Military Star School Program

Why does it matter at Murrah High School

Title: *Executive Order 1561 & the Military Star School Program*

Subtitle: *Supporting Mississippi's Military-Connected Students*

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Background - Executive Order 1561

- Signed by Governor Tate Reeves on **February 21, 2022**
- Aims to support **military-connected students** across Mississippi
- Establishes the **Military Star School Program** to recognize schools that meet key criteria

Why This Matters

- Mississippi has a **significant military presence**, including active-duty, National Guard, and Reserve members
- Military children face **frequent school transitions**, often leading to academic and social challenges
- Schools play a **critical role** in ensuring a smooth transition for these students

Key Features of the Military Star School Program

- Recognizes **schools that actively support military students**
- Provides **training and resources** to school staff
- Strengthens **communication and coordination** between schools and military families

Requirements for Military Star School Designation

- Appoint a **School Military Point of Contact (SMPOC)**
- Ensure the SMPOC **completes MIC3 Compact 101 & 201 training**
- Implement **school-wide policies and programs** to support military families

MIC3 Compact & Training Overview

- **MIC3 (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission)** helps ensure smooth school transitions
- Training covers **enrollment, placement, graduation requirements, and student support**
- Schools must submit **proof of training completion** for Military Star School status

Application Process & Deadlines

- Schools must submit:
  - **Completed application**
  - **Training certificate**
  - **Details on programs supporting military families**
- **Submission email:** militarystarschool@mdek12.org
- **Deadline:** JPS Deadline is February 25, 2025

Benefits for Schools & Students

- **Recognition:** Schools receive **official designation** and visibility for their efforts
- **Support Networks:** Access to **state and national military education resources**
- **Improved Outcomes:** Helps military students thrive academically and socially

Success Stories & Current Military Star Schools

- Overview of **schools that have achieved designation**
- Testimonials from **military families and educators** about the impact
- Encouragement for more schools to **apply and support military students**

Conclusion & Next Steps

- Schools **can make a difference** in the lives of military-connected children
- Encouragement to **apply for the Military Star School Program**
- **More info & resources:**

https://mdek12.org/jrotc/militarystarschool/



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