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The school nominates a student for the Military Child of the Year program.

Purple Star Application - 2025-2026

Start of Block: Introduction

Q1

2025–2026 Purple Star Application

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 11:59PM EST ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026.

North Carolina will award the Purple Star Award Designation to those schools that demonstrate military-friendly practices and a commitment to m
ilitary students and families. Schools that apply and earn the award will receive a Purple Star recognition to display on the school premises. Awarded schools will also have the Purple Star Award icon on their NC School Report Card.

This is an annual award. Schools that received the award in the previous year MUST reapply to receive the award designation for 2025–2026; however, the application includes “skip logic” that will allow re-applying schools to move forward past questions that do not have new information/updates. Such questions will be apparent as the applicant navigates through the application.

While this is a school-based award, school districts that have ALL of their schools within the district receive the award will receive the State Superintendent's Award for Being a Military Friendly District. Being a Military Friendly District is also an

annual award. Thus, each year, districts that receive this award will receive the annual award to display at the district central office (i.e. School District A has received this award both during the 2021–2022 school year and 2022–2023 school year and has two trophies now to demonstrate that both years, the district had all of their schools meet the criteria and be awarded the Purple Star Award Designation).

A school will be deemed a Purple Star School by completing all of the required activities, plus one optional activity, as outlined in this application. All artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Purple Star application MUST be artifacts for the 2025–2026 school year. Artifacts (photos, sign in lists, etc.) submitted from events prior to the 2025–2026 school year will not be accepted. Applications can include artifacts for future events (i.e. if a Purple Up! event is scheduled for April 2026, but the application closes in February 2026, the application should include a flier or other item that will advertise the event).

Student Photo Release Reminder: Please remember to refrain from including photographs/artifacts of students who have declined on any district photo release document; this extends to virtual events. (i.e. If a student does not allow face-to-face photos, that student should not be photographed virtually).

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction reviews all applications submitted for the award. Please ensure that all applications are complete with the required/suggested artifacts and documentation.

REQUIRED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: All required activities must have been completed during the 2025–2026 school year. Artifacts submitted in fulfillment of the Required School Activities must be from the 2025–2026 school year. Virtual school activities are not acceptable for the 2025–2026 school year.

POC/Designee – The school must designate a staff memberPage 3 of 20
as the point of contact (POC) who serves as a consultant for military students and families. The POC may be a school counselor, administrator, school social worker, teacher, or

another staff member.

Central Office Staff Member – The school district has assigned a central office staff member to act in support of the school-based POC and for military families. *Charter Schools and DODEA Schools are exempt from this requirement if the criteria for POC/Designee above is met; however, if the Charter School or DODEA School has a Central Office facility, please provide the requested information.

Professional Development – The school provides its staff with annual professional development regarding special considerations for military students and families. Evidence of this training should include the following documentation: agenda; presentation material; and names of participants.

Resources Website – The school has a dedicated page on its website for military family resources. This can be a school webpage that links to the district's web page with military family resources. This website MUST be a page dedicated to military family resources.

Transitions – The school has a transition program to support inbound and outbound military students and families. The program should provide support to students newly enrolling and those withdrawing. The school provides inbound and outbound checklists for military students and families.

Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law Required Questions – All questions regarding military awareness and Interstate Compact Law are answered completely.

OPTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (AT LEAST ONE):
a.) Recognition – The school hosts an annual military recognition event (i.e. Month of the Military Child, Month of the Military Family, Purple-Up! For Military Kids!, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day.)

b.) Military Child of the Year Nomination
c.) Support Project – The school participates in a support project connecting the school with the military community (i.e. adopt-a-school, letters/care package collections for troops).

d.) Staff Common Read Book – The school's staff completes

a staff Common Read book to learn about military students (Example Text: Seasons of My Military Student: Practical Ideas for Parents and Teachers).

e.) School Welcome Video or Photo Slideshow – The school posts a school video OR slide show of pictures to highlight certain aspects of the school facility (i.e. gym, cafeteria, media center, typical classroom, playground) on its website, as a way to help new students transitioning to the area. FOR SECURITY PURPOSES: THE SCHOOL WELCOME VIDEO OR PHOTO SLIDESHOW ARTIFACT MUST BE FREE FROM IMAGES OF STUDENTS. THIS ARTIFACT MUST NOT BE A GUIDED WALK-THROUGH OF THE SCHOOL. PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE IMAGES OF THE SCHOOL IN GENERAL (I.E. POINT OUT THE GYM, CAFETERIA, ETC. WITHOUT PROVIDING SPECIFIC LOCATIONS IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE CAMPUS).

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Purple Star Application School Information

Sch1 **Select the Entity Type, PSU and School.**
Entity Type (Public)
PSU (Moore County Schools-630_
School (West End Elementary

▼ Public

Sch2 **If you selected "Other", provide the name of the school_____ _____**

Sch3 **Has the school received the Purple Star Award in years prior? (Select all that apply.)**

- [ ] The school has never received the Purple Star Award. (1)-NO
- [ ] XThe school received the 2019–2020 Purple Star Award. (2)
- [ ] XThe school received the 2020–2021 Purple Star Award. (3)
- [ ] XThe school received the 2021–2022 Purple Star Award. (4)
- [ ] XThe school received the 2022–2023 Purple Star Award. (5)
- [ ] xThe school received the 2023–2024 Purple Star Award. (6)
- [ ] xThe school received the 2024–2025 Purple Star Award. (7)

Sch6 **Before you select the "Next" button at the bottom of this page, please review your responses to the questions on this page. Once you have selected the "Next" button, you will not be able to return to this section without contacting NCDPI. Select the "Next" button at the bottom of this page to complete the Required School**

Activities and the Optional School Activities sections of the 2025-2026 Purple Star application.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: 1. School Demographics

Demog
Purple Star Application School Demographics

D1 **What is the total student population at the school?**

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D2 **What is the percentage of Military-Connected students at the school?**

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End of Block: 1. School Demographics

Start of Block: TOC

TOC **Please review each section before submitting the application to NCDPI. Once the application is submitted to NCDPI, changes cannot be made without contacting NCDPI. Select the "Review Section" button below to review the previous section now or select "Next Section" to complete another section.**

End of Block: TOC

Start of Block: 2. Point of Contact Information

POC

Purple Star Application Point of Contact Information

POC1

School Contact Information

Provide the mailing address and phone number of the School.

- Street Number and Name 4483 NC Highway 211
- Apartment, Room or Suite Number N/A
- City (3) West End
- State (4) North Carolina
- Zip Code (5) 27376
- Phone Number (6) 910-673-6691

POC2

Application POC/Designee Contact Information – Schools must designate a staff member as the point of contact (POC) who serves as a consultant for military students and families. The POC may be a school counselor, administrator, school social worker, teacher, or another staff member.

Please provide the name, work phone number, and work email address of the POC.

- ○ First Name (1) Amanda
- ○ Last Name (2) Toner
- ○ Work Email (3) atoner@ncmcs.org
- ○ Work Phone Number (4)910-673-6691

POC3 **Select the Application POC's School Position.**

- ○ Administrator (1)
- ○ XCounselor (2)
- ○ Instructional Coach (3)
- ○ JROTC Instructor (4)
- ○ Social Worker (5)
- ○ Teacher (6)
- ○ Other (Please provide position in box below) (7)

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POC4

School Principal/Head of School Contact Information

Please provide the name and work email address of the Principal/Head of School.

- First Name (1) Katie
- Last Name (2) Lockamy
- Work Email (3)klockamy@ncmcs.org

POC5

Central Office Contact Information Provide the mailing address and phone number of the Central Office. (Charter schools: enter N/A if not applicable)

- Street Number and Name (1) PO Box 1180
- Apartment, Room or Suite Number (2)
- City (3) Carthage
- State (4) North Carolina
- Zip Code (5)28327
- Phone Number (6) 910-947-2976

POC6

Central Office Staff Member Contact Information The school district has assigned a central office staff member to act in support of the school-based POC and for military families. *Charter Schools are exempt from this

requirement if the criteria for POC/Designee above is met; however, if the Charter School has a Central Office facility, please provide the requested information.

Please provide the name and work email address of the Central Office Staff Member.

- First Name (1)Julie
- Last Name (2) Diestelhorst
- Work Email (3) jdistelhorst@ncmcs.org

POC7

Superintendent's Contact Information

Please provide the name and work email address of the Superintendent.

- First Name (1) Tim
- Last Name (2) Locklear
- Work Email (3) kspells@hcs.k12.nc.us

End of Block: 2. Point of Contact Information

Start of Block: 3. Professional Development

PD

Required School Activities

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PD1

Professional Development – The school provides its staff with annual professional development regarding special considerations for military students and families. Evidence of this training should include the following documentation: agenda, presentation material, and names of participants. Please do not upload artifacts from previous school years, as these will not be accepted as artifacts for the 2025–2026 school year.

PD2 **Provide the Title and Date of Training.**

- Title (1)
- Date (MM/DD/YYYY) (2)

PD3 **Please provide the name, work phone number, and work email address of the Trainer.**

- First Name (1)
- Last Name (2)
- Work Email (3)
- Work Phone Number (4)

PD4 **Provide a brief synopsis of the Training (3 - 5 sentences).**

PD5
Professional Development Artifact

s - Agenda.
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PD6
Professional Development Artifacts - Presentation Material. Only one file can be uploaded. When uploading more than one file, compress/zip them together into one compressed file. These must comply with copyright laws and any parental media permissions. Files larger than 100MB cannot be uploaded. Compress/zip to decrease the size.

PD7
Professional Development Artifacts - Sign in/List of Participants.
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End of Block: 3. Professional Development

Start of Block: 4. Resources Website

RW
Required School Activities

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RW1
Resources Website – The school has a dedicated page on its website for military family resources. This can be a school webpage that links to the district's webpage with military family resources.

RW2 **What is the web address for the school's Military Resource page?**

End of Block: 4. Resources Website

Start of Block: 5. Transitions

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Required School Activities

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T1 **Transitions – The school has a transition program to support inbound and outbound military students and families. The program should provide support to students newly enrolling and those withdrawing. The school provides inbound and outbound checklist for military students and families.**

Display this question:

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T1_A **Are there any updates or changes to the previous application for the transition section of the application?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

Display this question:

If Are there any updates or changes to the previous application for the transition section of the ap... = Yes

T1_B **Select the questions you would like to update or change?**

- ☐ Transitions Point of Contact Information (1)
- ☐ Synopsis of the Transitions Program (2)
- ☐ Upload new artifacts (3)

Display this question:

If Has the school received the Purple Star Award in years prior? (Select all that apply.) = The school has never received the Purple Star Award.

Or Select the questions you would like to update or change? = Upload new artifacts

T4

Transitions Artifacts - Inbound/Outbound Checklist.

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End of Block: 5. Transitions

Start of Block: 6. Military Awareness & Interstate Compact Law

MI

Required School Activities

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M1 **Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law Required Questions – All questions regarding military awareness and Interstate Compact Law are answered completely. ***Note: These questions remain the same from the previous application. If awarded during a prior school year, applicants may utilize their same**

response(s) unless changes should be noted. Interstate Compact for Review.

M1_A **Are there any updates or changes to the most recent application regarding the Military Awareness and Interstate Compact Law section that you would like to make?**

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (2)

End of Block: 6. Military Awareness & Interstate Compact Law

Start of Block: 7. Optional School Activities

O1
Optional School Activities

All optional activities must have been completed during the 2025–2026 school year. Please do not upload artifacts from previous school years, as these will not be accepted as artifacts for the 2025–2026 school year.

Optional School Activities (At least 1)

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O2 **Select the optional school-based activities completed.**

- [ ] Recognition (1)
- [ ] Military Child of the Year Nomination (2)
- [ ] Support Project (3)
- [ ] Staff Common Read Book (4)
- [ ] School Welcome Video or Photo Slideshow (5)

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Display this question:

If Select the optional school-based activities completed. = Recognition

O3
Option 1. Recognition.

Display this question:

If Select the optional school-based activities completed. = Recognition

O4 **Select the type(s) of Recognition.**

- [ ] Month of the Military Child (1)
- [ ] Month of the Military Family (2)
- [ ] Purple Up! or other similar "Purple" event (3)
- [ ] Veteran's Day (4)
- [ ] Memorial Day (5)
- [ ] Other (6)

_____

Display this question:

If Select the optional school-based activities completed. = Recognition

O5 **Describe the Recognition(s) in the space provided.**

Display this question:

If Select the optional school-based activities completed. = Recognition

O6

Upload any applicable Recognition Artifacts

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C1

2025–2026 Purple Star Application Submission

C2 **By selecting the boxes, you are verifying that the school principal and superintendent agree to the submission of this application.**

- [ ] ${POC4/ChoiceTextEntryValue/1} ${POC4/ChoiceTextEntryValue/2} (1)
- [ ] ${POC7/ChoiceTextEntryValue/1} ${POC7/ChoiceTextEntryValue/2} (2)

Q73 **The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction thanks you for taking the time to complete this application, and we especially thank you and your school community for supporting our state's military-connected students. If you would like to sign up to receive updates regarding military-connected students, please do so through this link: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/NCSBE/subscriber/new Questions? Email PurpleStar@ncpublicschools.gov**

C3
Use the "Review" button to review each section before submitting the application. After you have reviewed each section, return to this page and select the "Submit" button below to submit the application to NCDPI.

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After application is submitted, PSUs will be able to save and print a PDF version of their application.

End of Block: Submit Application to NCDPI