



Florida Purple Star School of Distinction

The purpose of the Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation is to recognize schools that support the unique needs of military families, help military-connected students navigate critical challenges and provide resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.

Timeline

August	Application window opens.
September 30	Application must be submitted online by clicking Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Application by September 30 of each school year.
October	State committee reviews applications.
November	Florida Purple Star Schools of Distinction are announced.

Eligibility

Florida public schools, as defined in Section 1003.01(2), F.S., charter schools, as defined in Section 1002.33, F.S., or private schools participating in a state scholarship program under Chapter 1002, F.S., are eligible to earn the designation as a Purple Star School of Distinction.

Application Criteria

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

- 1) School Military Point of Contact (MPOC)
- 2) School webpage for military students and families
- 3) Student-led transition program
- 4) Staff professional development
- 5) Five (5) percent open enrollment seats for military students
- 6) Three (3) additional activities to support military families

Application Submission

In order to qualify for the Purple Star of Distinction Designation, school principals or their designee must complete the online application form by clicking [Florida Purple Star School of Distinction 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 of Distinction will remain in effect for three (3) years. After three years, schools must reapply to maintain their Purple Star status.