



Purple Star Schools



Purpose

Purple Star Schools provides resources for military children and families by supporting the unique educational and social-emotional needs. Utah aims to facilitate smooth transitions for the families of our active duty, Guard, and reserve personnel. As part of our efforts to serve the military community, Utah is proud to join a growing number of states throughout the nation to recognize Purple Star Schools – schools that go the extra mile to provide smooth transitions for military families.

Utah State Code

Utah Code 53E-3-9 [Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#)

The purpose of this compact is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents.





This code covers situations that might affect military students such as:

Educational records, attendance, enrollment, extracurricular activities, exit exams, special education services, graduation, how the commission is created and its power of duties, etc.

Utah State Board of Education Board Rule



Utah State Board of Education Administrative Rules [R277-929. State Council on Military Children](#) The purpose of this rule is to establish a state council for military children; and establish a Purple Star Schools designation for Utah schools meeting eligibility criteria.



The Utah State Board of Education Board Rule addresses:

The establishment of a state council which will coordinate the implementation of the compact with other stakeholders, will safeguard the interests of military impacted students within Utah, promote awareness.

Required Components for PSS

District/ School Resource Webpage

- Welcome statement/ support
- Designated liaison
- Student Instructions
- Calendar with significant events
- Tailored Resources

Annual Staff Development Training

- Offer PSS training to all staff
- Train all staff on the MIC3 policy



Required Components for PSS

Military Liaison School POC

- Identify and mentor MC students
- Serve as a school POC
- Deliver school services to students & families
- Deliver ongoing student support

Student-Led Program

- Maintain student-led peer mentor program
- Student ambassadors, leadership council
- Peer/ friend programs that provide welcome, tours, orientation, and lunch friends

Required Components for PSS



Elective School Action (Accomplish 1 of 3 annually)

- Military/ Veteran recognition program
- School Resolution
- Service opportunities for school to connect with their community

School Annual Report

PSS Application

Applications open up on January 15th through March 30th of every year. Our current application can be found here:

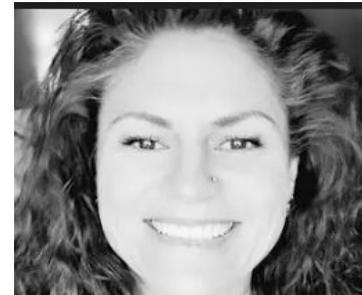
[Purple Star School "New" School Application](#)

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