

2025-26 Purple Star Campus  
Designation (PSCD) Application

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Campus Name:  
LA ENCANTADA EL

Campus Number:  
031912112



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD) Purple Star Campus Designation



## La Encantada Elementary Purple Star Military Child Program Agenda



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

- I. Introduction to the Purple Star Program
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La Encantada Elementary  
Purple Star Program for Military Connections Training  
May 21, 2025

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# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



A large graphic featuring a stylized purple and yellow star shape. To the left of the star is the San Benito Schools logo, which includes a torch and the text "SAN BENITO SCHOOLS". To the right of the star is a circular logo for "TEXAS PURPLE STAR CAMPUS" with the text "SUPPORTING MILITARY CONNECTED STUDENTS" at the bottom.

## Purple Star Designation

SAN BENITO  
SCHOOLS



## Military-Connected Students

- Approximately 915,000 school-age DoD military dependents\*
- School-age dependents of military personnel are faced with numerous transitions during their formative years
- On average, military children move 3x more often than civilian peers<sup>^</sup>
- Military dependents who move from one school to another during high school years are faced with special challenges to learning and future achievement
- Texas is home to 15 active-duty military installations and nearly 200,000 military-connected students

[MCEC Professional Development](#)

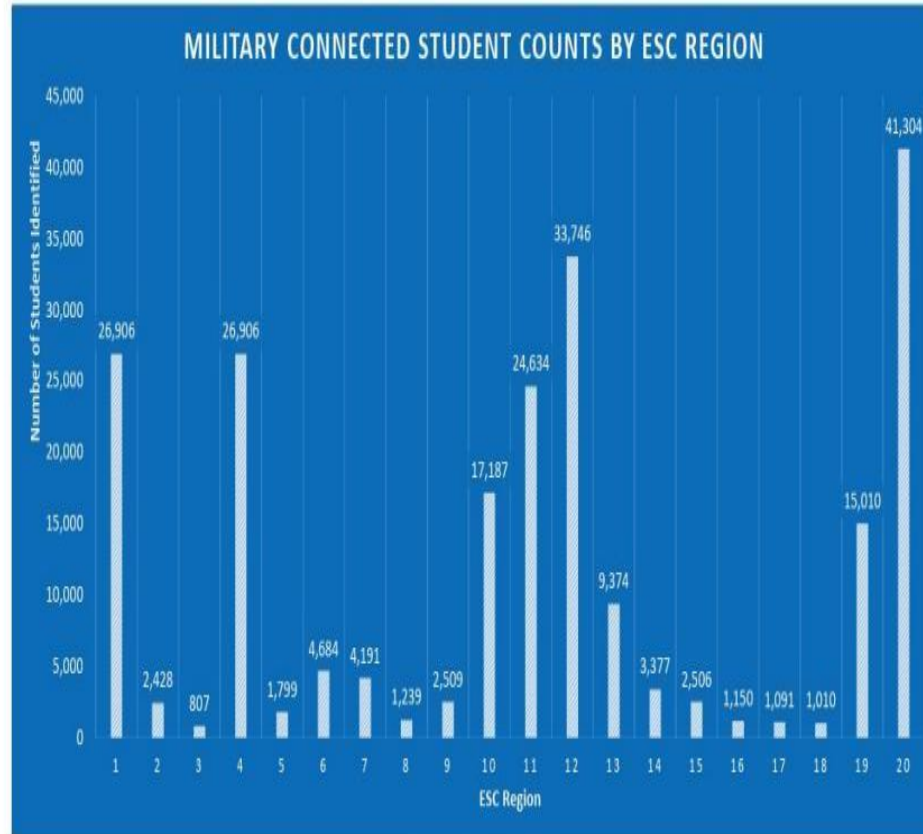
[MCEC Main Site](#)

Sources:

<sup>^</sup> [Revolving Doors: The Impact of Multiple School Transitions on Military Children](#)

\* [2020 Demographics: Profile of the Military Community](#)

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\*\*PEIMS Data 2022-23



## Federal and Statutory Authority

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 2015 requires reporting of assessment data for military-connected students

TEC §25.006 requires LEAs to collect data on military-connected students ("Military Student Identifier or MSI")

TEC §33.909 Purple Star Campus Designation

Effective 2020-21 School Year, Awarded Annually

TAC Title 19 Chapter 61FF ([Commissioner's Rule §61.1063](#))

# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



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## Purple Star Campus Designation



- Created by 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature (SB 1577)
- Recognizes campuses for demonstrating support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families
- Effective 2020-21 school year – 4<sup>th</sup> year of program

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## Purple Star Campus Designation

- Criteria
  - Campus-based military liaison
  - Webpage for military-connected families
  - Student-led campus transition program
  - Professional development for staff
  - Participation in at least one of three initiatives to support military-connected students and families.
- Designation lasts for 2 years
- Congratulations to previous designees



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



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## Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Maintain a **transition program** (*led by students*) that assists military-connected students in transitioning to the campus
- Must be sponsored by a staff member, but does not have to be the campus-based military liaison
- Activities can include:
  - Tours of the campus
  - Walk student schedule
  - Lunch Buddy
  - Location/practice opening locker



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## Purple Star Campus Requirements

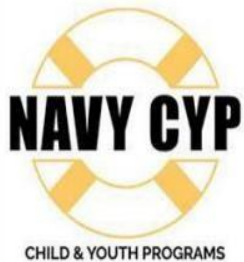
- Activities can include (continued):
  - Invitation to campus events and activities
  - Introduction to key members of the staff (e.g. principals, counselors, registrar, librarian, attendance clerk, etc.)
  - Operational orientation (e.g. how \*to add money to lunch account, where to turn in absence notes, hall passes, bus and parent pick up/drop off, etc.)



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



## Student Transition Programs



## Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Offer professional development for Staff members on issues related to military-connected students
- Can be done by campus-based military liaison, installation liaison or by a guest speaker from military advocacy group
- Topics may include:
  - Researched-based information on findings from studies of military-connected students;
  - Helping students build resilience



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



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## Purple Star Campus Requirements

- Topics may include (continued):
  - Identifying and supporting students that struggle due to issues such as deployments or other areas that may cause separation
  - Becoming a Purple Star Campus
  - Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission or MIC<sup>3</sup>
  - Assisting military-connected students with college applications and other post-high school choices; and many, many more!



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## Support for Military Students & Families

### Lake Dallas ISD Board of Trustees Resolution for the Support of Military Children and Families

WHEREAS, our country owes the daily freedoms to the members of the Armed Forces, their family members and loved ones who share in their service, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the exceptional service, strength and character of military-connected students and families in Lake Dallas ISD Schools; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that military families face unique challenges due to deployment, reintegration, service in combat zones and frequent relocations based on duty assignments; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools affirms their commitment to providing the resources and programs to support military-connected students academically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools calls for the continued creation of opportunities for military families and community members to purposely partner with schools in supporting student achievement, aspirations and social-emotional development.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools officially supports all military children and families, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board of Lake Dallas ISD Schools encourages all school staff and community members to initiate support and participate in appreciation activities designed to recognize the exceptional role and unique sacrifices our military-connected youth make in our nation's best interest, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes

LOISD Board President

LOISD Board Vice President

8-17-2024  
Date

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Date




- Resolution in support of military families
- Month of the Military Child (April)
- Military Family Appreciation Month (November)



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



**TEA** Purple Star Campus Designees Receive...

-  A letter from the Commissioner of TEA recognizing them as a Purple Star Campus
-  A virtual logo to use on the school's campus and webpage
-  A searchable designation on their TxSchools.gov profile

## Key Resources and Supports


- 1) Students, Families & Schools Support**
  - Military-Connected Student and Family Resources**
    - General Resources
    - Student and Family Support
    - School Support
    - HS & CTE Youth & Family Programs
    - National Guard, Reserve, & Veterans
    - Post-Secondary Education
  - Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission MIC3**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Interstate Compact) exists to strengthen transitions and close educational gaps as military families and their children move to a new school district in another state.

[Learn More](#)
  - Purple Star Campus Designation**

The Purple Star Campus Designation recognizes Texas district and charter schools that show their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.

[Learn More](#) [View 2022-23 Awarders](#)


- 2) MCEC Purple Star Support Page**
  - PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS**
  - Purple Star Schools: Your Questions Answered
    - What is a Purple Star School?
    - How does your state start a Purple Star Program?
    - What are the requirements for a Purple Star School?
    - Why does America need Purple Star Schools?
    - How does a Purple Star School program help meet state obligations?
    - MCEC Purple Star School contact and resources for starting a Purple Star School program.
    - Purple Star Schools in the News
  - Purple Star Schools. Take the Step.*
- 3) Military One Source Purple Star**
  - MILITARY STATE POLICY SOURCE**
  - Discussion Points for Purple Star Schools Program
  - Purple Star Schools Program Best Practices

[\\*Military-Connected Website](#)    
 [\\*MCEC Purple Star Website](#)    
 [Military One Source Page](#)

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# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)



ESC Region 1:	
LEA Name	Campus Name
McAllen ISD	Christa McAuliffe Elementary School
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD	Dr. William Long Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Alberto and Celia Barrera Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Alto Bonito Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Dr. Mario E. Ramirez Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	General Ricardo Sanchez Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Grulla Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Grulla High School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Grulla Middle School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	La Union Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Preparatory For Early College High School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Ringgold Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Ringgold Middle School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Roque Guerra, Jr. Elementary School
Rio Grande City Grulla ISD	Veterans Middle School
United ISD	Antonio Gonzalez Middle School
United ISD	Lamar Bruni Vergara Middle School
United ISD	Los Obispos Middle School
United ISD	Salvador Garcia Middle School
United ISD	United High School
United ISD	United South High School
Weslaco ISD	A. N. Rico Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	Airport Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	Beatriz Garza Middle School
Weslaco ISD	Central Middle School
Weslaco ISD	Cleckler-Heald Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	Justice Raul A. Gonzalez Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	Mary Hoge Middle School
Weslaco ISD	Memorial Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	North Bridge Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	PFC Mario Ybarra Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	Sam Houston Elementary School
Weslaco ISD	South Palm Gardens High School
Weslaco ISD	Weslaco East High School
Weslaco ISD	Weslaco High School



# Facilitated Professional Development (PD)





# Description of Facilitated PD: Purple Star



- The La Encantada Elementary Military Connected Liaison provided a Facilitated PD Purple Star. Below are the items presented to the faculty.
- Introduction to the Purple Star Program
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# Description of Facilitated PD



## Facilitated PD Purple Star:

### What Is It?

- The Facilitated Professional Development (PD) Purple Star refers to a specific program or training session designed to support military-connected students and families, often within a school or educational facility context. This PD initiative is focused on increasing awareness, understanding, and providing resources to educators and staff regarding the unique needs and challenges faced by military-connected students, especially those from military families who might be dealing with frequent relocations, deployments, or other aspects of military life.
- The Purple Star designation is typically linked to schools or educational facilities that have earned recognition for their commitment to serving military families and ensuring those students have the support they need to succeed academically and emotionally.



# Description of Facilitated PD



## When?

The timing of the Purple Star PD session took place on May 21, 2025, and will be rolled out at the start of the 2025-2026 school year during the back-to-school in-service days.

## Where?

- This PD session was facilitated within the educational institution of La Encantada Elementary Library.

## Who Attended?

- All campus faculty, counselors, and administrators



# Description of Facilitated PD



## **Facilitator:**

Elizabeth Leos Military School Liaison

## **Impact:**

- Increased staff awareness and sensitivity toward military students' needs
- Established a formal Military Student Transition Checklist for enrolling/disenrolling students (PEIMS)
- Strengthened collaboration between the school and local military base
- Positive feedback collected via post-PD survey (87% of staff reported feeling more confident supporting military families)



# Description of Facilitated PD



## Evidence of Success:

Evidence of the effectiveness of Purple Star PD include:

Informal survey (by show of hands) of the knowledge of the Purple Star and Military Connected Student program was taken.

Three out of twenty-nine staff members felt they had prior knowledge of the Purple Star and Military Connected Student program. After the PD, 25 of 29 La Encantada Staff showed an increased knowledge and confidence in supporting military-connected students.

The staff collaborated and recommended the following activities to show support for the Military connected student during the months of November and April. –Movie Night; Painting with my Family, Military Theme Field Day; and Military Connected Family picnic. These suggestions along with additional ideas will be reviewed and planned out for the upcoming school year.



# Campus Transition Program Activities



<b>Campus Transition Program Activities</b>		
<b>Military Connected Student's Name:</b> _____		
<b>Enrollment Date:</b> _____	<b>ID:</b> _____	<b>Grade:</b> _____
<b>Campus Locations</b>	<b>Resources / Personnel</b>	<b>Boxes</b>
<b>Office</b>	Receptionist: Bus Tag, Lost and Found PEIMS: Absence Excuse, Late Arrivals (Tardies), & pick up (Early) Principal: Mrs. S. C. Garcia Assistant Principal: Mrs. J. Cortez	
<b>Nurse's Office</b>	Mrs. S. Atkinson-Gonzalez RN -Student needs a written nurse's pass -Contacts parents via telephone or ClassDojo -hearing screening / vision screening	
<b>Officer's Station</b>	Officer Rodriguez: School Safety; Drop off, Dismissal, and Pickups	
<b>B Hall B104 Library</b>	Mrs. N. L. Rodriguez book circulation, accelerated readers (A.R.); A. R. Goals; Top Readers' Lounge; A.R. Filed Trip, Battle of the Bluebonnet Book Club, Gifted and Talented multi-media projects Sponsor	
<b>B Hall B104 Science Lab</b>	Ms. M. M. Hernandez conduct science experiments, make observations, use scientific equipment, design experiments, analyze data, record data, and follow safety guidelines	
<b>B Hall B103 Counselor</b>	Ms. M. T. Patlan -Core Values R.O.A.R. Respect, Ownership, Achieve Goals, & Responsibility; SEL; PBIS; and Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH)	
<b>C-Hall</b>	3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades	
<b>D-Hall</b>	ECSE, PreK 3, PreK, Kindergarten & 1st Grades	
<b>G-Hall</b>	1st & 2nd Grades RTI, ACE, Fine Arts, Physical Education, & Resources	
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Explain and model how to get a tray, the process of going through the lunch line, and the sitting at the designated area.	
<b>Gym</b>	Walk with the P.E. Coach to the gym and provide a walk through the gym, playground, and track and field.	
<b>Pack Leaders</b>		
<b>4th / 5th Grade</b>	Name: _____	
<b>4th / 5th Grade</b>	Name: _____	
<b>4th / 5th Grade</b>	Name: _____	

The military school liaison will assign Pack Leaders when a military connected student enrolls on campus. The selected Pack Leaders will follow this checklist during the meet and greet launch.



# Campus Transition Program Activities



## Meet the New Military Student Tour Pack Leaders



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Adrian



Roberto



Andrea



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# Military Initiatives



La Encantada Elementary School

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La Encantada Elementary School

Apr 25

La Encantada Elementary is proud to Purple Up!

Today our scholars wore purple for Purple Up Day to celebrate the Month of the Military Child! We are proud to support and honor our military families for all they do.



La Encantada Elementary School

Apr 25

Amanda Leal Perez + 4

1 comment

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# Military Family Website and Proclamation



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, San Benito Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) endeavors to honor individuals who are currently serving or have previously served in the United States Armed Forces.

**WHEREAS**, San Benito CISD demonstrates a commitment to and support for military-connected students and their families enrolled at all campuses.

**WHEREAS**, San Benito CISD is dedicated to facilitating transitions for children of military-connected families and ensuring they are provided with the same opportunities and educational success as their peers, while also supporting their academic aspirations.

**WHEREAS**, San Benito CISD campuses have dedicated military liaisons to provide educational support and community outreach for military-connected students and their families.

**WHEREAS**, San Benito CISD maintains a dedicated section on its website that offers comprehensive information and resources for both new and existing military-connected families.

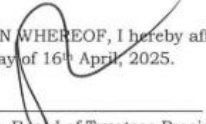
**WHEREAS**, San Benito CISD is committed to serving military-connected families by attaining Purple Star Campus Designations for all campuses.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed by the San Benito Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees that April 2025 be designated as the

## *Month of the Military Child*

Furthermore, we encourage the San Benito community to demonstrate its support for military-connected children by wearing purple throughout April and observing *Purple Up for Military Families Day on Friday, April 25, 2025.*

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature  
This day of 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

  
Orlando Lopez, Board of Trustees President  
San Benito Consolidated Independent School District



# Military Family Relocation Resources & Liaison Contact



Relocating as a military family can be complex. The Family and Community Engagement--FACE Outreach Services provide military families with resources available to support you during the transition. Several services of Military Family Relocation Resources include financial aid, food, housing, utilities, rent, education, drug and alcohol abuse treatment centers, medical assistance, domestic violence centers, clothing, social services, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities RGV, United Way, American Red Cross, and emotional support.



The Liaison Contact link provides direct contact information: name, email, and phone number of the campus-based military liaison. It provides a brief overview of the school's Pack Leaders-student volunteers or staff who help new military-connected students acclimate to campus life. New students can schedule or request a Launch Event (orientation-style or welcome) through the Military Liaison.