

Military Star School Program

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Why Does It Matter



Why does it matter at Callaway High School

- **Title:** ***Executive Order 1561 & the Military Star School Program***
- **Subtitle:** ***Supporting Mississippi's Military-Connected Students***

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 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 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 and 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 and 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 to Schools and 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



- 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 and 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/