

6A-1.0999 Purple Star School of Distinction and Purple Star School District Designations.

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish the criteria and application process for Florida's Purple Star School of Distinction Designation, which is awarded to schools that demonstrate a commitment to or provide critical transition supports for military-connected families, as provided in Section 1003.051, F.S., and Florida's Purple Star School District Designation, which is awarded to school districts that demonstrate a commitment to or provide critical coordination of services for military students and their families, as provided in Section 1003.052, F.S.

(2) Definitions.

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) "Purple Star School District" means a district approved by the Department that meets the criteria established in Section 1003.052, F.S., and this rule.

(3) Schools must meet the following criteria in order to earn the designation as a Purple Star School of Distinction:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Transition Program. Each school must establish a student-led transition program that assists military students in transitioning into the school. The transition program must include:

1. No change.

2. A military peer-support system that links incoming military students with other military students at the school within the first two weeks of enrollment; and

3. No change.

(d) through (f) No change.

(4) Districts must meet the following criteria in order to earn the designation as a Purple Star School District:

(a) Council. Each district must establish a council that ensures the alignment of military student-focused policies and procedures within the district. The council must include:

1. A representative from each Purple Star School of Distinction within the district; and

2. A district-level representative.

(b) Webpage. Each district must establish and maintain a separate page on its website that is linked on the district's homepage and includes, at a minimum, the following:

1. A link to each Purple Star School of Distinction's webpage that meets the requirements under (3)(b)1.-8. of

this rule:

2. Contact information for the district’s council representatives; and

3. Additional resources for military students and their families specific to their district.

(c) Each district must have a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of the schools in their district maintain the Purple Star School of Distinction Designation.

(5) (4) Application and renewal.

(a) No change.

(b) Schools must maintain records demonstrating compliance with completion of the required items in subsection (3) of this rule and must provide those records to the Department of Education staff upon request.

(c) Once awarded, schools will maintain their designation as a Purple Star School of Distinction for three (3) school years. After three years, schools must reapply to maintain the Florida’s Purple Star School of Distinction Designation.

(d) Districts that meet the criteria for the Florida Purple Star School District Designation must report the information listed in subsection (4) of this rule to the Department of Education by completing the Purple Star School District Application form, PSDA-2, (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-16830>) (effective August 2024) by September 30 of each school year. This form is incorporated by reference and may be obtained at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/activities-programs/parental-involvement/purple-star.stml>.

(e) Districts must maintain records demonstrating compliance with the required items in subsection (4) of this rule and provide those records to the Department of Education staff upon request.

(f) Once awarded, districts will maintain their designation as a Purple Star School District for three (3) school years. After three years, districts must reapply to maintain the Florida Purple Star School District Designation.
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