



### **Florida Purple Star School District Program**

The purpose of the Florida Purple Star School District program is to recognize school districts that provide critical coordination of services for military families and students across the district and support the unique needs of military families, help military-connected students navigate challenges and provide resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.

#### **Timeline**

<b>August</b>	Application window opens.
<b>September 30</b>	Application must be submitted online by clicking <a href="#">Florida Purple Star School District Application</a> by <b>September 30</b> of each school year.
<b>October</b>	State committee reviews applications.
<b>November</b>	Florida Purple Star School Districts are announced.

#### **Eligibility**

Florida public school districts meeting the requirements defined in [Rule 6A-1.0999, Florida Administrative Code \(F.A.C.\)](#), are eligible to earn the designation as a Purple Star School District.

#### **Application Criteria**

To earn the Purple Star School District Designation, districts are required to maintain the following, as defined in [Rule 6A-1.0999, F.A.C.](#):

- 1) Minimum of 75 percent of the schools within the district designated as a Purple Star School of Distinction
- 2) District webpage with resources for military families and students and links to each Purple Star School of Distinction's military webpage
- 3) Council comprised of one representative from each Purple Star School of Distinction within the district and a district-level representative

#### **Application Submission**

To qualify as a Purple Star School District, school superintendent or his/her designee must complete the online application form by clicking [Florida Purple Star School District Application](#) and certifying that all required criteria have been met.

An acknowledgment statement from the Superintendent with his/her signature must be included. Please name this file "*District\_Superintendent Last Name.*"

The Purple Star School District Designation will remain in effect for three (3) years. After three years, districts must reapply to maintain their Purple Star District status.