

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.0999, Purple Star School of Distinction Designation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(1), (2)(n), 1003.051(4), 1003.052(2), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As Florida is committed to being the most military-friendly state in the nation, the Department of Education is pleased to support the Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation established by the Florida legislature in 2021. The Purple Star School of Distinction Designation recognizes schools that support the unique needs of military families by helping military-connected students navigate critical challenges and providing resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.

The current rule outlines the criteria and application process for the Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation, which recognizes schools that provide exemplary support for the unique needs of military families and students. Criteria include maintaining a specific school website with resources and contacts for military families as well as providing resources and activities which highlight and support military families and students. The Florida Purple Star School District Designation will be added for districts with a minimum of 75 percent of schools designated as a Purple Star School of Distinction, a district webpage devoted to resources for military families with a link to each Purple Star School of Distinction's webpage, and a council consisting of school and district representatives to ensure alignment of military student-focused policies and procedures across the district.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-1.0999, F.A.C. and Form PSDA-2, Purple Star School District Application

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