**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**

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| **August** |  | Application window opens. |
| **September 30** |  | Application must be submitted online by clicking [Florida Purple Star School of Distinction](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDA-1_2025) 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.](https://www.flrules.org/gateway/ruleNo.asp?id=6A-1.0999):

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**

To qualify for the Purple Star of Distinction Designation, the school principal or his/her designee must complete the online application form by clicking [Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Application](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PSDA-1_2025) 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.