

# Month of the Military Child and Nevada Purple Star School Program



Family Engagement Council  
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# Strategic Improvement Plan Alignment

## **Goal 2: All students have access to effective educators.**

**Input:** Support and develop professional learning events and resources

**Output:** implement and develop professional learning and resources for educational partners and stakeholders

**Outcome:** Increase of 10% from baseline of families reporting they are welcomed as equal partners and students reporting that they feel their educator is able to meet their needs.

## **Goal 3: All students experience continued academic growth.**

**Input:** Develop capacity within, advocate for, and create systems of support for licensed educational personnel to serve all learners

**Output:** Strategic allocation of financial and human capital resources to support historically underserved student populations

**Outcome:** Increase the percent of educators reporting on the educator climate survey that they have the necessary resources and supports to meet the needs of historically underserved student populations.

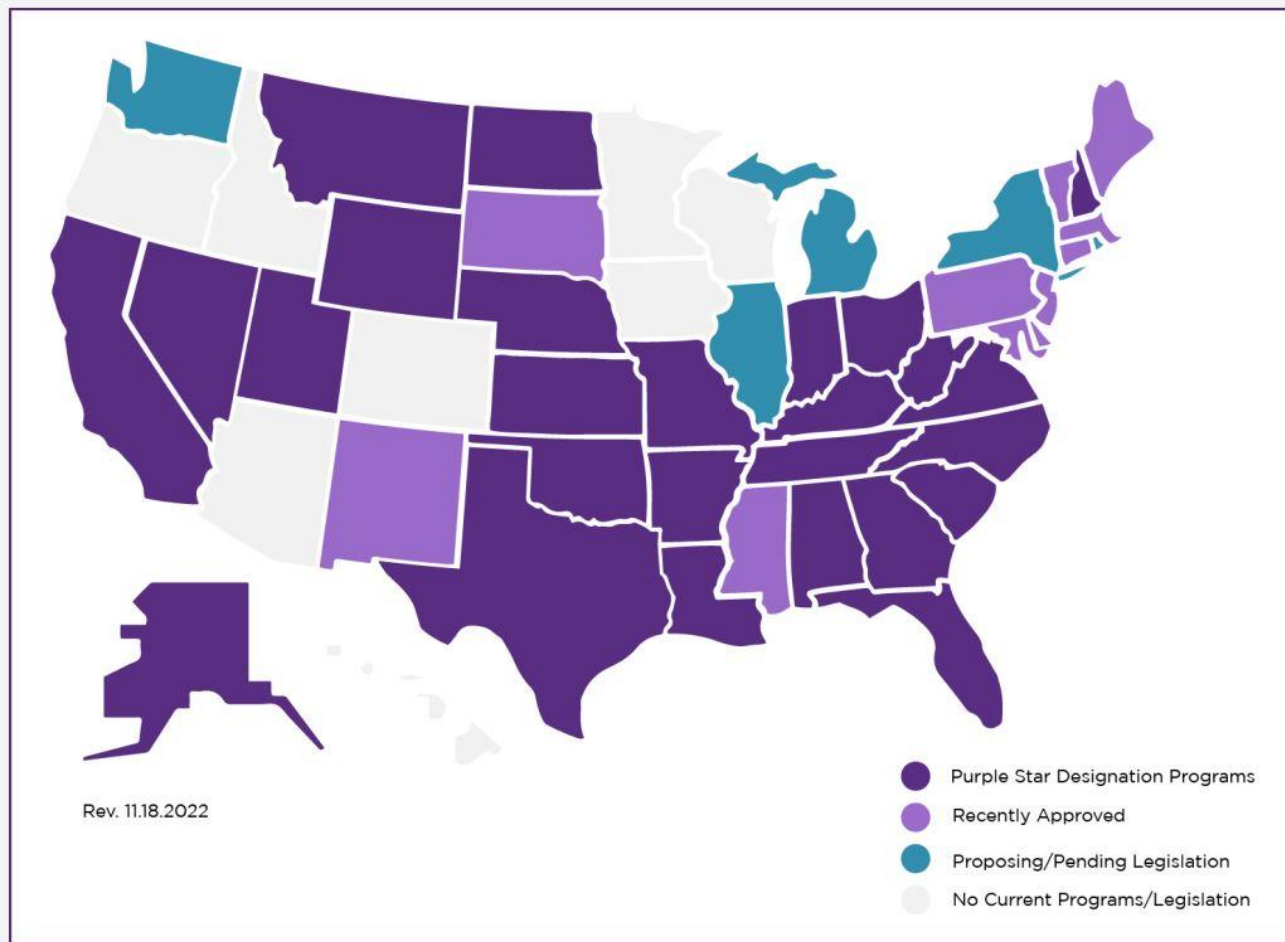
# Month of the Military Child



# The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

- Active-duty members of the armed forces
- National Guard and Reserve on Title 10 orders
- Uniformed Members of National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) & U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members of uniformed services who die while on active duty, for a period of one year after death

# Purple Star School Award



# Why Purple Star Schools?

- “I have students in my classroom who are children of military personnel. I feel like I have a better understanding as a teacher. I learned what questions to ask and what questions not to ask.” - Teacher
- "Being with other military students and feeling that you belong and are important- really makes school a fun and exciting environment." - Student
- "I get nervous when I think about having to move the kids to a new place and a new school. But I feel better knowing that Purple Star programs are there to help us." - Family Member
- “I am a military spouse and a mom to two sons who endure the military lifestyle. This helps significantly in my journey to identify gaps and create an inclusive culture for students who sacrifice so much.” – Family Member

# What the Research Says

IF

schools implement the Purple Star School Program components,

THEN

schools will be better equipped to mitigate the challenges of frequent transitions, students will experience seamless transitions, and families will feel supported

RESULTING IN

improved academic and socio-emotional outcomes for our military-connected students.

# The Nevada Purple Star School Application Process

- Two application periods per year
  - November to April
  - April to November
- Application available on the Nevada Department of Education Purple Star School webpage
- Committee of military-connected personnel individually review applications
- Rubric aligned with Purple Star Schools Program requirements



# Purple Star School Required Activities

- Schools must have an assigned staff Point of Contact (POC) for military-connected students and families.
- The POC provides ongoing professional development for staff on addressing and assessing the needs of military students.
- Schools must maintain a designated Purple Star School page on their website.
- Schools must celebrate the Month of the Military Child (April).
- Schools must create and maintain an active student-led transition program.

# Military Children in Our Schools Canvas Course



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# Purple Star School Optional Activities

- All or additional staff members completed the “Military Children in Our Schools” professional development course
- The school board passed a resolution publicizing the school’s support for military students and families
- The school holds fundraisers to support military veterans and active-duty members
- The school has a U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program in place
- The school hosts a military appreciation night at a sporting event
- The school has a public military display, hosted an annual military-friendly program, or marches in a parade
- The staff has attended/viewed webinars focused on Purple Star Schools or military-connected families

# 2021 Purple Star Schools



Watson Elementary School  
Mountain View Lutheran School  
Coronado High School  
Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas, Nellis

Ernest Becker Middle School  
Robert Gibson Leadership Academy  
Triggs Elementary School





# 2022 Purple Star Schools



Mineral County High School  
Hawthorne Elementary School  
Hawthorne Junior High School  
Schurz Elementary School  
Churchill High School  
Churchill Middle School  
E.C. Best Elementary School  
Numa Elementary School  
Lahontan Elementary School

Palo Verde High School  
Rundle Elementary School  
Doral Academy Northern Nevada  
Mojave High School  
Coral Academy of Science – Centennial Hills  
Lamb of God Lutheran School  
Elizondo Elementary School  
Mt. Rose Academy of Languages  
Desert Oasis High School



# Purple Star School Districts

Mineral County School District



Churchill County School District





# Aviation Nation 2022





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