

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
March 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Approval of New Rule 6A-1.0999, Purple Star School of Distinction Designation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.02(2)(n), 1003.051(4), F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

According to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, there are nearly 2 million military-connected children in the United States and 1.2 million are school-aged. Of these children, about 80,000 attend Department of Defense schools on a military installation. Most of these students attend schools in the communities in which they live. A military-connected student can expect to move six to nine times from kindergarten through their senior year in high school with approximately 200,000 students transitioning to a new school in any given year. Approximately 31 percent of all service members deployed out of Florida have families with children.

As Florida is committed to being the most military-friendly state in the nation, the Department of Education is pleased to announce the Florida Purple Star School of Distinction Designation established by the Florida legislature in 2021. The Purple Star School of Distinction Designation recognizes schools that support the unique needs of military families by helping military-connected students navigate critical challenges and providing resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.

Supporting Documentation Included: New Rule 6A-1.0999, F.A.C. and Form PSDA-1, Purple Star School of Distinction Application

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