

Purple Star School Renewal Application

The Purple Star School designation is awarded for three years to schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. As a Purple Star School awarded April 14, 2022, you must renew the award. This application is due by December 31, 2024.

This application mirrors the application for the initial designation. However, on this application, you should provide updates, changes, and connections your school has made as a result of being a Purple Star School. Please provide detailed information so the Purple Star Advisory Board can develop learning opportunities for new Purple Star Schools based on your experiences and accomplishments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact purplestar@alaska.gov. New and renewed Purple Star Schools will be announced April 2024.

* Indicates required question

★ Contact Information ★

1. 1. Type of School *

Mark only one oval.

- Charter School
- Correspondence School
- Homeschool
- Post Secondary
- PreSchool
- Private School
- Public School

2. 2. Name of school district, if applicable

3. 3. Superintendent name and email address

4. 4. School name and address *

5. 5. Principal name and email address

6. 6. The school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) name, phone number, and email address *

★ Professional Development ★

Purple Star Schools are required to have their school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) complete professional development to better support military connected students. This professional development may include free online or in person training opportunities to assist the school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) with a better understanding of the uniqueness of being a military connected student/family. The school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) should then be prepared to share this valuable information with the school staff. AK Purple Star School Board members can assist with identifying appropriate professional development.

7. 7. Describe the sustained professional development activities that the school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) has engaged in, related to supporting military connected students and families. *

8. 8. How has your school staff participated in professional development activities related to supporting supporting military connected students and families, in addition to the professional development you have completed as the school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC)? *

9. 9. How has the school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) shared what he/she has learned in professional development activities with your school's staff? *

★ Activities ★

The Purple Star School Award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Purple Star Schools demonstrate this commitment by completing activities that demonstrate the school's ongoing commitment to supporting military connected students and their families.

10. 10. Is your school webpage continually updated? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

11. 11. Add the school's Military Family Resource page link here: *

12. Please make sure the following items are posted on the school's Military Family Resource page. *

Check all that apply.

- The Army/Air Force School Liaison Officers' names, phone numbers, and email addresses;
- The percentage of military connected students in your school identified by military affiliation (active duty, guard, reserve, and/or DoD civilian,)
- The branches of service in connection with your school.

13. 12. Purple Star Schools must complete the following activities to show their support of military connected students and families: *

Check all that apply.

- The school provides professional development for staff on special considerations for military connected students and families.
- The school hosts a military recognition event that demonstrates a supportive culture. Schools are encouraged to consider hosting a military recognition event in addition to their Veteran's Day celebrations for this activity.
- The school has a social and emotional development program with the military child in mind. Examples of these programs include a monthly club for military connected students, a program that supports welcoming new students to the school, and/or regular check-ins between the school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC).

14. 13. Describe military-connected activities that you have implemented and/or expanded since your school became a Purple Star School. Provide evidence of these activities by emailing pictures and/or link to purplestar@alaska.gov. *

★ Connections to Students ★

At the heart of the Purple Star School Award is the commitment to supporting military connected students and families. The school's Designated Purple Star Point of Contact (POC) identifies and informs staff of military connected students in their school and the special considerations for military connected students.

15. 14. Describe the process that your school uses to identify military connected students? Please include how this information is collected and reported at the district and school level. *

16. 15. How many military connected students do you currently serve in your school? *

17. 16. Describe how staff makes connections with military connected students and families in your school. *

18. 17. Describe the plans and strategies to continue building intentional and personal focus in supporting military connected students and families for the next three years. *

★ Reflections ★

As a Purple Star School eligible for renewal, you can provide the Purple Star Advisory Board with valuable information about the impact of the Purple Star School Award throughout Alaska. Your reflections will guide our support of new and continuing Purple Star Schools in the future.

19. 18. Describe successes and challenges your school has had in supporting military connected students and families during the last three years? *

20. 19. Describe how the culture in your school has changed regarding military connected students and families as a result of becoming a Purple Star School. *

★ Certification ★

21. 20. I hereby certify the above statements are unique to my school and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false or inauthentic statement may disqualify my application. *

By entering your name, you acknowledge you are authorized to submit this application on behalf of your school.

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