Texas Education Agency

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	**September 3, 2026**
SUBJECT:	**2026-27 Purple Star Campus Designation Awardees**
CATEGORY:	**Notice**
NEXT STEPS:	**Share with appropriate staff**

Overview

The Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) recognizes Texas school district and open-enrollment charter school campuses that demonstrate support for and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) accepted applications for the 2026–2027 school year from May 1, 2026, through May 29, 2026, for campuses to apply for the designation and demonstrate they have met the established criteria:

1. Designate an assigned campus staff member as a military liaison and offer professional development opportunities for staff members on issues related to military-connected students.
2. Create and maintain an easily accessible campus military webpage that includes the required information for military-connected students and their families.
3. Implement a campus transition program.
4. Offer at least one of the required military initiatives.

A total of 329 campuses across Texas met the established criteria and have earned Purple Star Campus designations for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years. The addition of these campuses reflects the continued growth of the Purple Star program and Texas schools' strong commitment to supporting military-connected students and their families. To see the list of this year's and previous years' awardees, you can visit the Purple Star Campus Designation webpage.

Any Texas public school or open-enrollment charter school can become a Purple Star Campus, regardless of the size of its military-connected student population. Districts are encouraged to support campuses in meeting the criteria for PSCD status. Applications are accepted on an annual basis, and the designation lasts for two years. After the two-year period, campuses that were previously awarded the designation must reapply to maintain their special designation as a Purple Star Campus. To see the rule that supports this designation, Title 19, Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §61.1063, visit 19 TAC Chapter 61, Subchapter FF, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents.

For a full list of the PSCD criteria, visit TEA's Purple Star Campus Designation webpage.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the Purple Star Campus application process and support for Military-Connected Students, please contact us at MilitaryConnectedStudents@tea.texas.gov.