

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 §25.006	Transition Assistance for Military Dependents Mitigates and reduces barriers to school transitions for military-connected students when changing schools.
2007	TEC §29.153	Eligibility Requirements for Free Public-School Prekindergarten Eligibility requirements for free public-school prekindergarten for active-duty members of the armed forces of the United States, including state military forces, or a reserve component of the armed forces who is ordered to active duty by proper authority.
2009	TEC §162	Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) adopted in Texas Education Code The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Military Compact) exists to strengthen transitions and close educational gaps as military families, and their children move to a new school district in another state. The Military Compact focus on these key topics: • Educational records and enrollment • Course and program placement and attendance • Eligibility (student enrollment and extracurricular participation) • Graduation The Military Compact applies to Active-Duty Service Members, National Guard, Reserve, Veterans medically discharged or retired for less than one year, and members who die on active duty.
2013	TEC §25.006(c),(d)	Military Student Identifier PEIMS Coding Identification Texas schools are required to identify a student's military connected status for PEIMS purposes. Properly identifying and coding students helps to ensure that students are properly supported.



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2019	TEC §25.006(c)(d)	Amended to include programming in public and/or open-enrollment charters (c)(1), adding subsections to • Include dependents of 'current and former' service members, reserve component, and the Texas National Guard (c)(1). • Expand the definition of 'military-connected students' to include dependents of 'current and former' service members (d)(1) ○ United States military (d)(1)(A) ○ Texas National Guard (d)(1)(B) ○ Reserve force (d)(1)(C) ○ Those killed in the line of duty (d)(2)(1) • Added TEC §33.909 Purple Star Campus (see below)
2019	TEC §33.909	Texas Education Agency Commissioner's Rule for Purple Star Campus Designation (TAC §61.1063) Purple Star Campus Designation is a unique distinction that Texas school campuses can apply for and earn. TEC §33.909 provides the statutory authority for TEA to establish rules and criteria for PSCD implementation.
2023	TEC §25.001(c-1)	Proof of Residence for Military Dependents A person whose parent or guardian is an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, may establish residency for purposes of Subsection (b) by providing to the school district a copy of military orders requiring the parent's or guardian's transfer to a military installation in or adjacent to the district's attendance zone.
2023	TEC §25.001(c-2)	Residency for Military Dependents A person who establishes residency under subsection 25.001(c-1), must provide to the school district proof of residence within 90 days after the arrival date specified in military orders described by that subsection. For this subsection's purpose, "residence" includes residence in a military temporary lodging facility.
2023	TEC §25.0345	Transfer of Students Who Are Children of Service Members Extends the privilege of requesting a transfer to any school or district to any service member, including active-duty service members of the Reserve and/ or the Texas National Guard, to another campus within their district or an adjoining school district (Effective September 1, 2023): • This request for transfer must be approved according to the guidelines in TEC §25.0345. Parents or guardians are responsible for transportation if their child attends a school under this section.