

Purple Star Campus Support Session 5: Preparing for Redesignation



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Introductions



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Collaboration and Partnership

Texas Education Agency (TEA) partners with Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC®) to provide:

- 5-Part Professional Learning Community (PLC) Series
- Professional Development (PD) Training
- Office Hours
- Research based tools and resources to share best practices



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2025-26 SY Purple Star Campus Support PLC Series

TEA, in collaboration with MCEC, is providing PD and office hours for campuses who are implementing or working towards the PSCD.

Our goal is to provide coaching, support, and strengthened guidance.

Purple Star Campus Support
Professional Learning Community & Office Hours



Save the Dates!

 **Wednesdays**
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CST
(Purple Star Office Hours are held in the last 30 minutes of each PLC session)

- September 17, 2025
- October 22, 2025
- November 19, 2025
- January 21, 2026
- February 18, 2026

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

Open to all school professionals and educators at the district and campus level.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is pleased to announce a free, specialized professional development opportunity for school professionals and educators working towards the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD). TEA, in collaboration with the Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®), is proud to offer a 5-part Professional Learning Community series, that includes professional development and Purple Star office hours to strengthen support for campuses who are implementing or working towards PSCD. The PLC will take place throughout the 25-26 school year, September 2025 through February 2026.

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 PLC is designed for school professionals and educators at campuses across Texas that have earned or are working towards the PSCD.

Each PLC is unique, so plan to attend all five! 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 held immediately following each PLC and serve as a dedicated time for school professionals to receive personalized support from MCEC's Military Student Consultants (MSCs). These highly specialized education professionals bring extensive experience and deep knowledge of the Purple Star process, and are available to answer questions, provide targeted feedback, and offer expert guidance on all aspects of the Purple Star Campus program. Whether you're seeking clarity on program implementation or looking for strategies to better support military-connected students and families, MSCs are here to help ensure your campus efforts are impactful and aligned with best practices.

TEA Purple Star Campus Designation



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Overarching Goal

Participants will gain a clear understanding of all required components for applying for the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD).



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Learning Objectives

- Review all PSCD components.
- Understand what makes an exemplary Purple Star Campus Program.
- Explore available resources to assist in applying for the PSCD.



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Let's Chat...



Why is a Purple Star Campus Designation important?



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Purple Star Campus Overview

- School districts & open-enrollment charter schools
- Size of military-connected student population
- Application process and criteria requirement



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Purple Star Campus Designation

Campus-based Military Liaison

Campus Webpage for Military Families

Campus Transition Program

Military Initiatives



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Benefits of a Purple Star Campus



The Purple Star Campus program's true value derives from its potential to:

- Centralize and make knowledge accessible;
- Develop stakeholder networks, and
- Support schools in cultivating and communicating cultural competency in supporting military-connected families



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Let's Chat....

What types of activities could be considered exemplary practices?



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Exemplary Practices

Exemplary practices extend beyond the four PSCD components.

They generally focus on involving families and community members to foster supportive school relationships.



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Exemplary Practices (Cont.)

Military appreciation or recognition events for students and families

Parent-involvement opportunities and activities

Partnerships with supportive community organizations

Commitment to sustainability and upkeep of existing supports for military-connected students



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Problem of Practice



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Case Study



My campus is pursuing the Purple Star Campus Designation to recognize and strengthen our commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families.

We are beginning the application process soon and are overwhelmed by all the requirements.



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Case Study



Challenges:

1. Locating and Verifying Documentation: The required components have been completed, but there isn't any centralized documentation.
2. Translating Practice Into Evidence: Struggling to provide written narratives and tangible artifacts.
3. Time Constraints: Balancing the application process with ongoing responsibilities and duties.



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Questions to Ask



- What are some ideas for keeping track of the documentation needed for the Purple Star Campus Designation application?
 - *Tools/Methods*
- How can you create a team to assist with the application process?
 - *Ideas/Recommendations/Who would be on your team?*
- Brainstorm some other ideas for raising the bar on your Purple Star Program for next year?



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Purple Star Campus Program Recommendations

- Use the application process to drive continuous program improvement.
- Collaborate and connect with other schools and districts to facilitate idea sharing and program improvement.
- Support the development of a repository of schools' and districts' training materials.
- Provide quarterly guidance for the dedicated **campus** military family webpage.



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Reference: [Center for Public Research and Leadership \(2022\) Purple Star School Program](#)





Purple Star Campus Program Recommendations

- Review and analyze academic and social-emotional data regarding military-connected students.
- Engage families in Purple Star Campus Program planning and requirements.
- Review the available tools, such as the annual timeline and calendar to plan out activities for the school year.
- Review the asynchronous Purple Star Rise TEALearn course.



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Reference: [Center for Public Research and Leadership \(2022\) Purple Star School Program](#)



Resources and Tools



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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)



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Helpful Resources – Key Terms and Policy

Commonly Used Key Terms, Definitions and Acronyms for Educators Supporting Military-Connected Students and Families

This resource provides commonly used military key terms, definitions, and acronyms to assist education professionals in supporting military-connected students and families and military stakeholders. Having a shared understanding and common language helps to facilitate seamless transitions, enhance student engagement, and build strong, supportive school communities, and effective Purple Star Campuses.

Our goal is to empower schools with the knowledge and tools necessary to offer exceptional support, fostering an educational environment that effectively assists military families.



Additional [School Support Resources for Military Families](#) can be found on the TEA website.

[Glossary of Common Terms Used in Purple Star Rise](#)

Texas Law and Policy Requirements to Support Military-Connected Students

This document provides Texas laws and policy requirements to effectively provide campus transition support to incoming military-connected students. Use this document in combination with the [Purple Star Campus Designation Self-Assessment Application Rubric](#) to ensure the successful implementation, evaluation, continuous improvement, and sustainability of the Purple Star Campus Designation on your campus.

Below is a chart of key laws and policies meeting the statutory requirements and implementation best practice to support military-connected students throughout the TEALearn *Purple Star Rise* course.

| Year | TEC Law | Highlight Summary |
|------|-------------|--|
| 2005 | TEC 525.006 | Transition Assistance for Military Dependents Mitigates and reduces barriers to school transitions for military-connected |

- Commonly used key terms, definitions, and acronyms for educators supporting military-connect students and families ([PDF](#))
- Texas Law & Policy Requirements to Support Military-Connected Students ([PDF](#))



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Helpful Resources - Military Family Webpage

Military-Connected Professional Training Opportunities

For a comprehensive, printable PDF listing of all HMAR and individual programs' professional development opportunities for the 2025–26 school year, please visit the [HMAR webinar webpage](#).

We have a suite of PD and PLC opportunities! *Please note that all events are subject to change. We encourage you to check regularly for updates to ensure you have the most current information.*

- **April is Month of Military Child (MOMC)! Coming Soon** - "Brave Hearts, Bright Futures: Texas Month of the Military Child Toolkit!"
- Spring 2026 PSCD Interest Webinar: March 4, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:30 PM CST | [Registration Link](#)
- Spring 26 PSCD Office Hours
 - April 15, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM CST | [Registration Link](#)
 - May 20, 2026 @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM CST | [Registration Link](#)

Previously Recorded Military Webinars can be accessed on the [HMAR Webinar Webpage](#).

Military-Connected Student and Family Resources

Expand All

| | |
|--|---|
| Definitions of Common Military Terms and Acronyms | + |
| General Resources for Military-Connected Students Program | + |
| Military-Connected Students Program Video Suite - NEW | + |
| National Guard, Reserve, and Veterans Resources | + |
| Non-Academic Supports and Enrichment for Military-Connected Students | + |
| Professional Development & Data Resources | + |
| Post-Secondary Education Resources for Military-Connected Individuals | + |



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Helpful Resources - PSCD Webpage

Applying for the Purple Star Campus Designation

If your campus is interested in earning the Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD), this section provides everything you need to get started. Here, you'll find application details, essential resources to help you understand the designation criteria, and tools to support a successful submission. Whether you're new to PSCD or looking to strengthen your application, these materials are designed to guide you through the process and highlight what it means to be recognized as a Purple Star Campus. Additionally, previous communications and updates related to PSCD are available below for your reference.

Expand All

| | |
|--|---|
| Upcoming 2026-27 SY PSCD Application Window | + |
| PSCD Resource Center: Apply, Learn, and Lead | + |
| 25-26 SY PSCD News & Awardee Announcements | + |
| Archived PSCD Awardees & Communications | + |



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Purple Star Campus Application Information

Welcome to the 26-27 PSCD Application

Introductions.

Welcome to the 2026-27 Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) Application!



To earn the PSCD, campuses must demonstrate that they met the designation criteria by providing meaningful support and resources for military-connected students during the **2025-26 school year**. Please respond to each question thoroughly and upload supporting evidence (e.g., narratives, visuals, or attachments) that clearly show how your campus met the criteria.

Application Window: 📅 **May 1-29, 2026**

Notifications of award outcomes will be shared in Early Fall 2026.

Helpful Reminders:

- **✓ Resources Available:** Visit the [PSCD Webpage](#) for training recordings, checklists, and rubrics to guide your application.
- **📄 Planning Tool:** A PDF version of the application is available to help you prepare your responses. **Note:** Final submissions **must** be completed through the **Qualtrics Survey** to be considered.
- **⚠️ Avoid Errors:** Duplicate or incomplete applications will be deleted and cannot be recovered. Double-check your district and campus names and numbers before submitting.
- **✍️ Need to Edit After Submission?** Email militaryconnectedstudents@tea.texas.gov to request a unique link to your original application. Submitting a new entry may result in the deletion of the wrong version.

2026-27 Purple Star Campus Designation Application

- Application Window: May 1-29
- Must be submitted using [Qualtrics Survey](#)
- Use [PSCD Application Planning Document](#)



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Timeline: Purple Star Campus Application Window

March 4

TEA
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Interest
Meeting

April 15

Office
Hour #1

May 1

PSCD
Application
Window
Opens
12:00 AM
CST

May 20

Office
Hour #2

May 29

PSCD
Application
Window
Closes
11:59 PM
CST

June –
August

Application
Review
Process

Sept 2026

26-27 PSCD
Awards
Announced



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Purple Star Campus Application Rubric

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 |

Campus-based Military Liaison

A campus must designate a campus-based staff member as a military liaison who supports military-connected students and their families.

| Duties | Developing | Satisfactory | Exemplary | Score |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Serves as the point of contact and works collaboratively between military-connected students and their families and the campus staff. | It is unclear how the military liaison performs this duty. The work performed by the military liaison may not provide adequate support to families and students. | The military liaison performs this duty as expected. The work performed by the military liaison provides adequate support to families and students. | The military liaison performs this duty above and beyond expectations. The work performed by the military liaison provides significant support and explicitly includes family engagement practices. | <input type="checkbox"/> Developing <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary |
| Maintains familiarity with enrollment processes, records transfer, use of the military student identifier (MSI), existing community resources, and student support. | It is unclear how the military liaison performs this duty. The work performed by the military liaison may not provide adequate support to families and students. | The military liaison performs this duty as expected. The work performed by the military liaison provides adequate support to students and families utilizing a feedback survey. | The military liaison performs this duty above and beyond expectations. The work performed by the military liaison provides significant support to students and families utilizing a feedback survey link to address enrollment concerns on your campus webpage. | <input type="checkbox"/> Developing <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary |

Use this document to:

- Review the criteria for each designation category to ensure all requirements are met.
- Evaluate your campus activities and support for military-connected students.
- Understand documentation clarity needed for each criterion.
- Guide you as you complete your application.

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/pscd-application-rubric.pdf>



Purple Star Campus Exemplar Resource

Apply for PSCD



Review Exemplar

2026-2027 PSCD Application Window will open May 2026

Be prepared by reviewing this valuable resource!

[LEARN MORE](#)

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Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) Application Support

Exemplar Resource

The graphic features a background image of a woman in a white shirt hugging a man in a military camouflage uniform. The man is wearing a military cap and has an American flag patch on his shoulder. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white and blue background.



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Trainings and Events

2025-26 Professional Development Opportunities

Spring 2026 PSCD Interest Webinar (1:00 – 2:30 PM CST)

- March 4, 2026 | [Registration Link](#)

Spring 2026 PSCD Office Hours (1:00 – 2:00 PM CST)

- April 15, 2026 | [Registration Link](#)
- May 20, 2026 | [Registration Link](#)

SPRING 2026 (JANUARY – JUNE)

| Date* | Time* | Program | PD Name | Registration Link |
|--------------|------------------|------------|--|---|
| January 21 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM | MIL | Purple Star PLC #4 [Activities and Event Planning] | Open to all; Registration |
| January 29 | 8:00 – 4:00 PM | MIL | 2026 Military Professional Development Summit – San Antonio | Open to all; Registration |
| February 4 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM | MIL | Military Professional Development #2 We Serve, Too- National Guard and Reserve Children | Open to all; Registration |
| February 5 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | HMAR | HMAR Student Programs Quarterly Webinar #3 | https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QoLQIKThQ8m1va1b1bMjKwz |
| February 18 | 2:00 – 3:30 PM | MIL | Purple Star PLC #5 [Preparing for Resignation] | Open to all; Registration |
| March 4 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | MIL | Spring 2026 PSCD Interest Webinar | https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VpckhNYTaGoOTaTe5hig |
| March 6 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | FC | Foster Care & Education Spring 2026 Combined Webinar & State Office Hours | https://zoom.us/meeting/register/G8r_xDkStedA7jG2GtITg |
| March 25 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM | MIL | Military Professional Development #3 When Military Service Ends: Supporting the Children of Veterans | Open to all; Registration |
| April | All Month | MIL | Month of Military Child (MOMC) | |
| April 15 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | TEHCY | TEHCY Office Hours #4 | https://zoom.us/meeting/register/TD5zE12R26beJtAnHsFQ |
| April 15 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | MIL | PSCD Office Hours #1 | https://zoom.us/meeting/register/L9adwCtvRyyrd4LlnhPQ |
| May | All Month | FC | National Foster Care Month | |
| May 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | TEHCY | TEHCY Office Hours #5 | https://zoom.us/meeting/register/aurGoVrWGHUg6cW0JfQ |
| May 7 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | HMAR | HMAR Student Programs Quarterly Webinar #4 | https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c7-jg15hRvQzcxp0BfxoLA |
| May 14 | 10:00 – 12:00 PM | TEHCY | McKinney-Vento Special Topics Webinar | https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HiQ8VgmMT2KdyUg5QJXosg |
| May 20 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM | MIL | PSCD Office Hours #2 | https://zoom.us/meeting/register/Ea0XIF-SVW4S8TD1BdV0w |

*Dates and times are subject to change.



Purple Star Rise:

Supporting Our Military-Connected Students in Texas

A self-paced, comprehensive training for educators and campus points of contact supporting the Purple Star Campus Designation program in Texas.

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Purple Star Rise Course.



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Reflection on Learning

Three insights you have gained from today's session.

Two actions you will take to apply for the Purple Star Campus Designation this year.

One topic you would like to learn more about if another Professional Learning Community Series is offered.

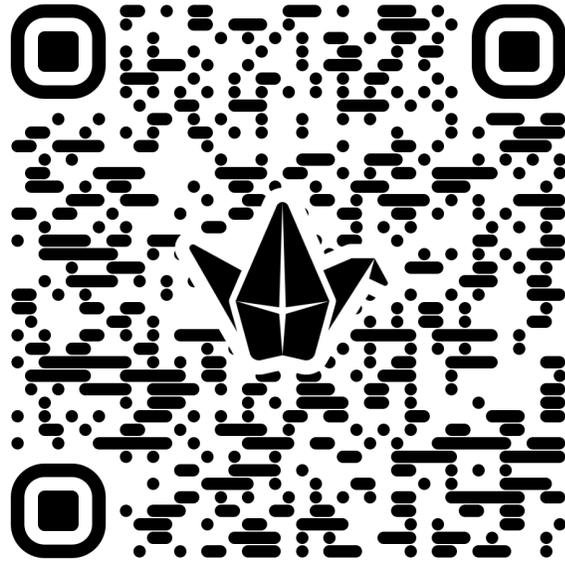


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TEA Purple Star Campus Support Padlet



Padlet

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TEA Purple Star Campus Support Professional Learning Community Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Military Child Education Coalit
4 months ago

Welcome to our Purple Star Support Professional Learning Community Padlet. This is a great resource for collaboration and connection. We are excited that you have joined us!!!

2 likes • 0 comments

Anonymous
2 months ago

I'm a new campus-based liaison for our Purple Star Campus program. Where do I start?

0 likes • 1 comment

Jen Brown
20 days ago

I feel the Purple Star Application is a great starting point. It lets you know all the requirements and you can work from there.

1 like • 0 comments

Anonymous
2 months ago

How do I find out how many military-connected students are at my school?

0 likes • 1 comment

Anonymous
2 months ago

Ask your PEIMS clerk, if they do not know how to run the report then ask the data department in your district.

0 likes • 0 comments

Nikki Harrison
2 months ago

What was the first event of the year to honor military families that you had?

1 like • 4 comments

Maria Madrigales
2 months ago

Our district hosted a Military Night. This is where our military families came to mingle with each other. We had speakers (the Commander from one of the local bases, our Superintendent, and one of our Military-Connected Teachers). After the speakers, military families were able to go to their campus tables to speak/ask questions to their admin/campus staff.

0 likes • 0 comments

Nikki Harrison
2 months ago

How do I publicize our Purple Star Campus Designation to military-connected families in our community?

0 likes • 2 comments

Maria Madrigales
2 months ago

Our district make a pop-up banner announcement stating which campuses received the purple star designation. Also, on the District Military Webpage we added the Purple Star Logo under the campus logo.

0 likes • 0 comments

STrevino
2 months ago

We have S2S at my campus, does anyone have any fun/engaging activities that your S2S have done?

1 like • 1 comment

Paula Kelly-TLPS
19 days ago

We did Veterans and military connected family events at each "future PS" campus, run by our students and CAP programs

0 likes • 0 comments

Heather
2 months ago

How often do you host events for your military families?

0 likes • 2 comments

Bridget Register
20 days ago

We do events in November for the Military Connected families and our Veterans month and in April for Month of the Military Child.

0 likes • 0 comments

CIA
4 days ago

I do, one event every month.

0 likes • 0 comments

Kathleen Daily
20 days ago

Veterans Breakfast

We did a veterans breakfast for our community veterans and their students. We had a military themed program and a slideshow featuring pictures they had submitted.

1 like • 0 comments

Aimee
20 days ago

Veterans Day Celebration

We hosted a Veterans Day Celebration ceremony. We had a local mayor who is a veteran as our guest speaker, our local high school JROTC, student performers, and we also hosted a reception for veterans after the ceremony.

1 like • 0 comments

Anonymous
2 months ago

I had a military family get together on my campus. I planned it first thing in the morning. I had breakfast items like donuts, fruit, juice, and coffee. I figured it would be easier for them to attend in the morning since they were at the campus dropping off their student off.

0 likes • 0 comments

Jen Brown
20 days ago

Our campus invited military connected families to our Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony

0 likes • 0 comments

Mrs. Guerra
19 days ago

Veterans Day at RBB



Mr. Roberto "Bobby" Barrera attended our student-led assembly. We are honored any time he is available to visit us at Roberto Bobby Barrera Elementary STEM School.



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