

DATE:	September 4, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025-26 Purple Star Campus Designation Awardees
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The Purple Star Campus Designation (PSCD) recognizes the Texas school district and open-enrollment charter school campuses that show support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) accepted applications for the 2025-26 school year from April 4, 2025, through June 6, 2025, for campuses to apply for the designation and demonstrate they have met the established criteria:

1. Designate an assigned campus staff member as a military liaison and offer professional development opportunities for staff members on issues related to military-connected students.
2. Create and maintain an easily accessible campus military webpage that includes the required information for military-connected students and their families.
3. Implement a campus transition program.
4. Offer at least one of the required military initiatives.

A total of 98 campuses across Texas met the established criteria and have earned Purple Star Campus Designations for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. This year's designation cycle reflects a strengthened commitment to upholding the integrity and intent of the PSCD as outlined in [19 TAC Chapter 61, Subchapter FF, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Veterans and Military Dependents](#). The application process was strategically enhanced with more robust support and resources to assist campuses in meeting the rigorous criteria, thereby reinforcing the integrity and purpose of the PSCD. This year's designated campuses demonstrated a strong, ongoing commitment to supporting military-connected students, meeting the enhanced criteria and reflecting the program's core values.

To see the list of this year's awardees, you can visit this link: [2025-26 Purple Star Campus Designation Awardee List](#). For the list of previously awarded campuses that received the designation, please visit the [Purple Star Campus Designation](#) website.

Any Texas public school or open-enrollment charter school can become a Purple Star Campus, regardless of the size of its military-connected student population. Districts are encouraged to support campuses and help them meet the criteria for PSCD status. Applications are accepted on an annual basis, and the designation lasts for two years. After the two-year period, campuses that were previously awarded the designation must reapply to maintain their special designation as a Purple Star Campus.

For a full list of the PSCD criteria and resources to support, visit TEA's [Purple Star Campus Designation](#) webpage.

Questions

If you have any questions concerning the Purple Star Campus application process and supporting Military-Connected Students, please contact us at MilitaryConnectedStudents@tea.texas.gov.