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Nevada Purple Star Schools Program

The Purple Star Schools program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready.



17 States now offer the Purple Star Schools Program to their military-connected families and students.

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We Want Nevada Schools to Not Just Say They Are Military Friendly, But to Show It.

★ Basic Requirements for Purple Star Certification

- Schools must maintain a designated Purple Star School page on their website.
- Schools must celebrate the Month of the Military Child (April).
- Schools must have an assigned staff Point of Contact (POC) for military-connected students and families.

Requirements

- Schools must offer professional development training to school-based Point of Contact (POC) that cover topics as outlined by MIC3.
- The POC identifies and informs teachers and staff of the military-connected students in their classrooms .

At Least One of These Elective Activities

- The school provides professional development for additional staff on considerations for military students and families.
- The local school board passes resolution publicizing the school's support for military students and families.
- The school hosts a military recognition event that demonstrates a military-friendly culture.
- Form military family/committee/counseling groups to offer support.



State of Nevada Benefits

- The Purple Star Schools program is not funded by or associated with the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. A statewide Purple Star Schools program shares the Compact's goals of ensuring that military children transition successfully into new schools.
- Communities with Purple Star Schools can help retain bases and attract military families.

Possible Partnerships

Military Groups

- Nevada National Guard
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- American Legion Dept. of NV
- VFW Department of NV
- USO Nevada

Community Groups

- Nevada PTA



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First Steps



- ★ **CREATE APPLICATION REVIEW PANEL**
 - 2 or 3 members from MIC3 Council, 3 or 4 from other Education or Military related organizations
- ★ **DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF SCHOOLS**
 - K-12 Public and Charter Schools
- ★ **APPLICATION PERIODS**
 - Twice a year – open for 45 days
 - Certification renewal – Every 2 years

Conclusion

- Purple Star was started by the MIC3 State Council in Ohio during the spring of 2016.
- MIC3 supports the education transitions of the Active-Duty Military Child.
- Purple Star supports the whole child, the social emotional elements of moving on average 6-9 times across a student's K-12 years.
- Purple Star will support Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Families here in Nevada.
- Above all, Purple Star school programs become a 'rising tide; lifting all boats' by serving military families and inspiring non-military families and students as well.
- Our K-12 educators will love localizing Purple Star in their classrooms, hallways, communities, and schools by making this shared mission their own."

For more information on Purple Star Schools

- mic3.net
- militarychild.org/purplestarschools
- militaryspouse.com
- education.ohio.gov