

# Purple Star Campus Designation Webpage Requirements for Military Families

## Creating an Effective Campus Webpage for Military Families

Establishing a dedicated webpage for military families is a requirement of the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD). This must be a dedicated webpage for military families — easily accessible and unique to your individual campus. The webpage provides critical and helpful information to a military family transferring in or leaving your campus. The PSCD requires specific components that must be included on the webpage for military families.

This resource outlines the required elements while also suggesting types of information that could be included on the webpage. Please ensure that your unique campus webpage for military families includes information that would be helpful to a new student joining your school community. The webpage resource aims to enhance communication, resource sharing, and community building, while encouraging a positive and supportive educational environment for military-connected students, their families, and those who serve them.



## TEA Purple Star Campus Designation Webpage Requirements

A campus must create and maintain an easily accessible webpage that includes information for military-connected students and their families. The webpage should be easy to locate from any search engine so a military family moving to your community can easily find information about your campus. The webpage for military families must address five main topics, with associated information related to each.

The main topics include:

- Relocation Information
- Enrollment and registration
- Academic planning
- Counseling and support services
- Campus-based military liaison information



The webpage for military families includes the following information required by [19 TAC §61.1063](#), Chapter 61, Subchapter FF. [TEA Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents.](#)

Below is an expanded list of required resources categorized into five main topics, each with related items. The information is designed to be easy to understand, logically organized, and helpful to military families when entering and leaving your community.

Although campuses must have their own individual webpage for military families, the campus may link to local education agency (LEA)/district resources when appropriate. Linking campus webpages for military families to district-level webpages ensures coherence, accessibility, consistency, and accuracy in messaging across all webpages, benefiting both the PSCD and military-connected families.

## PSCD Webpage Requirements for Military Families (cont'd)

### A. Relocation information (including, but not limited to):

- Introductions to school environment and processes
- Enrollment information in extracurricular activities and clubs
- Tutoring opportunities
- Student code of conduct
- Contact information of pertinent school staff
- Information on the process for providing academic records to the receiving LEA

### B. Enrollment and registration

1. Information regarding the process and requirements for enrollment
2. A checklist of required documentation needed to enroll at the campus (List of suggested items. Adapt for your campus.)
  - Copies of students records
  - Transcripts
  - Residence documentation
3. Eligibility requirements for free public-campus pre-K
4. Eligibility for extracurricular activities



### Free Prekindergarten for Certain Children

If your child is at least three years old and meets the eligibility criteria as a child of an active-duty, National Guard, or Reserve member, they qualify for pre-K under the [Free Prekindergarten for Certain Children TEC §29.153](#). Districts shall offer these classes if fifteen or more eligible children are identified. Contact your local school district for enrollment procedures to ensure your child is included in the program.



### MIC3 Compact Rules for Eligibility Extracurricular Activities

If your child is a military-connected student, they are eligible to join extracurricular activities at school regardless of application deadlines. Schools and districts must make reasonable efforts to include military children in all activities, including tryouts, summer conditioning, and other prerequisites. Here's what you need to know:

- **Eligibility:** Your child can participate in activities even if application deadlines have passed.
- **Information access:** Schools must provide all relevant information about extracurricular activities.
- **Communication:** Schools should ensure military families have access to all communication channels for activity information.

Contact your school's administrators or coaches to request information and support for your child's participation in extracurricular activities. Chapter 600 [MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf](#)



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### Gold Star Standards for Webpage for Military Families

Items to prepare military families for enrollment and registration may include:

- Certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Social Security card of child being registered
- Parent or guardian's valid driver's license/ID
- Withdrawal form from previous school, if available
- Current immunization records
- Emergency contact information
- Contact information for student's physician
- Information regarding any medical conditions
- Information regarding any food allergies
- Homeowner — provide a utility statement from water, gas, or electric bill showing address and date of service.
- Leaser/renter — provide a current signed lease agreement with the parent/guardian listed as the lease holder or occupant.
- If the parent/guardian is not listed as the homeowner, leaser, or occupant, then an *Establishing Proof of Residency* must be completed by the parent/guardian/homeowner and/or lease holder.



#### Proof of Residency TEC §25.001(c-1)

To ensure prompt enrollment for military-connected students active-duty members of the U.S. armed forces, **including the National Guard and Reserves**, can establish residency for school enrollment by submitting a military order indicating their transfer to a military base **within or near the school district's adjacent to the district's attendance zone.**



#### Proof of Residency TEC §25.001(c-2)

To ensure prompt enrollment for military-connected students active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, can establish residency for school enrollment by submitting a military order indicating their transfer to a military base within or near the school district's attendance area within **90-days** of their arrival.

### C. Academic Planning

- Course sequences, graduation requirements, and college and career readiness options
- Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, Dual Enrollment, Career and Technical Education opportunities
- Other school programs such as gifted and talented, special education, and emergent bilingual
- Information on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, as specified in [TEC §162](#)



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### Gold Star Standard Academic Planning Resources for Military Families

To better help military families complete successful academic transitions, understand course sequencing, graduation requirements, college and career readiness, and career and technical education opportunities the following resources are highly recommended under the academic planning section of the webpage for military families:

- [Texas OnCourse Website](#)
- [Texas Reality Check | Home](#)
- [The TSIA \(Texas Success Initiative Assessment\) | Texas Education Agency](#)
- [Special Education Services and/or Gifted and Talented](#)
- [College, Career and Military Prep \(CCMP\)](#)

#### D. Counseling and Support Services

It is vital for school, community, and military installation medical and behavioral health professionals to consult on the wellbeing of military-connected students. During transitions, military-connected students may need access to additional support services with medical providers and/or behavioral health services from local community and/or military installation providers. These resources should be tailored and easily located on the campus counseling and support service webpage:

- Eligibility, application and referral for counseling and support services offered specifically to military-connected families on a military installation (e.g., the local military installation Military and Family Life Counselors (MFLC))
- Eligibility, application and referral for counseling and support services offered specifically to military-connected families within the community



### Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC)

The [Military and Family Life Counseling Program](#) provide free, confidential non-medical counseling to service members, their families, and survivors on or near installations. Trained to work with the military community, military and family life counselors deliver valuable counseling services, briefings, and presentations to the military community.

Counselors help service members and their families navigate issues such as improving relationships at home and work, stress management, adjustment difficulties, parenting, and grief or loss. Adult, child and youth behavioral MFLCs are assigned to units, schools, child development centers, and other locations worldwide.



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## PSCD Webpage Requirements for Military Families (cont'd)

### E. Campus-based military liaison contact information

- Contact information (email and phone)
- Job description and duties. See [19 TAC §61.1063 Chapter 61, Subchapter FF \(texas.gov\)](#)
- Photo (preferred, but optional)



### Gold Star Standards for Webpage for Military Families

- Welcome statement from the campus administrative team
- Boundary map of district and campus options
- List of elementary, middle, and high school campus options with links to webpages
- Annual district calendars
- List of extracurricular activities and clubs
- Texas athletic eligibility policies (high school only)
- District demographics regarding Military Student Identifier data
- Student Code of Conduct Policy



### Additional Resources for Webpage for Military Families

Listed below are additional webpage resources to provide local, regional, and national support to military families in transition.

[Tutor.com for Military Students](#) Free tutoring for military-connected students

[Military Child Education Coalition | MCEC](#) Student, parent, and professional resources

[School Liaisons \(mic3.net\)](#) Find local military installations

[Education Service Centers | Texas Education Agency](#) Help to improve student performance in each of the 20 Texas regions [Child & Youth Family Programs](#) Non-academic support and activities for military-connected students (Texas Education Agency)

[Military Family Support Services](#) Texas Education Agency general resources

[Student and Family Support](#) Texas Education Agency

[Texas Military Service Members and Veterans](#) Texas National Guard, Reserves, and Veteran resources

[Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission \(MIC3\) Compact Rules](#) for schools and parents



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