

To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: Indiana Purple Star School Designation

The Indiana Purple Star School Designation honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to our Nation’s Military. The Indiana Department of Education will honor the first cohort of schools earning this designation in the Fall of 2020.

**Timeline:**

- Application Available - January 24, 2020
- Application Due - May 25, 2020
- Award Notification - August 14, 2020

**Application Requirements:**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Description</b>
Assigned Point of Contact (POC) for military families	There is a designated staff member at the school who serves as the liaison for service members, veterans, and students and families.
Training requirement for POC	The assigned POC has completed the required grade level training found <a href="#">here</a> .
Dedicated webpage	The school has a dedicated webpage to provide recognition and resources for service members, veterans, and students and families.
Host an annual military program (i.e., Veteran’s Day, 9/11, etc.)	The school hosts a military recognition event that demonstrates a military-friendly culture.
Public military display	The school has a display recognizing service members, veterans, and/or students and families.
School Board passed a resolution publicizing support for military students and families	Evidence of board resolution representing school support for military students and families is uploaded to application.
Employment of military service members and their immediate family members	Military service members and their immediate family members, who meet the minimum qualifications for job openings within the school, will be guaranteed a job interview.

The application for Purple Star Designation and additional information can be found at <https://www.doe.in.gov/wf-stem/purple-star-school-designation>. Please contact Jennifer Watson with questions.