



SOP-106 School Ongoing Audit and Support Process

The Purple Star Schools [renewal application](#) is designed to support continuous improvement by documenting how schools sustain and enhance services for military-connected students. Information gathered through the annual renewal process will help identify and will be utilized to recognize exemplary practices.

Key Pillars of this Initiative

- **Quality Assurance:** Implementing rigorous standards to maintain high-level program integrity without penalization unless required removal from PSS.
- **Service Consistency:** Standardizing core offerings so military families encounter a familiar support structure, regardless of their school assignment.
- **Localized Adaptability:** Empowering individual schools to refine their approach based on specific regional requirements and student populations.

As per board rule **R277-929-4(8)**:

"The Superintendent may rescind a school's Purple Star School designation if: (a) the school fails to file an annual report; or (b) the school is out of compliance with a requirement in Subsection (4)."

Level 1 – Annual Renewal

Each Purple Star School submits an annual renewal application by March 31 that:

- Verifies continued compliance with Board Rule R277-929;
- Demonstrates implementation of required program components;
- Highlights continuous improvement efforts; and
- Identifies exemplary practices for statewide recognition.



Level 2 – Program Review

If the renewal indicates a school is missing one or more required components, USBE will notify the school in writing.

Examples:

- Website no longer maintained
- No Purple Star Point of Contact
- Student transition program discontinued
- Required military recognition activity not completed
- Staff training not provided

The notification should identify:

- deficiencies;
- supporting evidence;
- actions needed to regain compliance; and
- timeline for correction.

Level 3 – Improvement Plan

Rather than immediately removing designation, allow the school to submit a **Corrective Action Plan**.

For example:

The school has **60–90 days** to demonstrate compliance.

The school submits:

- Updated website
- New Point of Contact
- Transition plan
- Event documentation
- Training agenda

USBE reviews the evidence.

Level 4 – Probationary Status

If deficiencies remain after the improvement period:

The school enters **Purple Star Probationary Status** for one school year.

During probation:

- School remains listed as Purple Star.



- School receives technical assistance.
- School may not receive Purple Star awards or recognition until deficiencies are corrected.

This creates an incentive while avoiding immediately stripping the designation.

Level 5 – Rescission

If the school:

- fails to submit the annual renewal;
- fails to submit a corrective action plan; or
- remains out of compliance after the probation period,

the Superintendent may rescind the designation pursuant to R277-929-4(8).

The school would then:

- be removed from the Purple Star Schools list;
- discontinue use of the Purple Star logo/seal; and
- be eligible to reapply during the next application cycle.

Appeals

I would also include one paragraph.

A school may request reconsideration of a rescission decision within 30 days by submitting documentation demonstrating compliance or explaining extraordinary circumstances.

Examples:

- Principal retired
- Military liaison left
- School merged
- Natural disaster
- Leadership transition

Immediate Removal

I would reserve immediate rescission for only two situations:

1. No annual renewal submitted.

(Board Rule already says this.)

2. The school voluntarily withdrew.

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