2027 Purple Star Rubric

School Name:

The Purple Star Award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Schools must complete all *required* activities for a Purple Star Award. This rubric can assist schools as they prepare to submit their application for the Purple Star Award.

The Department will review and score evidence using the following scoring characteristics:

- **Needs Remediation** - The evidence provided does not meet the criteria indicated.
- **Meets Requirements** - The evidence provided fully meets the criteria indicated.
- **Exceeds Requirements** - The evidence provided exceeds the criteria indicated.

To earn the award, a school must receive a rating of at least **Meets Requirements** for each category. If any criteria **Needs Remediation,** the school may provide new evidence during the remediation period (Jan. 15 - March 1) by emailing it to PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov before 11:59pm on March 1 to be reconsidered.

For more information on Purple Star Award requirements or for assistance with application topics, visit:

- Purple Star Designation | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
- Identification of Military-Connected Students | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

	Exceeds Requirements	Meets Requirements	Needs Remediation
Military Family Liaison	☐ The school has more than one Military Family Liaison. Secondary liaisons may be district personnel or community members.	☐ The Military Family Liaison is a building staff member.	☐ The primary Military Family Liaison is a district staff member. ☐ The primary Military Family Liaison is not a school or district staff member.
Professional Development	☐ The school provides professional development on the needs of military-connected students and families to all staff.	☐ New Military Family Liaison completes introductory professional development. **or** ☐ Returning Military Family Liaison completes continuing professional development.	☐ The Military Family Liaison needs to complete professional development on the special considerations for military students and families. ☐ Returning liaison needs to complete continuing professional development in addition to professional development completed for previous award. ☐ Provided incomplete information on the ideas gained from professional development.
Website		☐ The website lists the contact information for the building Military Family Liaison(s). ☐ Website lists resources for military families.	☐ The website does not list the contact information for the Military Family Liaison. ☐ Contact information for Military Family Liaison is not up to date. ☐ The website link is broken. ☐ The dedicated website does not link from the school or district homepage.

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Military Student Identification	☐ Military Student Identification processes identify other military connections such as veterans, siblings, and gold star families.	☐ Military Student Identification practices identify students with a parent or guardian currently serving in the military. ☐ School reports the number of military-connected students by duty status (active duty, National Guard, and reserve). ☐ Identification data is communicated to responsible staff at the district, building, and classroom levels.	☐ Response lacks details on the process to identify military-connected students. ☐ Military Student Identification data is incomplete. ☐ The number of military-connected students requires verification. The data reported should only reflect students with a parent or guardian currently serving in the military. ☐ Military Student Identification data is district level data and not building level information.
Student Engagement		☐ The school directly engages and supports military-connected students.	☐ No evidence of directly engaging and supporting military-connected students.

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Family Engagement	☐ School conducts more than one family engagement activity.	☐ Provides examples of two-way communication with military families. ☐ Provides evidence of a family engagement activity. ***Note**: The same event can meet both the family and community engagement requirements.*	☐ Only provides examples of one-way communications. ☐ Activity does not provide evidence of engagement with military families.
Community Engagement	☐ School meets both "Meets Requirements" expectations.	☐ School hosts a military related community event. **or** ☐ School establishes partnerships with community partners.	☐ Activity does not create a supportive culture for military families in the school.