – 12 is a dependent of a former member of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the United States military - the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard) - a reserve force in the United States military 	
6	KG-12 Dependent Military Or Reserve US Military Killed In Line Of Duty	Student in grade KG – 12 was a dependent of a member of a military or reserve force in the United States military who was killed in the line of duty	

Use the CHAT function:



- How is your LEA capturing MSI data?
- What additional information is needed from this example below?

Please fill out the following form, sign, and return to the campus for your KG-12th grade student

Military Connected Student

- Student is a dependent of a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard on Active Duty
- Student is a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard)
- Student is a dependent of a member of a reserve force in the United States military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard)
- None of the above

Here is a sample **paper** military student identifier questionnaire from **Houston ISD**



MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT SURVEY

All information **MUST** be completed by parent, school personnel or community liaison.

School _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Student Name _____ HISD ID# _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The State of Texas requires schools to collect data relating to the enrollment of military-connected students. This collection is done to allow educational institutions the ability to monitor critical elements of education success for children who are dependents of military personnel and show the state's commitment to military personnel and their children.

For students in grades Kindergarten through 12:

1. Is the student a dependent of an active-duty member of the United States military?
 Yes No
2. Is the student a dependent of a current member of the Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard)?
 Yes No
3. Is the student a dependent of a current member of a reserve force in the United States military?
 Yes No

For pre-kindergarten students only:

4. Is the student a dependent of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority or who was injured or killed while serving on active duty?
 Yes No

For students in grades Kindergarten through 12:

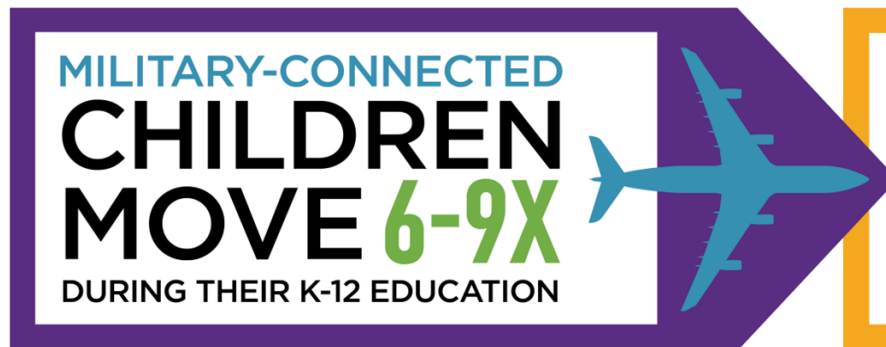
5. Is the student a dependent of a former member of the following: the United States military, the Texas National guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard), or a reserve force in the United States military?
 Yes No
6. Is the student a dependent of a member of a military or reserve force in the United States military who was killed in the line of duty?
 Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the questions above, district personnel will contact you to provide additional information. Please complete the following information:

Parent/Guardian	Home Address	Telephone Number

Military-Connected Students

- Texas is home to 15 active-duty military installations and over 213,000 military-connected students (2nd most nationally)
- 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



Military-connected children move and change schools **3 TIMES more often than their civilian peers.**

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



Texas has the **second highest number** of identified military-connected students in the nation with **nearly 215,000** attending public and open-enrollment charter schools.



Source: PEIMS 2023-24

Military-Connected Students

The Military Student Identifier:

Texas Education Code

Districts and open-enrollment charter schools are required to collect the military student identifier (MSI). This includes active duty, National Guard, and a reserve force.



TEC § 25.006

2013-2014 School Year

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

All 50 states are required to collect the military student identifier (MSI) for active duty only.



December 2015

The 86th Texas Legislature - SB 1557

New PEIMS indicator codes. Students with a parent/guardian who:

1. Are veterans.
2. A member in the U.S. military or reserve force who have fallen in the line of duty.



TEC § 25.006

2019-2020 School Year

Strengthening Military Student Identification (MSI)

Texas Education Code §25.006 requires districts and open-enrollment charter schools to collect data to identify their military-connected student population and submit to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Students in K-12th grade:

- Student is a dependent of a current member of one of the following:
 - U.S. military;
 - Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard); or A
 - reserve force.
- Student is a dependent of a former member of one of the following:
 - U.S. military;
 - Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard); or A
 - reserve force.
- Student was a dependent of a member of the U.S. military or reserve force who has fallen in the line of duty.

Prekindergarten students:

- A dependent of an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who is ordered to active duty by proper authority.
- A dependent of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who was injured or has fallen in the line of duty.

FAQs

- **What are the benefits of identifying students as military-connected?**
District and open-enrollment charter schools will be able to appropriately link military connected students and their families to resources, services, and laws (MIC) they are eligible for because of their active-duty status.
- **What are a school's requirements for collecting military student identifier (MSI) data?**
Districts and open-enrollment charter schools must include the military student identifier question in their student enrollment packet.
- **Does the parent/guardian need to provide proof of their military status?**
Verification of military status is not required for the purposes of the military student identifier. Verification may be required if the school has a special program for which there is an eligibility requirement, such as state-funded prekindergarten. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools should not make copies of Department of Defense (DoD) identification cards.
- **How does the military student identifier (MSI) in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) differ from the Federal Impact Aid Survey?**
PEIMS allows the TEA to collect data from districts and open-enrollment charter schools regarding their military connected student population, also known as the military student identifier (MSI). Districts and open-enrollment charter schools may choose to apply for Impact Aid funds based on the number of military-connected students; however, the collection of the Impact Aid survey is not connected to the PEIMS military student identifier. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools should ensure they are collecting the PEIMS military student identifier through their enrollment process.



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Data Reports



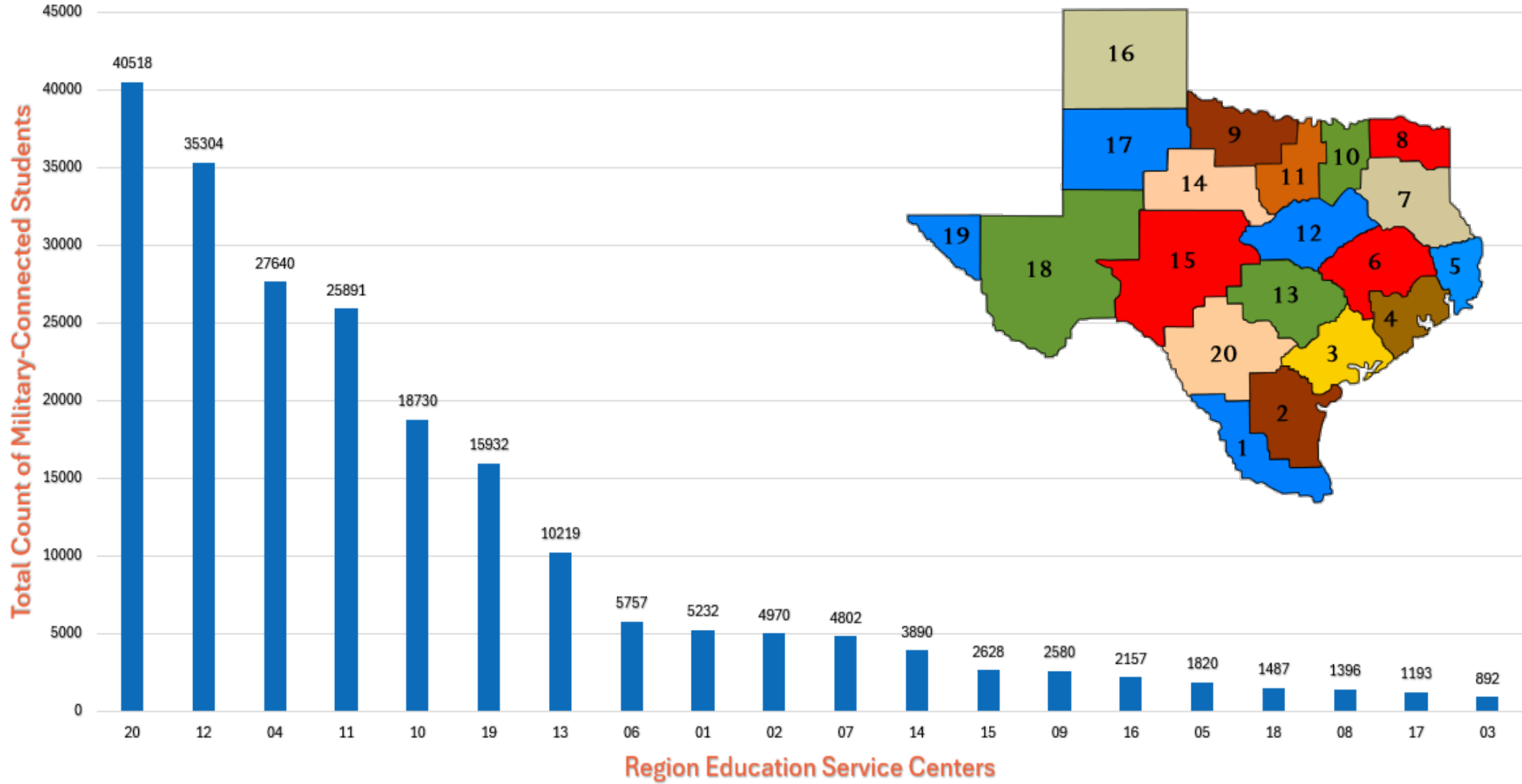
SY 2024 Military-Connected Students by ESC Region

REGION	AREA	M-C STUDENTS
20	San Antonio	40,518
12	Waco	35,304
04	Houston	27,640
11	Fort Worth	25,891
10	Richardson	18,730
19	El Paso	15,932
13	Austin	10,219
06	Huntsville	5,757
01	Edinburg	5,232
02	Corpus Christi	4,970
07	Kilgore	4,802
14	Abilene	3,890
15	San Angelo	2,628
09	Wichita Falls	2,580
16	Amarillo	2,157
05	Beaumont	1,820
18	Midland	1,487
08	Mount Pleasant	1,396
17	Lubbock	1,193
03	Victoria	892

- This table shows the number of military-connected students by ESC Region listed in descending order.
- Some areas with large military-connected populations are not near a military installation but are near an ESC.
- Partnering with ESCs could help bridge the knowledge gap between TEA and LEAs.

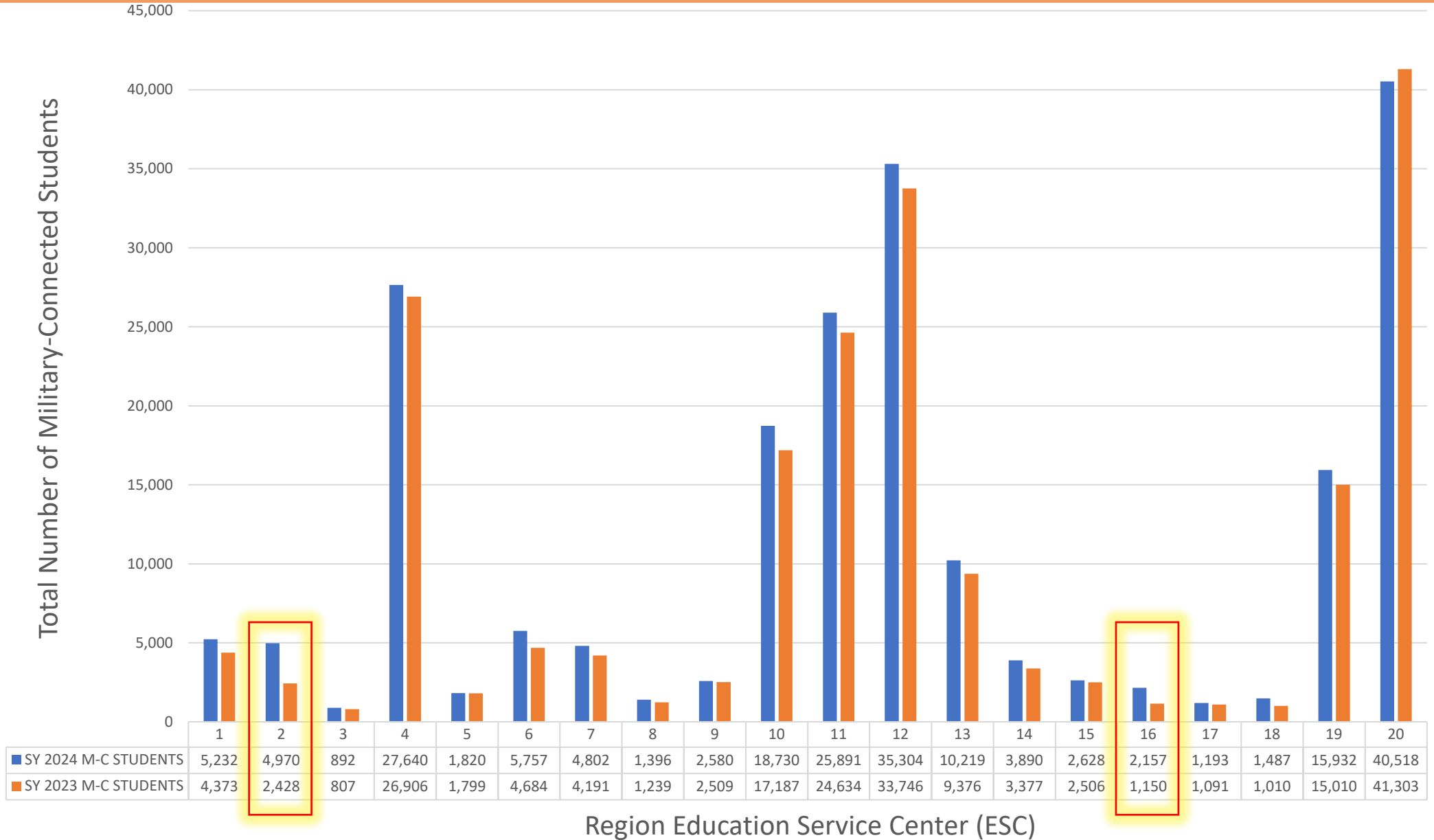
**Based on SY 2023-24 Fall PEIMS (October Snapshot) submission data*

2024 SY Military-Connected Student Distribution by ESC Region



Based on SY 2023-24 Fall PEIMS (October Snapshot) submission data

SY 2023 & 2024 Military-Connected Students by ESC Region

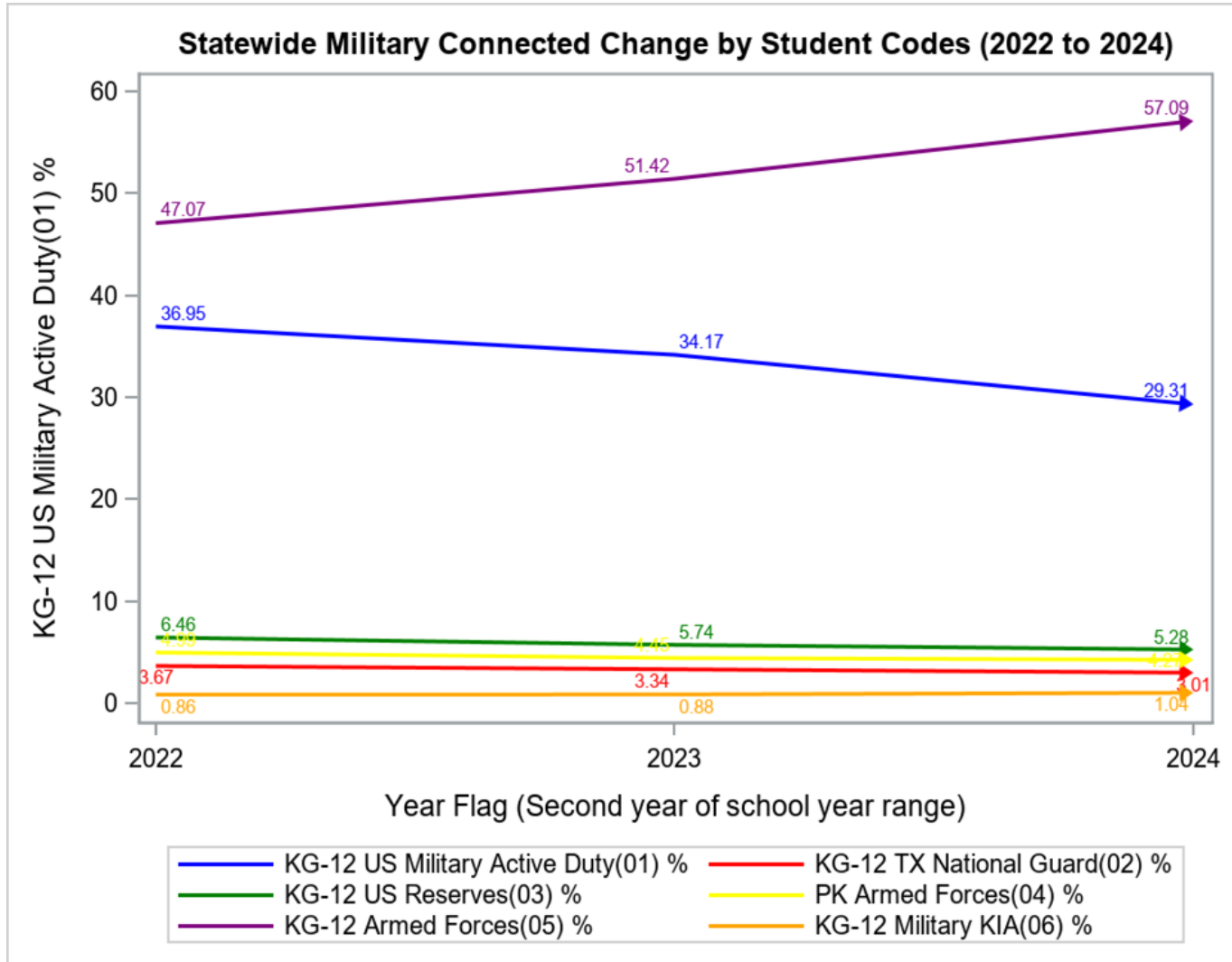


Military Student Identifier SY 2022 - 2024



Military Status (PEIMS Code)	2022	2023	2024
Active Duty in US Military (1)	65,236	68,103	62,436
TX National Guard (2)	6,476	6,665	6,415
Reserve Force (3)	11,404	11,440	11,248
Pre-K (4)	8,817	8,878	9,102
Veteran (5)	83,112	102,483	121,629
Fallen in the Line of Duty (6)	1,514	1,757	2,208
Total MCS	176,556	199,326	213,038

Change Over Time in Statewide PEIMS MSI Rates



- 1** Dependent of a current member on Active-Duty in US Military
- 2** Dependent of current member of National Guard
- 3** Dependent of current member of Reserve Force in US Military
- 4** Applies to Pre-K only – Dependent of member of active duty or state guard or reserve forces called to active duty under Title 10 and/or was killed or injured in the line of duty while on active orders
- 5** Dependent of former member of US Military, Guard or Reserve Force in US Military
- 6** Dependent of member of military or reserve force in US military killed in the line of duty

- PEIMS Codes 1-4 were created as a requirement of Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Codes 5 and 6 were added as a result of state law to expand the definition of military-connected students to include these two additional categories.

FAQs



Frequently Asked Questions #1-2

What are the benefits of identifying students as military-connected (Military Student Identifier or MSI)?

- School districts and open-enrollment charter schools will be able to appropriately link military connected students and their families to resources, services, and laws ([MIC3](#)) that they are eligible for because of their active-duty or veteran status.

What are a school's requirements for collecting military identifier data?

- School districts and open-enrollment charter schools must include the military student identifier questions (Codes 1-6) in their student enrollment packet.

Does the parent/guardian need to provide proof of their military status?

- Verification of military status is not required for the purposes of the military student identifier.
- Verification may be required if the school has a special program for which there is an eligibility requirement, such as state-funded prekindergarten.
- School districts and open-enrollment charter schools, should not make copies of Department of Defense (DoD) identification cards.

How does the military connected student identifier in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) differ from the Federal Impact Aid Survey?

- The MSI and the Federal Impact Aid Survey are not connected in PEIMS
- The [Impact Aid Law \(Title VII of ESEA\)](#) allows local school districts to apply for financial assistance if the school district's boundaries include federal land, including Indian lands, that are otherwise exempt from school district tax rolls

What's Next? (Call to Action)

Talk to your school leaders about the federal and state law requirements to collect data on the Military Student Identifier (MSI)

- How is this collected during the enrollment process?
- Is the MSI questionnaire easy to understand so it doesn't confuse parents?

Does every military-connected student have a MSI code (C197)?

- Yes, all military-connected students should have a code 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6

If the parent selects PEIMS code #6 (service member killed in action), does your campus have a process in place for counseling services?

- Campus counseling departments should provide services for every student who has lost a parent for any reason.

Purple Star Campus (PSCD)



Purple Star Campus Designation – High Level



- Recognizes campuses for demonstrating support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.
- Created by 86th Legislature (SB 1577)
- TEC §33.909 Purple Star Campus
- Began 2020-21 school year
- TEA has awarded 5 years of PSCD
- Awarded annually each Fall

- **Criteria:**
 - Campus-based military liaison
 - Professional development for staff
 - Webpage for military families
 - Student-led campus transition program
 - Participation in at least one of three initiatives to support military-connected students and families
- Designation lasts 2 years
- Campuses must re-apply for the designation
- Currently, there are 692 Purple Star Campuses



Congratulations to the 2024-25 Purple Star Campus Designations awardees!

- **542** campuses awarded the designation – release 9/19/24
- **202%** increase from 2023-24 PSCD; **72%** of awardees are earning PSCD for the first time.
- [2024-25 SY List of Awardees](#)
- [To The Administrator Addressed \(TAA\)](#) – 9/19/24



Purple Star Campus Designation for the 2024-25 School Year

Region ESC	LEAs	Campuses Awarded
1	5	36
2	7	24
3	1	1
4	5	35
5	1	3
6	1	7
7	1	2
8	1	1
9	1	5
10	3	8
11	5	8
12	5	48
13	2	11
14	2	9
15	2	7
16	0	0
17	1	1
18	0	0
19	8	117
20	15	219
TOTAL	66	542



SY 2025-26 Purple Star Campus Designation

- Application window for 2025-26 SY
 - April 4th – June 6th
- PSCD Spring Interest Meeting
 - March 19 @1:00-2:00 PM CST
 - [Registration Link](#)
- Office Hours (To be scheduled)
- Application Training (TBD)

Purple Star Campus Designation



TEA will begin accepting applications for the SY 2025-26 school year in mid/late Spring 2025.

Purple Star Campus Designation Application Interest Meeting | March 19, 2025 @ 1:00 PM | [Registration Link](#)

How to Apply

The Purple Star Campus Designation application for the 2025–26 school year will be open in Spring 2025. Purple Star Campus awardees will be announced in Fall 2025. More information will be forthcoming.

SY 2025-26 Purple Star Campus Application Information

- 25-26 PSCD Application Interest Meeting: March 19, 2025 @ 1:00 PM | [Registration Link](#)
- *More information to come soon.*

Relevant Tools and Resources

- PSCD [Application Overview and Checklist](#) (PDF)
- PSCD [Application Guide](#) (PDF)
- PSCD Campus Self-Assessment: [Application Rubric](#) (PDF)
- PSCD [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)
- PSCD [Annual Calendar and Timeline Recommendations](#) (PDF)
- Commonly used key terms, definitions, and acronyms for educators supporting military-connect students and families (PDF)
- Supporting Military-Connected Students: [Professional Development Resources and Tools](#)
- Texas Law and Policy Requirements to Support Military-Connected Students (PDF)
- PSCD [Campus Transition Program Best Practices](#)
- PSCD [Military Initiatives](#)
- PSCD [Webpage Requirements for Military Families](#)

Previously Recorded PSCD Application Webinars

- 24-25 PSCD Application Webinar: [Presentation](#) (PDF) | [Recording](#) (held on February 20, 2024)



Purple Star Rise



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How to access Purple Star Rise

FREE

Two ways to access:

- Search "Purple Star Rise" in [TEA Learn Homepage](#); or
- Direct Link: [Purple Star Rise](#)

1. When you find the course, select '**Enroll**'



Purple Star Rise
Ends Mar 1, 2026
3 credits
[Enroll](#)

- If you do NOT have a TEA Learn account: **Register as new user**
- If you already have a TEA Learn account: **Sign In**

2. Then Select '**Enroll in Course**'



TEA **MCEC**
Purple Star Rise
Course Ends Mar 1, 2026
[Enroll in Course](#)

Overview: Purple Star Rise TEA Learn Course

- To assist LEAs in **implementing effective** Purple Star Campus programs.
- Resources, tools, videos, and asynchronous professional development training modules to **strengthen** Purple Star in Texas.
 - **Introductions:** Purple Star Campus Overview
 - **Module 1:** Purple Star Campus Designation
 - **Module 2:** Campus-Based Military Liaison
 - **Module 3:** Webpage for Military Family
 - **Module 4:** Campus Transition Program
 - **Module 5:** Military Initiatives
 - **Course Conclusion:** CPE Certificate





Purple Star Rise Modules Outline

Each content module was designed to build upon each other as information is presented to the learner. Format is aligned across the entire course.

- Module Overview and Objectives
- Targeted Content Aligned to the Module Focus
- Summary and Key Insights of the Module
- Check for Understanding
- Vetted Resources Aligned to the Module

10 unique tools were developed for Purple Star Rise to serve LEAs

Helpful Resources – PSCD Application Support

Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) Application Overview & Checklist

This document provides PSCD criteria and a program checklist, offering concise guidance and details for schools aiming to attain the Purple Star Campus Designation. Use this document with the [PSCD Self-Assessment Application Rubric](#) to ensure the successful implementation, evaluation, continuous improvement and sustainability of the Purple Star Campus Designation on your campus.

Purple Star Campus Designation Application Guide

The purpose of this guide is to provide a high-level overview of the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) application and key tips, resources, and reminders for successfully submitting your campus's application and supporting military-connected students within your local education agency (LEA). The

Purple Star Campus Application Rubric



Purple Star Campuses must meet **all** requirements listed in [19 TAC § 61.1063](#). This rubric is intended to inform Purple Star Campus Designation candidates how their application will be evaluated against these requirements. Campus activities must be clearly articulated and supported by evidence. Please utilize this document as a guide when completing your application to ensure the quality of your submission meets the expectations set forth by TEA.

Note: Applications will not be graded on a scale. The overall determination of awards is contingent on TEA's final review. The purpose of this rubric is to allow campuses to self-assess the quality of their applications. Applicants are responsible for submitting detailed information to ensure TEA is able to make accurate determinations.

	Developing	Satisfactory	Exemplary
Scoring Key	Does not meet the criterion	Meets the criterion	Meets the criterion

- PSCD Application Overview & Checklist ([PDF](#))
- PSCD Application Guide ([PDF](#))
- PSCD Application Rubric ([PDF](#))

Helpful Resources - FAQs and Annual Timelines

PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) recognizes Texas district and open-enrollment school campuses that show their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. Below are answers to common questions TEA receives during the application period to support local education agencies (LEAs) as they work on their Purple Star applications.

For more information on the application process, established criteria, and timeline, please visit [Texas Education Agency Purple Star Campus Designation website](#). The current year's application window is posted.

Q1: Does the campus-based military liaison have to be an employee of the local school district?

A1: Yes. All campus-based military liaisons need to be an employee of the LEA. See the [Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 61, §61.1063](#).

Q2: Is it important to consult with my district webmaster to establish and regularly update the campus webpage for military families?

Purple Star Campus Annual Calendar and Timeline Recommendations

This document provides key considerations and recommendations for the campus-based military liaison to guide monthly and annual planning for the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD). The exemplary practices, lessons learned, and practical application examples below are from successful Purple Star Schools across Texas. Use in combination with the [PSCD Application Self-Assessment Rubric](#) to identify opportunities for continuous improvement and to strengthen program implementation for the following school year.



Use this resource to accompany the *Purple Star Rise* course, modules 1-5.

AUGUST: Upon receiving the Purple Star Campus Designation

1. **Publish** the TEA Purple Star Campus Designation Awardee announcements on the campus military family webpage.
2. **Promote** the campus and/or district resolution to increase leader awareness.

- PSCD [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)
- PSCD [Annual Calendar and Timeline Recommendations](#) (PDF)

Purple Star Campus Support (PSC Designees Only) Professional Learning Community & Office Hours

Save the Dates



Professional Learning Community (PLC)

Three sessions offered
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. CST

- January 29, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- May 21, 2025

Register Here! To register for this series, open the camera app on your mobile phone and hover over the QR code, or click here:



REGISTER

Office Hours

Three sessions offered
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CST

- February 5, 2025
- March 26, 2025
- May 28, 2025

Register Here! To register and speak to an MSC, open the camera app on your mobile phone and hover over the QR code, or click here:



REGISTER



The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce a free, specialized professional development opportunity for Purple Star Campus Designees (PSCD). This is the first time the agency has provided intentional training and coaching support for campuses who've earned the PSCD. TEA, in collaboration with the Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC™), is proud to offer a 3-part Professional Learning Community series, that includes professional development and Purple Star office hours to strengthen support for campuses who are implementing PSCD. The PLC will take place in the second half of the 24-25 school year, January through May 2025.

Professional Learning Community (PLC) is a great way for educators to collaborate with and tap into a network of peers and partners to support military-connected students. This new PLC is designed for school professionals and educators at campuses across Texas that have earned the PSCD. Each PLC is unique, so plan to attend all three! During each session, you will be presented with a 15- to 20-minute lesson on best practices, followed by a real case or situation for discussion. Through a structured process, you will learn from one another and subject matter experts, bringing tangible knowledge back to your campus and Purple Star Campus Program.

Purple Star Office Hours are an opportunity for school professionals to ask questions and receive feedback on their Purple Star Campus program, or anything related to supporting military-connected students and families, from one of MCEC's Military Student Consultants (MSCs). MSCs are highly specialized education professionals with extensive knowledge of and experience with the Purple Star process and will be available during the office hours to provide support to schools that have received their PSCD.

- First time ever – TEA in collaboration with the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is providing professional development and office hours for **Purple Star Campus Designees Only.**
- Goal to provide coaching, support and strengthened guidance to Purple Star Campus Designees.

- Unique Purple Star Campus Listserv
 - 23-24 PSCD Awardees
 - 24-25 PSCD Awardees
- Promotion across several social media platforms

NEW: Professional Learning Community
for Texas Purple Star Campus Designees Only

We Love Our Military Kids!
WE SERVE TOO!

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TEA
Texas Education Agency

Wrap Up





Designated ESC Military Champion



Highly Mobile and At-Risk (HMAR) Student Programs



2024-25 ESC Liaisons/Champions

Introduction

This document serves as a contact directory for individual HMAR program liaisons and/or champions at the Education Service Centers (ESCs). Stakeholders can use this guide to locate their ESC's Homeless Liaison, Foster Care Champion, and Military-Connected Student Champion.



Homeless/McKinney-Vento

Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youths (TEHCY)

The TEHCY Program provides direction and leadership on the implementation of state and federal guidance regarding program services for McKinney-Vento eligible students.

- [TEHCY Webpage](#)
- Contact: Dr. Desiree Viramontes (McKinney-Vento State Coordinator)
- Email: HomelessEducation@tea.texas.gov
- Phone: (512) 463-9414



Foster Care

FOSTER CARE & STUDENT SUCCESS

Foster Care & Student Success maintains resources and information to advance the education of students impacted by foster care.

- [Foster Care Webpage](#)
- Contact: Dr. LaTrenda Watson (At-Risk State Coordinator)
- Email: FosterCareLiaison@tea.texas.gov
- Phone: 512-936-6208



Military-Connected

MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

The Military-Connected Students Program provides information and resources to students, parents, and educators to assist with navigating transitions to new schools, communities, and repeated cycles of separation and reunion.

- [Military-Connected Webpage](#)
- Email: MilitaryConnectedStudents@tea.texas.gov
- Phone: (512) 463-9098



Highly Mobile and At-Risk (HMAR) Student Programs



2024-25 ESC Liaisons/Champions

REGION 1 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Program Name	Role	Staff Name	Email	Phone
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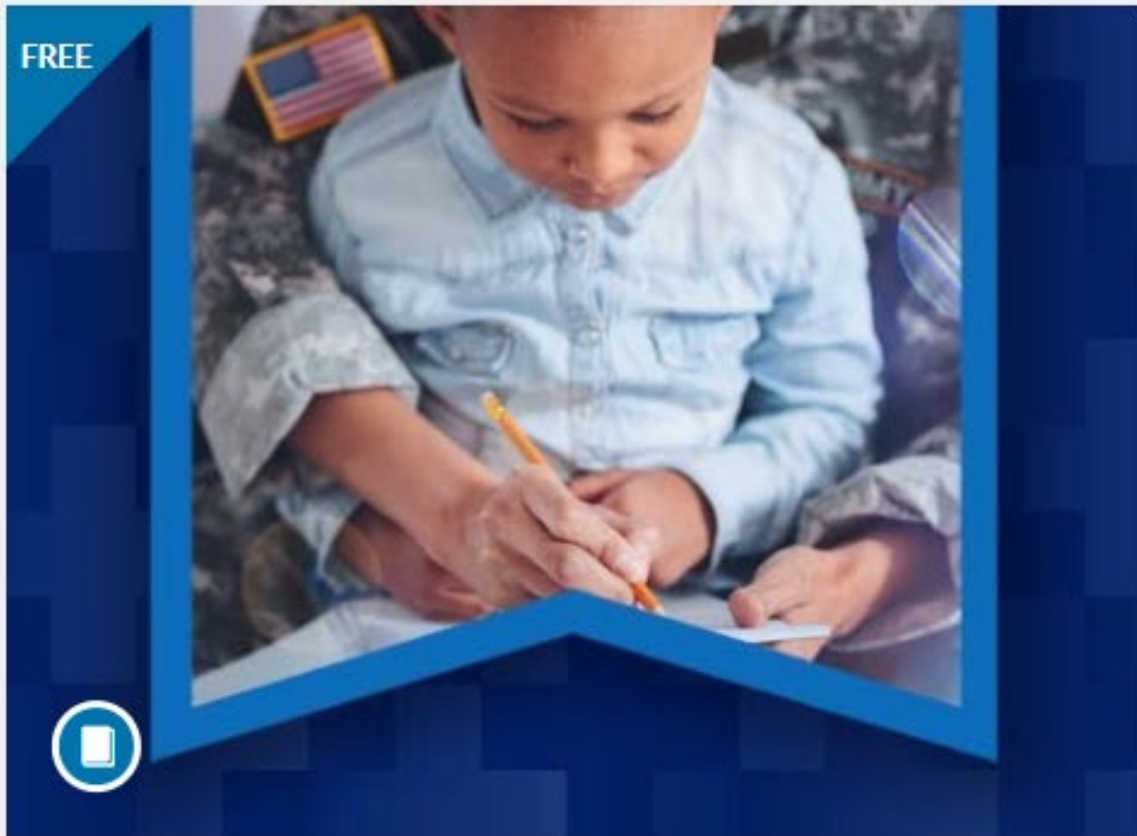
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- **Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission - Texas**
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Upcoming Training and Events



- Purple Star Training (All welcome):
 - PSCD Application/Interest Meeting – Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - [Registration Link](#)
- State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
 - April 14, 2025 (Council members only; public may attend)
 - July 21, 2025 (Council members only; public may attend)
- PSCD Professional Learn Community (***current PSCD earners only***)
 - PSCD PLC Professional Development 3-part Series (2:30pm – 3:30pm CST)
 - Upcoming: March 19, 2025; May 21, 2025
 - PSCD PLC Office Hours (1:00pm – 2:00pm CST)
 - Upcoming: March 26, 2025; May 28, 2025

Celebrate Month of the Military Child (MOMC)



Join TEA in Celebrating Month of the Military Child!

- *PurpleUp!* Day – Friday, April 11th, 2025!
- LEAs may choose date(s) for MOMC celebrations

SAVE THE DATE: April is Month of Military Child



Month of the Military Child Toolkit

A collection of resources to help you celebrate military-connected children during April's Month of the Military Child.



Download resources to plan your event(s)
and promote your activities throughout April!



HMAR 24-25 Celebration Stories Across Texas

Reminder

- Please bookmark and submit ANY celebrations, events, or achievements so that we can highlight all the **AMAZING** things that are happening in Texas all because of **YOU!**
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 Coronavirus (COVID-19) TEA is closely monitoring the novel Coronavirus outbreak. TEA has produced important updates	 Visiting TEA TEA offices are open and meetings are being held in-person and virtually. Please contact the	 General Public Health Resources For current COVID-19 case counts across Texas

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