

Introduction



2024–2025 Purple Star Application

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM EST ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025.

North Carolina will award the Purple Star Award Designation to those schools that demonstrate military-friendly practices and a commitment to military students and families. Schools that apply and earn the award will receive a Purple Star recognition to display on the school premises. Awarded schools will also have the Purple Star Award icon on their NC School Report Card.

This is an annual award. Schools that received the award in the previous year **MUST** reapply to receive the award designation for 2024–2025; however, the application includes “skip logic” that will allow re-applying schools to move forward past questions that do not have new information/updates. Such questions will be apparent as the applicant navigates through the application.

While this is a school-based award, school districts that have **ALL** of their schools within the district receive the award will receive the State Superintendent's Award for Being a Military Friendly District. Being a Military Friendly District is also an annual award. Thus, each year, districts that receive this award will receive the annual award to display at the district central office (i.e. School District A has received this award both during the 2021–2022 school year and 2022–2023 school year and has two trophies now to demonstrate that both years, the district had all of their schools meet the criteria and be awarded the Purple Star Award Designation).

A school will be deemed a Purple Star School by completing all of the required activities, plus one optional activity, as outlined in this application. All artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Purple Star application **MUST** be artifacts for the 2024–2025 school year. Artifacts (photos, sign in lists, etc.) submitted from events prior to the 2024–2025 school year will not be accepted. Applications can include artifacts for future events (i.e. if a Purple Up! event is scheduled for April 2025, but the application closes in February 2025, the application should include a flier or other item that will advertise the event).

Student Photo Release Reminder: Please remember to refrain from including photographs/artifacts of students who have declined on any district photo release document; this extends to virtual events. (i.e. If a student does not allow face-to-face photos, that student should not be photographed virtually).

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction reviews all applications submitted for the award. Please ensure that all applications are complete with the required/suggested artifacts and documentation.

REQUIRED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: All required activities must have been completed during the 2024–2025 school year. Artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Required School Activities must be from the 2024–2025 school year. Virtual school activities are not acceptable for the 2024–2025 school year.

POC/Designee – The school must designate a staff member as the point of contact (POC) who serves as a consultant for military students and families. The POC may be a school counselor, administrator, school social worker, teacher, or another staff member.

Central Office Staff Member – The school district has assigned a central office staff member to act in support of the school-based POC and for military families. *Charter Schools and DODEA Schools are exempt from this requirement if the criteria for POC/Designee above is met; however, if the Charter School or DODEA School has a Central Office facility, please provide the requested information.

Professional Development – The school provides its staff with annual professional development regarding special considerations for military students and families. Evidence of this training should include the following documentation: agenda; presentation material; and names of participants.

Resources Website – The school has a dedicated page on its website for military family resources. This can be a school webpage that links to the district's web page with military family resources. This website MUST be a page dedicated to military family resources.

Transitions – The school has a transition program to support inbound and outbound military students and families. The program should provide support to students newly enrolling and those withdrawing. The school provides inbound and outbound checklists for military students and families.

Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law Required Questions – All questions regarding military awareness and Interstate Compact Law are answered completely.

OPTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (AT LEAST ONE):

- a.) Recognition – The school hosts an annual military recognition event (i.e. Month of the Military Child, Month of the Military Family, Purple-Up! For Military Kids!, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day.)
- b.) Military Child of the Year Nomination – The school nominates a student for the Military Child of the Year program.

c.) Support Project – The school participates in a support project connecting the school with the military community (i.e. adopt-a-school, letters/care package collections for troops).

d.) Staff Common Read Book – The school's staff completes a staff Common Read book to learn about military students (Example Text: Seasons of My Military Student: Practical Ideas for Parents and Teachers).

e.) School Welcome Video or Photo Slideshow – The school posts a school video OR slide show of pictures to highlight certain aspects of the school facility (i.e. gym, cafeteria, media center, typical classroom, playground) on its website, as a way to help new students transitioning to the area. FOR SECURITY PURPOSES: THE SCHOOL WELCOME VIDEO OR PHOTO SLIDESHOW ARTIFACT MUST BE FREE FROM IMAGES OF STUDENTS. THIS ARTIFACT MUST NOT BE A GUIDED WALK-THROUGH OF THE SCHOOL. PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE IMAGES OF THE SCHOOL IN GENERAL (I.E. POINT OUT THE GYM, CAFETERIA, ETC. WITHOUT PROVIDING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE CAMPUS).

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browser's cache is cleared or cookies are disabled this option will not be available.

Purple Star Application School Information

Select the Entity Type, PSU, and School

Entity Type

PSU

School

If you selected "Other", provide the name of the school

Has the school received the Purple Star Award in years prior?

(Select all that apply.)

- The school has never received the Purple Star Award.
- The school received the 2019–2020 Purple Star Award.
- The school received the 2020–2021 Purple Star Award.
- The school received the 2021–2022 Purple Star Award.
- The school received the 2022–2023 Purple Star Award.
- The school received the 2023–2024 Purple Star Award.

Before you select the "Next" button at the bottom of this page, please review your responses to the questions on this page. Once you have selected the "Next" button, you will not be able to return to this section without contacting NCDPI.

Select the "Next" button at the bottom of this page to complete the Required School Activities and the Optional School Activities sections of the 2024-2025 Purple Star application.

1. School Demographics

Purple Star Application School Demographics

What is the total student population at the school?

What is the percentage of Military-Connected students at the school?

TOC

Please review each section before submitting the application to NCDPI. Once the application is submitted to NCDPI, changes cannot be made without contacting NCDPI. Select the "Review Section" button below to review the previous section now or select "Next Section" to complete another section.

2. Point of Contact Information

Purple Star Application Point of Contact Information

School Contact Information

Provide the mailing address and phone number of the School.

Street Number and Name

Apartment, Room or Suite Number

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Application POC/Designee Contact Information – Schools must designate a staff member as the point of contact (POC) who serves

as a consultant for military students and families. The POC may be a school counselor, administrator, school social worker, teacher, or another staff member.

Please provide the name, work phone number, and work email address of the POC.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

Work Phone Number

Select the Application POC's School Position.

Counselor

Instructional Coach

Social Worker

Teacher/JROTC Instructor

Other (Please provide position in box below)

School Principal/Head of School Contact Information

Please provide the name and work email address of the Principal/Head of School.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

Central Office Contact Information

Provide the mailing address and phone number of the Central Office. (Charter and DODOA schools: enter N/A if not applicable)

Street Number and Name

Apartment, Room or Suite Number

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Central Office Staff Member Contact Information

The school district has assigned a central office staff member to act in support of the school-based POC and for military families.

***Charter Schools and DODEA Schools are exempt from this requirement if the criteria for POC/Designee above is met; however,**

if the Charter School or DODEA School has a Central Office facility, please provide the requested information.

Please provide the name and work email address of the Central Office Staff Member.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

Superintendent's Contact Information

Please provide the name and work email address of the Superintendent.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

3. Professional Development

Required School Activities

All required activities must have been completed during the 2024–2025 school year. Artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Required School Activities must be from the 2024–2025 school year.

Professional Development – The school provides its staff with annual professional development regarding special considerations for military students and families. Evidence of this training should include the following documentation: agenda, presentation material, and names of participants. Please do not upload artifacts from previous school years, as these will not be accepted as artifacts for the 2024–2025 school year.

Provide the Title and Date of Training.

Title

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Please provide the name, work phone number, and work email address of the Trainer.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

Work Phone Number

Provide a brief synopsis of the Training (3 - 5 sentences).

Professional Development Artifacts - Agenda.

Only one file can be uploaded. When uploading more than one file, compress/zip them together into one compressed file.

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Professional Development Artifacts - Presentation Material.

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Professional Development Artifacts - Sign in/List of Participants.

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4. Resources Website

Required School Activities

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Resources Website – The school has a dedicated page on its website for military family resources. This can be a school webpage that links to the district's webpage with military family resources.

What is the web address for the school's Military Resource page?

5. Transitions

Required School Activities

All required activities must have been completed during the 2024–2025 school year. Artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Required School Activities must be from the 2024–2025 school year.

Transitions – The school has a transition program to support inbound and outbound military students and families. The program should provide support to students newly enrolling and those

withdrawing. The school provides inbound and outbound checklist for military students and families.

Are there any updates or changes to the previous application for the transition section of the application?

Yes

No

Select the questions you would like to update or change?

Transitions Point of Contact Information

Synopsis of the Transitions Program

Upload new artifacts

Please provide the name, work phone number, and work email address of the Transitions POC.

First Name

Last Name

Work Email

Work Phone Number

Provide a brief synopsis of the transition program (3 - 5 sentences).

Transitions Artifacts - Inbound/Outbound Checklist.

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6. Military Awareness & Interstate Compact Law

Required School Activities

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Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law Required Questions
– All questions regarding military awareness and Interstate Compact Law are answered completely. ***Note: These questions remain the same from the previous application. If awarded during a prior school year, applicants may utilize their same response(s) unless changes should be noted. [Interstate Compact for Review.](#)

Are there any updates or changes to the most recent application regarding the Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law section that you would like to make?

Yes

No

Select the questions you would like to update or change.

What is the Interstate Compact

Who is covered by the Interstate Compact

Who is not covered by the Interstate Compact

Understanding of the Deployment Cycle

Understanding of the Mobilization and Deployment Cycle in the Reserve/Guard

How the school helps with academic planning of military-connected students

School's process for dissemination and collection of the Impact Aid Student-Parent Survey

What is the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children?

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Who is covered under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children?

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Who is not covered under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children?



Explain your understanding of a deployment cycle. Discuss the implications of the deployment cycle, to include "dwell time" between deployments and how these times impact military-connected children.



Explain your understanding of mobilization and deployment as it pertains to Reserve/Guard status to Active Component status and how this shift impacts military-connected children.



Explain how your school helps with academic planning of military-connected students at your school.



Explain your school's process for dissemination and collection of the Impact Aid Student-Parent Survey.



7. Optional School Activities

Optional School Activities

All optional activities must have been completed during the 2024–2025 school year. Please do not upload artifacts from previous

school years, as these will not be accepted as artifacts for the 2024–2025 school year.

Optional School Activities (At least 1)

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Select the optional school-based activities completed.

Recognition
Military Child of the Year Nomination
Support Project
Staff Common Read Book
School Welcome Video or Photo Slideshow

Option 1. Recognition.

Select the type(s) of Recognition.

Month of the Military Child
Month of the Military Family
Purple Up! or other similar "Purple" event
Veteran's Day
Memorial Day

Other

Describe the Recognition(s) in the space provided.

Upload any applicable Recognition Artifacts

Only one file can be uploaded. When uploading more than one file, compress/zip them together into one compressed file.

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Option 2. Military Child of the Year Nomination – The school nominates a student for the Military Child of the Year program.

Artifact must be a submission receipt after submitting to the following website: <http://www.militarychildoftheyear.org/>

Upload the submission receipt from <http://www.militarychildoftheyear.org/>

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Select the grade of the nominee.

☐ Kindergarten

☐ Grade 1

☐ Grade 2

☐ Grade 3

☐ Grade 4

☐ Grade 5

☐ Grade 6

☐ Grade 7

☐ Grade 8

☐ Grade 9

☐ Grade 10

☐ Grade 11

☐ Grade 12

☐ Grade 13

Select the nominee's branch(es) of service affiliation.

Air Force
Army
Coast Guard
Marine Corps
National Guard
Navy
Space Force

In the space provided, explain why this child was chosen.

Option 3. Support Project

Provide the Title of the Project and the Involved Parties

Title of Project

List of Involved Parties

Upload any Support Project Artifacts

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Option 4. Staff Common Read Book

Provide the Title, Author, and Dates for the Common Read

Common Read Book Title

Common Read Book Author

Date Reading Began (mm/dd/yyyy)

Date Reading Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

Provide a brief synopsis of the book (2 - 4 sentences).

Describe any activities involved with this Common Read (i.e. weekly/monthly meetings, discussion questions, etc.).

Upload Common Read Suggested Artifacts (List of participants in common read, photos from discussion sessions, discussion questions, etc.).

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Option 5. School Welcome Video or Photo Slide Show

School Welcome Video or Photo Slide Show Link (Paste Below).

Submit Application to NCDPI

2024–2025 Purple Star Application Submission

By selecting the boxes, you are verifying that the school principal and superintendent agree to the submission of this application.

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The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction thanks you for taking the time to complete this application, and we especially thank you and your school community for supporting our state's military-connected students.

If you would like to sign up to receive updates regarding military-connected students, please do so through this link:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSBE/subscriber/new>

Questions?

Email PurpleStar@ncpublicschools.gov

Please select the "Submit" button below to submit the application to NCDPI.

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Use the "Review" button to review each section before submitting the application.

After application is submitted, PSUs will be able to save and print a PDF version of their application.

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