



AGENDA

THE ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 10:00 A.M.

Arkansas State Capitol Building, Room 149
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

OR

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- XII. Old Business (J. Kaminar)**
 - A. Change to Military Dependent Reporting Requirement (A. Price)**

- XIII. New Business (J. Kaminar)**
 - A. Survey of Military Families**
 - B. Resolution for Military Family Appreciation Month*** (J. Saum)**

- XIV. Date/Time/Place for Next Meeting – January 9, 2025, 10:00 AM, Location To Be Determined (J. Kaminar)**

- XV. Adjournment*** (J. Kaminar)**

*** Indicates a vote is required



MEETING MINUTES

ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Thursday, November 7, 2024

10:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Arkansas Council for Military Children (Council) met Thursday, November 07, 2024. Chair John Kaminar called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Mr. John Kaminar, Chair
Ms. Andelyn Wright, Vice Chair
Ms. Jody Bergstrom
Rep. Karilyn Brown (proxy for Rep. Brian Evans)
Mr. Kevin Hesslen (proxy for Mr. John Ciesla)
Ms. Cristina Harper
Mr. James Hopkins (proxy for Rep. Brian Melton)
Ms. Bobbie Olles (MFEL)
Dr. Jeremy Owoh
Ms. Christyal Parker
Ms. Allison Pitts
Ms. Jennifer Reynolds
Ms. Jessica Saum
Dr. Kerry Schneider
Ms. Emily Taylor
Col. N'Keiba Estelle (DOD Liaison, Non-Voting)
Mr. Rick Porter (Special Education Liaison, non-Voting)
Dr. Janice Walker (proxy for Dr. Jeremy Owoh)
Mr. Dustin Wood (School Choice Advisor, Non-Voting)
Mr. Weston Arnett (Student Advisor, Non-Voting)
Ms. Sonya Smith (Student Advisor, Non-Voting)
Ms. Madison Williams (Student Advisor, Non-Voting)

ABSENT:

Sen. Jane English (Excused)
Lt. Col. James Garvey (Excused)
Ms. LaShawnDa Noel

Ms. Terri Williams

A quorum was established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar asked Representative Karilyn Brown to lead the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Recognition of Host (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar thanked Representative Karilyn Brown, Secretary of State John Thurston, and the Bureau of Legislative Research for helping coordinate the Capitol Room for today's meeting.

IV. Introduction of Guests (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar introduced Ms. Chelsey Swindle, Parent Center Coordinator and Assistant Mental Health Coordinator for the Beebe School District. Ms. Swindle serves as the District Military Education Coordinator for Beebe, which has 169 children of military families enrolled. Ms. Swindle is a native Arkansan and a Gold Star spouse; her husband, Sergeant Jason Swindle, fell in action in Afghanistan on September 28, 2012. Chair Kaminar thanked Ms. Swindle for attending the Council meeting and expressed the Council's gratitude and respect for her family's service and sacrifice.

V. Approval of Agenda (J. Kaminar)

Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Reynolds seconded. Without objection, the agenda was approved.

VI. Approval of Minutes (September 5, 2024) (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar asked for a motion to approve the September 5, 2024 minutes. Representative Brown noted there was a typo in the minutes ("Ms." being repeated twice in Section B.III.A.). Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the minutes with the correction, seconded by Ms. Parker. Without objection, the minutes were approved with the correction.

VII. Public Comments (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar recognized Mr. Don Berry. Mr. Berry thanked the Council for all of their hard work and commented that there is not another council like the one in Arkansas. Arkansas is the only state that has created a network in school districts. He commended the Council for creating some great programs over the last couple of years, such as the annual survey of military families, the scholarship programs that some school districts operate, and the student advisory council. Mr. Berry suggested that the Council's focus should be on the purpose and the duties of the Council is, which is to assist state and local education agencies and the promotion and communication of provisions of Title VI, Chapter 28 of the Arkansas Code.

VIII. Presentation – Gold Star Children (C. Swindle)

Chair Kaminar recognized Ms. Chelsey Swindle, who presented information on Gold Star families. Her presentation covered the following points:

- Recognition for Gold Star families originated in 1917 when families would put flags in their windows to indicate that they had a family member on the front lines.
- Those flags carried a blue star, so we still use the reference "blue star families" today.
- In 1918 President Wilson allowed for grieving mothers to wear a black armband with a gold star on it to identify that they had lost somebody on the front lines.
- Soon after that the window flags were modified to cover the blue stars with gold stars.
- June 23, 1936 was recognized as the first Gold Star Mother's Day. Since then it is recognized on the last Sunday of every September.
- In 2011, President Obama amended this to Gold Star Mothers and Families Day.
- In 2020, Ms. Swindle started her own business, Gold Star Meal Prep, as a way to try and bring awareness to Gold Star Families.

Ms. Swindle stated that in Arkansas, Gold Star children are not recognized and reported as children of military families. Because of this, they are often left out of activities such as Month of the Military Child. She stated that these children feel that they are part of the military community, but they are not recognized as such by the State of Arkansas.

Chair Kaminar thanked Ms. Swindle for her presentation and asked the Council members if they had any questions.

Vice Chair Wright moved to appoint Ms. Swindle to serve as a non-voting advisor to the Council for Gold Star Family issues. Representative Brown seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried. Chair Kaminar welcomed Ms. Swindle to the Council.

IX. Chair's Report (J. Kaminar)

1. DMEC Status

Chair Kaminar shared the spreadsheet for Military Educational Coordinators. Districts are required by law to appoint a District Military Education Coordinator. Chair Kaminar recently sent out a link to all school districts asking them to have their Military Education Coordinators register so that roster can be more current. Three districts did not have a designated military education coordinator.

2. Purple Star School Status

Chair Kaminar gave an update on the Purple Star School Status. As of November 2024, there are a total of 1056 (Including Charter Schools) total Purple Star School: 237 Traditional School Districts, 22 Charter School Districts, and 113 Independent Schools. Chair Kaminar reported that he has scheduled several sessions of Purple Star School training and has publicized that information to the District Military Education

Coordinator, through the Family and Community Engagement mailing list and through the school counselor network.

X. Vice Chair's Report (A. Wright)

A. MIC3 Annual Business Meeting

Vice Chair Wright reported that she attended the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She reported on the following points:

- Concerns about retention both within the armed services and within school districts
- Communication with military families is a challenge among all states
- Identifying military-connected students upon enrollment in school is a nation-wide problem
- Possible dues increase for membership in the commission
- Arkansas has been publicly recognized at Annual Business Meetings for legislation to benefit military families
- Only 44 of 51 member states (including the District of Columbia) have met the minimum Commission requirement of holding at least one Council meeting annually. (Vice Chair Wright emphasized that the Arkansas Council meets a minimum of six times per year.)

Vice Chair Wright reported that Arkansas is regarded as a leader among the member states and that Arkansas sets many examples for other states to follow. She stated that she has a new appreciation for the time and effort that Chair Kaminar puts into serving the Council.

XI. Reports by Committees, Task Forces, or Liaisons

A. Awards Committee (Dr. J. Walker)

1. Purple Star School Applications

Dr. Walker presented twelve applications for Purple Star school status. All the applications have been vetted and meet all the requirements. Dr. Schneider moved to approve the twelve Purple Star School applications. Dr. Owoh seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

2. Outstanding Military Scholar Award

Dr. Walker reported the Commissioners Memo for the Outstanding Military Scholar Award was published on September 2. Dr. Walker also reported there are online sessions to familiarize school districts and parents with the application process during the month of November. So far about 40 participants have signed up. The next award committee meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at the Arkansas Athletics Association from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

B. Outreach Committee (J. Bergstrom)

Ms. Bergstrom reported the committee was unable to meet on September 26, but the next meeting is scheduled for November 18. Ms. Bergstrom reported the committee is going to continue to prioritize raising awareness of the Council and engaging with school districts and the community on how the Council can support students in the state.

C. Strategic Planning Committee (J. Reynolds)

Ms. Reynolds reported the Strategic Planning Committee met on September the 20 with Ms. Emily Taylor as the guest presenter. She states that the committee gained a better understanding of the process for expanding the reporting categories of children of military families. She also stated that the committee is interested in partnering with the Outreach Committee for more effective dissemination of information.

D. Student Advisory Committee (A. Wright)

Vice Chair Wright introduced the Student Advisors and thanked them for their attending the meeting. She reported the committee is focusing on helping them to better understand the purpose and the intent of the Council and their role as advisors and helping them meet the requirements outlined by the Student Advisory Committee.

E. Military Family Education Liaison (B. Olles)

Ms. Olles reported that the National Guard, Virtual Arkansas, and the Division of Career and Technical Education are working together to create a pathway for military students. Three courses will eventually be available, and the first one is available now.

F. Department of Defense Liaison (Col. N. Estelle)

Col. Estelle expressed her gratitude to the Council members for their dedication and support. She shared her admiration for the remarkable advancement that the Council in the state of Arkansas has made, and thanked Chair Kaminar for his leadership and vision.

G. Special Education Liaison (R. Porter)

Mr. Porter reported that the Special Education Unit was planning to amend the state complaint form. The amendment will include a notation if the family is a military family, so that the unit can identify trends and then provide technical assistance to schools.

H. School Choice Advisor (D. Wood)

Mr. Wood reported school choice has proven to be popular in the state of Arkansas. Currently 14,290 students are opting to participate in the Education Freedom Account program under the LEARNS Act. As of this morning, 3,534 people are on a wait list to participate in the event program for next year. Of those 3,534 weights listed applications 12.8% of them are military families. Of the 14,290 students currently utilizing state funds for educational purposes 15.4% or 2,204 students are from military families.

XII. Old Business (J. Kaminar)

A. Change to Military Dependent Reporting Requirement (A. Price)

Chair Kaminar introduced Ms. Alisha Price, legal advisor for ADE/DESE who has been working with the Strategic Planning Committee to address the issue of expanding the reporting of children of military families. Ms. Price stated it would require legislative change as well as a change to rules. As it currently stands in legislation Council will have to update the public and then update the rule. Ms. Price offered her assistance to the council and the Strategic Planning Committee. Chair Kaminar suggested the Strategic Planning committee meet sometime next month so they can have the full discussion and maybe have a recommendation for the January meeting. Chair Kaminar suggested a special council meeting for the purpose of considering what that change would look like.

XIII. New Business (J. Kaminar)

A. Survey of Military Families

Chair Kaminar stated that the Council's annual survey of military families assists in identifying areas of need, such as reserve component families facing food insecurity. He recommended that the Council conduct another survey in December or January in order to have the results ready to review by the May meeting. The consensus was to conduct another statewide survey.

B. Resolution for Military Family Appreciation Month (J. Saum)

Ms. Saum presented a resolution recognizing November as Military Family Appreciation Month. Ms. Olles moved to approve. Dr. Owoh seconded. There was no discussion. The resolution was approved.

XIV. Date/Time/Place for Next Meeting – January 9, 2025, 10:00 AM, Location To Be Determined (J. Kaminar)

Chair Kaminar stated that he would notify the members of the location of the January meeting as soon

XV. Adjournment* (J. Kaminar)**

Vice Chair Wright moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Saum. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

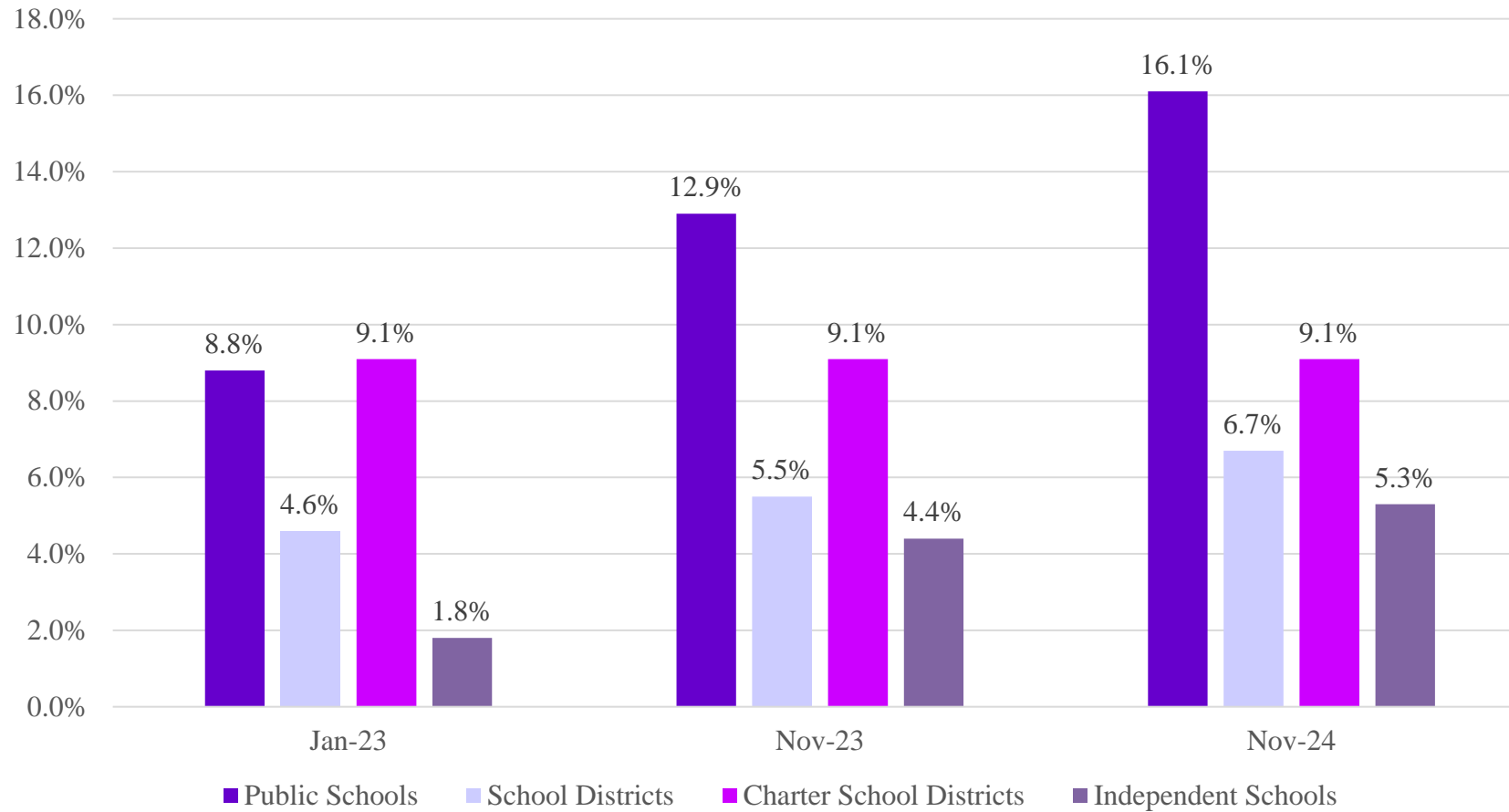
Minutes recorded by A. Cress

District Name	Total	Military Dependents	DMEC	PURPLE STAR
Alma School District	3093	134		Yes
Arkadelphia School District	1812	21	Yes	
Arkansas Connections Academy	3804	43	Yes	
Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools	434	65		
Arkansas Virtual Academy	3937	9		
Batesville School District	3119	32	Yes	
Beebe School District	3320	169	Yes	Yes
Benton School District	5763	138		
Bentonville School District	19137	92		Yes
Bryant School District	9615	211	Yes	Yes
Cabot School District	10336	1276	Yes	Yes
Charleston School District	880	22		
Clarksville School District	2512	23		
Conway School District	9914	170		
El Dorado School District	3884	19		
Estem Public Charter School	2739	48		Yes
Farmington School District	2823	49		
Fayetteville School District	10164	92		
Fort Smith School District	13622	240		Yes
Fountain Lake School District	1212	21		
Greenbrier School District	3766	84		
Greene County Tech School District	3430	3		
Greenwood School District	3836	245	Yes	Yes
Harmony Grove Sch Dist(Saline)	1235	25		
Harrison School District	2746	43	Yes	
Hot Springs School District	3533	13	Yes	
Jacksonville North Pulaski School District	4174	325	Yes	Yes
Jonesboro School District	6471	10		
Lake Hamilton School District	3954	35		
Lakeside School Dist(Garland)	3364	43		Yes
Lamar School District	1193	21		
Lavaca School District	784	45		
Lisa Academy	4015	28	Yes	Yes
Little Rock School District	19952	218		
Lonoke School District	1544	43		Yes
Magnolia School District	2514	39	Yes	
Marion School District	3886	42		
Mena School District	1697	25		
Mountain Home School District	3839	38		
Nettleton School District	3723	5	Yes	
North Little Rock School District	7295	136		
Ozark School District	1696	27		
Paragould School District	3026	27		
Paris School District	966	22		
Pea Ridge School District	2527	20		Yes
Perryville School District	915	20	Yes	
Prairie Grove School District	2117	39		
Pulaski County Special School District	11875	253	Yes	
Quitman School District	870	23		
Rogers School District	15529	118		
Russellville School District	5459	67		
Searcy School District	3924	94		
Sheridan School District	4241	98	Yes	
Siloam Springs School District	4511	46		
South Conway County School District	2233	23		Yes
Springdale School District	21712	73		
Texarkana School District	3758	0		
Valley View School District	2895	40		

Van Buren School District	5709	120		Yes
Vilonia School District	2921	131		
West Memphis School District	4619	6		
White Hall School District	3068	4		

Purple Star School Status

As of November 4, 2024



Schools: 1056 (Including Charter Schools)

Traditional School Districts: 237

Charter School Districts: 22

Independent Schools: 113

Commissioner's Memo
9/23/2024

Holiday Cards 4 Our Military Challenge

Memo Information

Memo Number **COM-25-014**

Memo Date 9/23/2024

Memo Type Informational

Unit School Choice and Parent Empowerment

Regulatory Authority NA

Response Required NO

Attention Assistant Principal; Assistant Superintendent; Parent Involvement Coordinators/Facilitators; Principals; School Counselors; Teachers

Primary Contact Information

Name John Kaminar

Phone Number 501-683-5188

Email John.Kaminar@ade.arkansas.gov

Memo Text

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education invites all school districts to participate in the "Holiday Cards 4 Our Military" Challenge (HCMC).

HCMC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created in 2017. The goal of the HCMC is to provide holiday cards for as many active duty military service members as possible. Arkansas is only the second state to join the challenge officially; however, schools in seven states and the District of Columbia have provided cards for the challenge.

To ensure that all cards are acceptable for shipping and delivery to military personnel, please use the following guidelines when creating cards:

1. Please address the card to "Dear Warrior."
2. Write a holiday greeting, keeping in mind that our troops are diverse in their holiday practices and beliefs.
3. Write a personal note. For example: How do you celebrate the holidays? What are your family memories of holidays? The troops enjoy learning about things that happen in your hometown or region of the country. The messages can be serious or funny or both, always keeping in mind that appropriate language and wording are important.
4. Sign your first name ONLY and the town and state where you live.
5. Optional things to help build a connection could include: If you are currently, or have been, in the military; if you are a member of a club such as Lions or Rotary groups; if you are an elected official or a first responder; etc.
6. If your card is homemade, please keep the size to no larger than an 8 x 11 size piece of paper folded in half.
7. Do not be concerned if you do not have an envelope; cards will be mailed as a group. If you have an envelope, please do NOT seal it; there is no need to address the outside of the envelope, but feel free to decorate the envelope if you want to do so.

A set of writing prompts for students is attached.

School districts should collect completed cards and mail them together to:

Holiday Card Challenge
Attn: Dr. Laura Landerman-Garber
P.O. Box 103
Hollis, NH 03049

Boxes of cards should be postmarked by November 11, 2024 (Veterans Day), in order to ensure timely delivery to service members.

School districts are requested to report the number of cards mailed to John Kaminar, DESE Military Family Engagement Advisor, at john.kaminar@ade.arkansas.gov

Attachments

- [HCMC_Writing_Prompts_084417.pdf](#)

Commissioner's Memo
10/3/2024

Operation Homefront - Military Child of the Year Award Program

Memo Information

Memo Number **COM-25-020**

Memo Date 10/3/2024

Memo Type Informational

Unit School Choice and Parent Empowerment

Regulatory Authority NA

Response Required NO

Attention Assistant Principal; Principals; School Counselors; Teachers

Primary Contact Information

Name John Kaminar

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Memo Text

Since 2002, Operation Homefront, a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has provided support to military families through relief and recognition programs. For the past 17 years, Operation Homefront has sponsored the Military Child of the Year® Award to reflect the positive impact that children of military families have made on their military families, their schools, and their communities.

The annual awards recognize outstanding young people ages 13 to 18. Recipients will represent a branch of the armed forces — the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Space Force — and are chosen for their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership, extracurricular involvement, and other criteria while facing the challenges of military family life.

All Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year Award recipients will be flown with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., and recognized at the April 2025 gala, during which senior leaders of each branch of service will present the awards.

They also will receive \$10,000 each, a laptop computer, and other donated gifts.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Child must be a legal military dependent. Status confirmed by DEERS enrollment form.
- Military children must be between the ages of 13 and 18, at the time of nomination.
- Child and one adult guardian must be available to travel to the Washington, DC area April 8-11, during the month of the military

child, for the Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year Awards Gala award presentation.

- Officers, directors, employees, and agents of Operation Homefront and its subsidiaries or affiliated organizations, and their immediate family members (parent, child, sibling, and spouse of each) and those living in the same households of each are not eligible to receive programs, services, grants, or donated goods intended for use by Operation Homefront's clients.
- Previous Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year Award Recipients, including Innovation Award recipients, are no longer eligible.

In addition to the above eligibility requirements, if selected as a Semifinalist, must:

- Provide Letters of recommendation
- Provide Form 1172- DEERS
- Be willing to participate in media and donor opportunities

For more information, visit the [Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year web page](#).

Nomination for the award may be made online using the [nomination form](#). Nominations close on December 2, 2024.



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E.O. 24-18: EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING FOOD INSECURITY IN ARKANSAS



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Arkansas has the highest level of food insecurity in the nation. In Arkansas, 567,110 people are facing hunger, and of that number, 168,430 are children. According to Feeding America, that is 1 in 5 Arkansans and 1 in 4 Arkansas children. It's clear that our state is in critical need of comprehensive solutions to address these sobering statistics and ensure that all Arkansans have access to sufficient and nutritious food.

WHEREAS: It is the policy of my administration to increase the efficiency of s Privacy - Terms

government to better serve the citizens of Arkansas. The State of Arkansas can help meet the current needs of Arkansans by identifying regulatory burdens that may hinder state agencies from contributing to the fight against hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

1. All department secretaries are directed to conduct a thorough review of the regulations, policies, and procedures of their agencies to identify any items that may be contributing to or exacerbating food insecurity in Arkansas. This includes, but is not limited to, regulations related to food distribution, eligibility criteria for food assistance programs, and interagency coordination.
2. Department secretaries shall submit a report to the Governor's Office within 60 days of the issuance of this Executive Order. The report should detail any identified unnecessary regulatory burdens, their impacts on food insecurity, and recommendations for repeal or amendment.
3. Based on the reports submitted, the Governor's Office will direct departments to develop a plan for repealing or amending regulations that impede efforts to reduce food insecurity.
4. The Governor's Office will facilitate collaboration among the departments to ensure that regulatory changes are effectively implemented and that departments are aligned in their efforts to combat food insecurity.
5. This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until the completion of the actions ordered herein.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of October, in the year of our Lord 2024.

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New Purple Star School Applications
11/4/2024

Name of School	Name of School District
Peake Elementary School	Arkadelphia Public Schools
Hot Springs Junior Academy	Hot Springs School District
Hot Springs World Class High School	Hot Springs School District
Langston Elementary Leadership Academy	Hot Springs School District
Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet	Hot Springs School District
Oaklawn STEM Magnet School	Hot Springs School District
Park Magnet School	Hot Springs School District
LISA Academy Fayetteville	LISA Academy
Perryville Elementary	Perryville School District
Perryville High School	Perryville School District
Morrilton Senior High School	South Conway County School District
William J. Clinton Elementary School	Pulaski County Special School District

Arkansas Purple Star School Application - 2023 Version

This form is for use by schools in Arkansas to apply to be recognized by the Arkansas Council for Military Children as a Purple Star School. It supersedes previous applications for Purple Star School status.

Applications for Purple Star School status may be submitted at any time.

Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Peake Elementary School

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Arkadelphia Public Schools

Name of Principal *

Mary Snowden

Principal's Phone Number *

8702462361

Principal's E-Mail Address *

Mary.Snowden@arkadelphiaschools.org

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

William Jeremy Bell

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

8702465563

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

William.Bell@arkadelphiaschools.org

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

District Military Education Coordinator

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Chris Golston

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

Chris.Golston@arkadelphiaschools.org

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

/ /

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

<https://www.arkadelphiaschools.org/o/peake/page/military-education-services-pes>

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lillian Ball

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

lillian.ball@arkadelphiaschools.org

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

<https://www.arkadelphiaschools.org/documents/state-required-documents/federal-programs-title-i-parent-family-and-community-engagement-plans-and-related-resources/116>

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

1. The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation; or
2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

- The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation.
- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Hot Springs Junior Academy

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Hot Springs School District

Name of Principal *

William Brazle

Principal's Phone Number *

501-624-5228

Principal's E-Mail Address *

brazlew@hssd.net

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Becky Rosburg

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-624-3372

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Superintendent

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Becky Rosburg

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

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Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.hssd.net/380535_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lt. Commander Kyle Smith

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

smithky@hssd.net

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://files.gabbart.com/2739/hsja_face_school_plan_24-25docx_2.pdf

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

1. The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation; or
2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

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- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Hot Springs World Class High School

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Hot Springs School District

Name of Principal *

Kiley Simms

Principal's Phone Number *

501-624-5286

Principal's E-Mail Address *

simmsk@hssd.net

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Becky Rosburg

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-624-3372

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Superintendent

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Becky Rosburg

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

08 / 22 / 2024

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.hssd.net/380535_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lt. Commander Kyle Smith

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

smithky@hssd.net

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://files.gabbart.com/2739/hswchs_face_school_template_24-25docx_1.pdf

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

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Which activity has the school conducted? *

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- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Langston Elementary Leadership Academy

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Hot Springs School District

Name of Principal *

Kyria Wilson

Principal's Phone Number *

501-620-7821

Principal's E-Mail Address *

wilsonk@hssd.ney

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Becky Rosburg

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-624-3372

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Superintendent

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Becky Rosburg

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

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Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.hssd.net/380535_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lt. Commander Kyle Smith

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

smithky@hssd.net

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://files.gabbart.com/2739/lela_face_school_plan_24_25docx.pdf

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

1. The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation; or
2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

- The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation.
- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Hot Springs School District

Name of Principal *

Kristen Gordon

Principal's Phone Number *

501-623-2661

Principal's E-Mail Address *

gordonk@hssd.net

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Becky Rosburg

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-624-3372

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Superintendent

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Becky Rosburg

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

08 / 22 / 2024

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.hssd.net/380535_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lt. Commander Kyle Smith

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

smithky@hssd.net

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://files.gabbart.com/2739/mvpa_24-25_slip_-_mvpa_24-25.pdf

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

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2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

- The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation.
- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Oaklawn STEM Magnet School

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Hot Springs School District

Name of Principal *

Utana Newborn

Principal's Phone Number *

5016207822

Principal's E-Mail Address *

newbornu@hssd.net

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Becky Rosburg

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

5016243372

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Superintendent

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Becky Rosburg

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

rosburgb@hssd.net

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

08 / 22 / 2024

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.hssd.net/380535_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Lt. Commander Kyle Smith

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

smithky@hssd.net

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://files.gabbart.com/2739/oaklawn_stem_magnet_school_face_plan_24-25docx_1.pdf

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

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3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

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- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

LISA Academy Fayetteville

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

LISA Academy

Name of Principal *

Ms. Samantha Hamilton

Principal's Phone Number *

479-480-5472

Principal's E-Mail Address *

shamilton@lisaacademy.org

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Barbarita Ussery

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

505-550-0007

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

bussery@lisaacademy.org

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

Assistant Principal / Military Liaison

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Barbarita Ussery

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

bussry@lisaacademy.org

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

10 / 31 / 2024

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

<https://www.lisaacademy.org/apps/pages/PurpleStar>

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Barbarita Ussery

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

bussery@lisaacademy.org

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/16y3ltu1OgDvKR2dzzwiydXWGCJqeHyTR/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105083040659883459344&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

1. The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation; or
2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

- The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation.
- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Perryville Elementary

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Perryville

Name of Principal *

Troy Denn

Principal's Phone Number *

501-889-5147

Principal's E-Mail Address *

troy.denn@perryvilleschool.org

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Nicole Strecker

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-889-2326

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

nicole.strecker@perryvilleschool.org

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

military liaison

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Nicole Strecker

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

nicole.strecker@perryvilleschool.org

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

10 / 15 / 2023

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.perryvilleschool.org/374977_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Donna Price

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

donna.price@perryvilleschool.org

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WYNIDWbpLuv1wofeo5vCUjj1IXp9BgNJIsTLycPCGLg/edit?usp=sharing>

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

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Which activity has the school conducted? *

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- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

Perryville High School

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Perryville

Name of Principal *

Kevin Campbell

Principal's Phone Number *

501-889-2326

Principal's E-Mail Address *

kevin.campell@perryvilleschool.org

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Nicole Strecker

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501-889-2326

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

nicole.strecker@perryvilleschool.org

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

School District Military Liaison

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Nicole Strecker

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

nicole.strecker@perryvilleschool.org

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

10 / 15 / 2023

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

https://www.perryvilleschool.org/374977_2

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Donna Price

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

donna.price@perryvilleschool.org

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tkng9bZYaKHhwOQmCCHTrpAxGVshyd_dQUEh3fq0wYE/edit?usp=sharing

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

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Which activity has the school conducted? *

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- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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Part 1: Administrative Information.

Please provide names and contact information for school officials.

Name of School *

William Jefferson Clinton Elementary

Name of School District (If the school is a private school, use Independent) *

Pulaski County Special School District

Name of Principal *

Mrs. Felicia Hamilton

Principal's Phone Number *

501 833 1200

Principal's E-Mail Address *

fhamilton@pcssd.org

Name of Person Submitting This Application *

Joanna Rodriguez

Phone Number of Person Submitting This Application *

501 234 6064

E-Mail Address of Person Submitting This Application *

jrodriguez1070@pcssd.org

Position of Person Submitting This Application *

School Counselor

Part 2: Required Activities

The school must complete all of the following six activities before submitting the application.

Has the school designated a School Military Liaison (SML) to serve as a point of contact for military-connected students and families? *

Yes

No

Name of School Military Liaison *

Trina Coleman and Joanna Rodriguez

E-Mail Address of School Military Liaison *

tcoleman@pcssd.org , jrodriguez1070@pcssd.org

Has the School Military Liaison completed training with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education on special considerations for military-connected students and families similar to training provided for District Military Education Coordinators under ACA 6-4-309? *

Yes

No

When did the School Military Liaison attend this training?

MM DD YYYY

10 / 31 / 2024

Has the School Military Liaison identified children of military families and informed teachers of the children of military families students in their classrooms and the special considerations military-connected students and families should receive? *

Yes

No

Does the school have a dedicated page on its website featuring resources for military families? *

Yes

No

Provide the link to the web page of resources for military families. *

<https://clinton.pcssd.org/o/clinton-elementary/page/purple-star-school>

Does the school have a military service member, spouse of a service member, or other representative of the military community on its family engagement committee? *

Yes

No

Name of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

Trina Coleman

E-Mail Address of the Engagement Committee's Military Representative *

tcoleman@pcssd.org

Has the school addressed military family issues in its school family engagement plan? *

Yes

No

Provide a link to the school's family engagement plan. *

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cOrgnGoF6h55xM3i0yHeNSUrVINT2Znfe_01zbtS9Sc/edit?usp=sharing

Part 3: The school must complete ONE of the following three activities.

1. The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation; or
2. The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members; or
3. The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Which activity has the school conducted? *

- The SML coordinates professional development on federally identified special considerations for military-connected students and families in the areas of a) records and enrollment, b) placement and attendance, c) eligibility, and d) graduation.
- The SML coordinates awareness training for military-connected family members.
- The school hosts a military recognition event to demonstrate a military-friendly culture at the school.

Does the principal of the school know about this application and approve of this application? *

- Yes
- No

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**The Arkansas
OUTSTANDING MILITARY SCHOLAR AWARD**

Orientation for Parents and Educators

Purpose

To present basic information on the Arkansas Outstanding Military Scholar Award program in order to help parents and educators understand the nomination and selection processes.

Talking Points

- **Description**
- **Eligibility Requirements**
- **Qualifying Military Service**
- **Nomination Process and Form**
- **Selection Process**
- **Prizes**
- **Administrative Odds and Ends**
- **Questions**

Description

The Arkansas Outstanding Military Scholar Award is presented every spring by the Arkansas Council for Military Children (the Council) to a senior graduating from an Arkansas Purple Star School (public, charter, or private) who is the child, stepchild, or legal ward of a current or former member of the uniformed services of the United States. A finalist will be selected from each of Arkansas' four congressional districts. One finalist will be chosen as the state winner.

Eligibility Requirements

- Graduating senior
- Enrolled in an Arkansas public (including charter) or private school
 - **Nominee MUST be enrolled in an Arkansas Purple Star School**
 - Homeschool students are ineligible unless enrolled in a class or activity at an Arkansas Purple Star School
- Child, stepchild, or legal ward of a current or former member of the United States uniformed services
- No transcript grades below C
- Never suspended or expelled

Qualifying Military Service

- **Current or former uniformed service is acceptable, including:**
 - Active federal service
 - Federal reserve component service
 - National Guard service in any state or territory of the United States
 - Service in the U.S. Public Health Service
 - Service in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **Service in the State Guard of any state does not qualify**
- **Parent's discharge status is immaterial**
- **Civilian employment by the military is not acceptable**
 - Employment as a dual status military technician (MILTECH) IS acceptable
- **Proof of military service may be required at discretion of the Council**

Nomination Process

- **Nominations are made online**
- **Nominations MUST include the following:**
 - 1. Nomination Form**
 - 2. Academic Achievement Form (OMSA Form 1)**
 - 3. Extracurricular Participation and Leadership Form (OMSA Form 2)**
 - 4. Community Service Learning Record (OMSA Form 3)**
 - 5. Essay by the Nominee**
 - 6. Letters of Support (Up to 3 may be submitted)**

Nomination Form

- **Nomination must be made by one of the following:**
 - 1. Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent**
 - 2. Principal or Assistant Principal**
 - 3. School Counselor**
- **All required documents must be attached to the nomination form**
 - **Documents must be submitted in pdf format only**
- **Nomination form must be signed digitally by the nominating official**

Letters of Support

- One letter of support is **REQUIRED**
- Up to three letters of support may be submitted
- Letters of support from the following will not be accepted:
 - a. The Nominating Official.
 - b. Members of the Nominee's immediate family.
 - c. Leaders of religious organizations (unless serving in the role of classroom teacher, school administrator, or supervisor of the Nominee's community service learning activity).
 - d. Any person holding an elected office (unless that person supervised the Nominee's community service learning activity).
- Parameters for letters of support are available on the **OMSA website**

Selection Process

- **Nominations are submitted during January each year**
- **Awards Committee screens nominations for eligibility and completeness**
- **Awards Committee evaluates nominations and selects finalists**
 - **Evaluation is based on academics, extracurricular participation and leadership, community service learning, and essay submission**
 - **Nominations are scored and rank-ordered**
 - **Highest score from each congressional district becomes a finalist**

Selection Process (Continued)

- **Four finalists are forwarded to selection team**
 - **Council vice chair presides**
 - **One representative from each standing committee of the Council**
 - **Independent reviewers may be asked to assist**
- **Selection team interviews finalists**
- **One nominee is recommended as the state winner**
- **Council votes to approve the recommendation**

Prizes

State winner receives

- **Plaque from the Council**
- **Congratulatory letter from Council chair**
- **Laptop computer**

Each finalist receives

- **Certificate of achievement from the Council**
- **Congratulatory letter from Council chair**

Administrative Odds and Ends

- **Commissioner's Memo COM-25-002 (9/2/2024) includes**
 - **A full description of the program**
 - **Links to the nomination form and fillable pdf forms**
 - **Rubrics for the essay and interview**
- **Nominations must be timestamped between 12:01 AM on January 1 and 11:59 PM on January 31 – others will be discarded**
- **Incomplete nomination packets will be discarded**
- **Each school is limited to a single nominee per year**
- **Information on becoming a Purple Star School is available on the DESE website**

Questions?

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Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Reporting Requirements

Update the Arkansas Code and the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions pursuant to the State Board of Education's rulemaking authority.

- Can utilize the Strategic Planning Committee to recommend a list of military families we would like included in the new rule.
- Rules will need to go through the promulgation process.
- Current version of rules at: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/Legal/CurrentRules>

If we want to expand on this list of military families, we will need to update both the code section below and the rules.

As it currently stands, in § 6-28-105. Application. This chapter applies to dependent children of:

- (1) Members of the active duty and activated reserve components of the uniformed services;
- (2) Members or veterans of the uniformed services who were severely injured in the line of duty and are medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year following the medical discharge or retirement;
- (3) Members of the uniformed services who die while on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty for a period of one (1) year following the death;
- (4) Dual status military technicians; and
- (5) Traditional members of the National Guard and reserve components of the United States Armed Forces who are relocating to the state for employment or to serve as a member of an Arkansas-based reserve component unit.

This chapter shall not apply to the dependent children of:

- (1) Inactive members of the National Guard and reserve components of the United States Armed Forces;
- (2) Retired members of the uniformed services, except as provided under subdivision (a)(3) of this section; and
- (3) Other United States Department of Defense personnel and other federal or state agency civilian and contract employees who are not considered members of the uniformed services.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking:

§ 6-28-106. State direction and coordination:

- (c) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement this chapter.

§ 6-28-117. Reporting enrollment of children of members of the uniformed services:

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall require a public school to report the enrollment of a student who is a child of a uniformed services family:

- (1) In the Arkansas Public School Computer Network; or
- (2) *As established by rule* if the public school or public school district does not report information through the Arkansas Public School Computer Network.

West's Arkansas Code Annotated
Title 6. Education (Refs & Annos)
Subtitle 2. Elementary and Secondary Education Generally (Chapters 10 to 39)
Chapter 28. Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021
Subchapter 1. Arkansas Military Child School Transitions

A.C.A. § 6-28-117

§ 6-28-117. Reporting enrollment of children of members of the uniformed services

Effective: July 28, 2021

[Currentness](#)

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall require a public school to report the enrollment of a student who is a child of a uniformed services family:

- (1) In the Arkansas Public School Computer Network; or
- (2) As established by rule if the public school or public school district does not report information through the Arkansas Public School Computer Network.

Credits

[Acts of 2021, Act 1031, § 2, eff. July 28, 2021.](#)

A.C.A. § 6-28-117, AR ST § 6-28-117

The constitution and statutes are current through the 2024 Fiscal Session and 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the 94th Arkansas General Assembly. Some statute sections may be more current; see credits for details. Also included are changes made by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission received through June 30, 2024.

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ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the month of November marks National Military Family Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS military families provide vital support to men and women in the Armed Forces and help to make their service to the Armed Forces possible;

WHEREAS military families have been separated from their loved ones because of deployment in support of military missions carried out by the Armed Forces;

WHEREAS the recognition of Military Family Appreciation Month would be an appropriate way to honor the spouses and children of members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS the Arkansas Council for Military Children honors and recognizes the contributions made by spouses of members of the Armed Forces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Council for Military Children recognizes and salutes military families and recognizes the month of November 2024 as Military Family Appreciation Month.

John J. Kamman

Chair, The Arkansas Council for Military Children

November 7/2024

Date

Amy Chen

Secretary, The Arkansas Council for Military Children

November 7, 2024

Date

