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.