

DATE:	March 21, 2024
SUBJECT:	Purple Star Campus Designation SY 2024-25 Application
CATEGORY:	Notice
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The Purple Star Campus Designation recognizes Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter school campuses that show support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will accept applications for the 2024-25 school year from April 1, 2024, through June 7, 2024, for campuses to apply for the designation and demonstrate they have met the established criteria:

1. Designating a campus-based military liaison;
2. Creating and maintaining an easily accessible web page that includes information for military-connected students and their families;
3. Implementing a campus transition program;
4. Conducting professional development for campus staff on topics related to military-connected students; and
5. Offering at least one of the following initiatives:
 - A resolution showing support for military-connected students and families;
 - Participation in Month of the Military Child, Military Family Appreciation Month; or
 - Partnership with a school liaison officer to encourage and provide opportunities for active-duty military members.

There are currently 331 campuses across the state that have earned this unique designation as a Purple Star Campus. For the list of previously awarded campuses that received the designation, please visit the [Purple Star Campus Designation](#) website.

Any Texas school can become a Purple Star Campus, regardless of the size of its military-connected student population. Districts are encouraged to support campuses and help them meet the criteria for Purple Star Campus Designation 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 re-apply to maintain their special designation as a Purple Star Campus. To see the rule that supports this designation, visit: 19 [TAC Chapter 61, Subchapter FF. Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents](#).

Information Sessions

TEA will host two application training webinars to assist LEAs in learning how to complete their Purple Star Campus Designation application. Please register to attend one of the training webinars below:

- Purple Star Campus Designation Application Meeting #1 | March 28, 2024 | [Register](#)

- Purple Star Campus Designation Application Meeting #2 | April 11, 2024 | [Register](#)

TEA hosted a Purple Star Campus Designation interest meeting on February 20, 2024. Click the links to [watch the recording](#) of the meeting and [download a PDF copy](#) of the presentation. For more information, please visit the [Purple Star Campus Designation website](#).

Contact Information

If you have any questions concerning the Purple Star Campus application process and supporting military-connected students, please contact us by sending an email to MilitaryConnectedStudents@tea.texas.gov.