Supporting Military-Connected Students Professional Development Resources and Tools

This document provides free, national, comprehensive professional development resources for Purple Star Campus Designees across Texas. Tailored to meet the needs of K-12 education and other youth-serving professionals, this repository is categorized by topic and role specificity. The *Purple Star Rise* module resource, developed in collaboration with the Texas Education Agency and the Military Child Education Coalition®, is designed to support campus-based military liaisons, educators, counselors, campus administrators, and other youth-serving professionals as they serve military-connected students and families.

Other youth serving professionals are school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, Military Family Life Counselors (MFLCs), behavioral and education specialists, transition specialists, paraprofessionals, custodial and cafeteria staff, and service resource officers (SROs) working with military-connected students in K-12 settings.

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC®) serves as a subject matter expert in supporting military-connected students in K-12 settings. Through training, events, programs, initiatives, and support resources, MCEC equips professional educators, administrators, and other youth serving professionals with the necessary tools and insight to effectively support military-connected students and families.

Below is a comprehensive list of MCEC resources to support the Purple Star Campus Designation and/or schools seeking to renew their current designation.

Military Child Education Coalition MCEC Professional Development train administrators, professional educators, and staff to address the unique challenges facing military-connected children.

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Military Kids Now Survey — MCEC summarizes results, trends, challenges, and areas where education and social-emotional support is most needed.

Military Student Identifier — MCEC provides educators with critical information on how to collect data and personalize attention to military-connected students.

Mitigating the Effects of High Mobility — MCEC is a collaboration with the Center for Public Research and Leadership at Columbia University to produce parents and educator resources detailing the impact of student mobility on military-connected and other highly mobile students.

Helping Mil Kids Soar — MCEC is an on-demand webinar series offering 30 topics for educators and parents addressing the current and emerging issues facing military-connected children.

Campus-based Military Liaison

The campus-based military liaison plays a crucial role in coordinating staff professional development on the unique issues related to military-connected students. This includes but is not limited to:

- Helping with enrollment process records transfer, existing community resources, campus-based support, and services.
- Ensuring military-connected students are identified and properly coded through the Texas Student Data System Public Education Information Management System (TSDS PEIMS).
- Attending annual professional development or training to learn about topics related to the transition of military-connected students and their families.

TEA Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents

The campus-based military liaison must coordinate professional development opportunities for staff professional development topical considerations that include but are not limited to:

- Military culture and lifestyle.
- Deployments, family separation, and reintegration.
- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) and Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- Proper use and coding of the Military Student Identifier (MSI) in the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).
- Mitigating the effects of high mobility.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and physical injury effects on military youth and families.
- Supporting students connected to Veterans.
- Supporting students with a parent or guardian in the National Guard or Reserve.
- Supporting students with a parent or guardian who has fallen in the line of duty.

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Supporting Children and Family Survivors of Military Line-of-Duty Deaths The *Coalition to Support Grieving Students* is a unique collaboration of the leading professional organizations representing school professionals who have come together with a common conviction: grieving students need the support and care of the school community.

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Educators (Teachers, Specialists, Paraprofessionals)

Sesame Street Emotional Well-being The latest resources assist children experiencing emotional distress and caring for adults in their lives. By focusing on nurturing relationships and the mind, body, heart connection, we are helping children develop a foundation for emotional well-being through engaging, research-based content.

Sesame Street for Military Families — Professionals professional resources for the military families you serve.

Penn State — Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness. School Resources about Military Families developed online learning modules for school personnel to increase understanding and awareness related to the unique challenges faced by military-connected students and families, and to provide school personnel with strategies and resources to support military-connected students

Purdue University — Military Family Research Institute. How to Help Series is a series of evidence-based publications and resources offered to various audiences to help them assist and support military families.

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School Counselors

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