

# Purple Star Campus Designation

**Information Session** 

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### • What is the Purple Star Campus Designation?

What are the requirements to apply?

• What are the steps for applying?

Question and answer

#### **Designation History**

Started by Pete LuPiba, the Ohio Commissioner for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission.

Spread to other states as a way to recognize exemplary schools that support military-connected children

Texas 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature created the designation for Texas public and open-enrollment charter schools

TEA rule 19 TAC §61.1063 effective April 2020.

116 campuses awarded for 2020-2021

Designations last for 2 years



# **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



#### Campus-based military liaison

Military Family Webpage

Campus transition program

Military-connected student initiative

# TEA

## **Military liaison**

#### Designate an existing staff member

- Can be a:
  - Counselor
  - Teacher
  - Campus administrator (e.g., principal or AP)
  - Another campus staff member who supports highly mobile students
- Supports military-connected students and their families
- Must offer professional development opportunities for staff members
  - List of potential topics located in the TAC
  - Keep evidence of trainings
  - Can be a future plan

# Webpage

#### Must include links to:

- ✓ Relocation
- Enrollment and registration
- ✓Academic planning
- Counseling and support services
- Campus military liaison contact information
- Can be run by the district, but must include the campus military liaison contact





- Introduces new students to the school by organizing welcome events for new students.
- Can include student ambassadors who are led by campus staff.

# **Example response**

- "Stacey Jr./Sr. High has a Student-to-Student club for both Junior High and Senior High students.
- "Our club has many methods of ensuring that new students feel welcome, including assigning a buddy to assist them in their first few weeks of school.
- "Most of our members understand what it's like to be new kids. Our members are trained and excited to show them around our school, help them find students with their same interests, and integrate them into our eagle family. Each student is welcomed with a smile and a bag containing tips and inside information about the clubs and the school itself."



# Military initiative

#### One or more of the following:

- Resolution of support for military-connected students and families
- Participation in Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month
- Partnership with a military installation or school liaison officer (SLO) to provide opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip.
- Can be a future plan (must have evidence of planning)

### **Resolution of Support**

#### 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

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LDISD Board President

LDISD Board Vice President

8-17-2020

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Date

# **April is Month of the Military Child**





# **Involving Active Duty Members**

- "Through our Fort Bliss School Liaison office, Powell is partnered with 2-43 ADA. We invite them on campus to assist with our Science Fair and Shark Tank Judging, helping students in the classroom and during PE. Soldiers also come in to eat lunch with students and to support with conversation."
- Attached sign-in sheet for evidence.



# TEA

# How to Apply

- Complete the online form located on the <u>TEA Purple Star</u> webpage.
- Your data will be saved for up to one month if you do not complete the application in one day. Make sure to use the same computer and web browser to re-open the survey.
- Ensure that you click the final submit button and save the confirmation email sent to your inbox.

### Applications are due Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

# Application requirements

#### ✓ Military liaison

- Contact information
- Duties
- Professional development materials (or future plan)
- ✓ Webpage URL
- Campus transition program
  - Narrative of program
  - Photos and other evidence of events (or future plan)
- ✓ Military initiative
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Provide as much information as possible, such as narratives, illustrations, and applicable attachments.

#### Questions



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