



# Purple Star School Designation

The State of Iowa awards the Purple Star School designation to schools that show a strong commitment to supporting military-connected students. This recognition encourages schools to implement best practices that address the unique challenges these students face—especially when relocating due to a parent’s military service.

By recognizing Purple Star Schools, Iowa aims to promote effective strategies that foster success and stability for military families.

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and Apply



<https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/award-exchange-programs/purple-star-school-program>



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## Requirements

To earn the Purple Star designation, high schools must meet the following requirements:

- Designate a staff member, such as a counselor, teacher or administrator, to serve as a **military liaison** for students and families.
- Maintain a **dedicated webpage** with resources tailored to military-connected families.
- Host **programs and events** that raise awareness and provide support for military-connected students.
- Offer **staff training** focused on the unique challenges military-connected students face.

## Iowa Purple Star School Timeline

