

MILITARY STAR SCHOOL APPLICATION

Governor Tate Reeves directs the Mississippi Department of Education to create and administer the Military Star School Program to recognize schools that maintain a school culture supportive of military children; Executive Order 1561.

The Mississippi Military Star School Program recognizes schools that have made a significant commitment to supporting military families and students of service members. Schools must meet specific requirements designed to support the unique needs facing military students and families.

In order to qualify for the Mississippi Military Star School Program designation, school principals (or their designee) must complete this form certifying that all required criteria have been met. Completed applications must be submitted **by February 15, 2026**. The Mississippi Military Star School will remain in effect for two years. After two years, schools must re-apply to maintain their Military Star School status.

2026 Application Cycle: 15Dec25 – 15Feb26

New Application

Renewal Application

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School District: Hattiesburg Public Schools

School Name: Hattiesburg High

School MSID Number: 1820-08

School Physical Address: 301 Hutchinson Avenue Hattiesburg, MS 39401

School Phone Number: 601-544-0811

School Principal Name: James Grubbs

School Principal Email: james.grubbs@hattiesburgpsd.com

School Military Point of Contact (SMPOC) Name: Jermaine Brown

SMPOC Email: jermaine.brown@hattiesburgpsd.com

SMPOC Phone Number: 601-582-5078

CERTIFICATIONS

The applicant must upload proof that all required criteria below have been met:

School Military Point of Contact (SMPOC): The school has designated a school counselor, teacher, principal, or assistant principal as the School Military Point of Contact (SMPOC) to serve as the central liaison with military families. The SMPOC is responsible for assisting military families with student enrollment, records transfer, accessing services for students with disabilities, and accessing school- and community-based resources that are available in the district for military students and their families.
(Upload copy of SMPOC designation letter)

School Military Point of Contract Training: The SMPOC is required to complete training with the MIC3 Compact 101 Training <https://mic3.net/events-calendar/>. Applicant MUST submit a copy of the MIC3 Compact 101 or MIC3 Compact 201 Training certificate. **Please note the following:** Schools certifying for the first time **OR** schools recertifying with a new SMPOC must complete the **MIC3 Compact 101 Training**. Schools that are *recertifying* with a returning SMPOC must complete **MIC3 Compact 201 Training**. More information on both trainings can be found at <https://www.mdek12.org/MilitaryStarSchool> .
(Upload copy of SMPOC training completion certificate)

Military Webpage: The school has created and maintains a web page that is linked **PROMINENTLY** on the school's home page and includes the following information (the presence of each item below is **REQUIRED** on the web page):

- Transition planning for military families;
- Academic planning for military families;
- Resources and educational opportunities for military students;
- Information on the school's student-led transition program;
- Information on exceptional student education services;
- Information on upcoming military recognition events; and
- Information on the mental health challenges facing military students, including ways to access school-based mental health services.
- Include contact information for statewide military school liaison (see the Military Star School webpage on the Mississippi Department of Education website)

(Upload URL to Military Webpage)

<https://hhs.hattiesburgpsd.com/parents-and-students/counselors-corner>

Transition Program: The school has a student-led transition program to assist military students coming into the school. The program includes a student serving as transition team coordinator; a military peer-support system linking new military students with others at the school within 2 weeks of arrival; and a process for familiarizing new students with the school campus, including student leaders and upcoming events. Please include a copy of the school’s policy or protocol for their student-led transition program and give two examples of successful implementation with the program.

(Upload copy of school’s policy or protocol for student-led transition program)

(Upload copy of designation letter for student transition team coordinator)

(Upload copy of military peer-support system protocol that includes military student date of arrival and assignment into peer-support system)

Professional Development: The SMPOC is required to offer annual professional development to staff concerning how to identify and respond to the needs of military students and their families.

(If you are a NEW applicant, upload a copy of your plan to provide this training during the Spring 2026 term)

(If you are a RECERTIFYING applicant, upload materials to prove training was provided during the past calendar year: i.e. attendee sign-in sheets, agenda, pictures, etc.)

Military Display: The school maintains a public display recognizing service members, veterans, or military students and families. All applicants must submit photos that demonstrate service recognition specific to the school applying.

(Upload pictures of the military display and/or the URL of the location that pictures of the display are illustrated on the school webpage.)

Supplemental Activities: Applicant schools are required to provide a pictorial summary of events hosted in honor of military students and/or families. Examples include hosting at least (1) of the following annual military recognition events:

**Month of the Military Child
Veterans’ Day**

**Month of the Military Family
Memorial Day**

(Upload pictures reflecting at least one of the (4) annual events above)

The applicant school must participate in at least (2) of the following recommended activities:

- The school partners with one or more military School Liaison Officers to provide lists of opportunities for active-duty members to volunteer at the school;
- The school will host military installation leadership annually to participate at a school event/function;
- The school will honor the military families by hosting “Purple Up Day” in the month of April where students and staff wear purple to support military families;
- The school participates in a service project to connect the school with the military community, such as Adopt-A-School sending letters or care packages to deployed troops, or Yellow Ribbon events; and
- The school offers the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) program.

(Upload pictorial evidence of the applicant school's participation in at least (2) of the activities listed above)

Acknowledgement: I hereby certify my school has completed the requirements to earn the Mississippi Military Star School Designation as indicated above:

School Principal (or Designee) Printed Name: Jermaine Brown

School Principal Signature

Date: February 15, 2026

School District Superintendent (or Designee) Printed Name: Dr. Robert Williams

Date: February 13, 2026

DONE