

160.153 Purple Star School Program -- Requirements.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Military-connected student" means a child enrolled in a Kentucky public school who is a dependent of a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Kentucky National Guard, or any reserve component thereof; and
 - (b) "Purple star school" means any public, private, or public charter school serving any grades of kindergarten through twelfth grade that has committed to supporting the educational and social-emotional needs of military-connected students, as identified by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.
- (2) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall establish the Purple Star School Program and establish an application, review, and designation process for eligible schools.
- (3) To qualify as a purple star school, the school shall:
 - (a) Designate a staff member as a military liaison to serve as the point of contact between the school and military-connected students and their families, whose duties shall include:
 1. Identifying military-connected students enrolled in the school;
 2. Determining appropriate services available to military-connected students;
 3. Coordinating programs relevant to military-connected students;
 4. Assisting military-connected students in transitioning into or out of the school;
 5. Facilitating optional professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students;
 6. Completing a Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs purple star school questionnaire to provide feedback for program improvements; and
 7. Completing Kentucky purple star school self-paced online training events, including military youth in Kentucky;
 - (b) Maintain a web page on the school's website that includes a prominent display of the Kentucky purple star logo provided by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, resources for military-connected students and their families, and information regarding:
 1. Relocation, enrollment, registration, and transferring records in the school;
 2. Academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available;
 3. Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school; and
 4. Contact information for the military liaison designated in this subsection;

- (c) Host at least one (1) military recognition event annually that connects the school with the military community; and
- (d) Submit an application for designation as a purple star school with the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.

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