



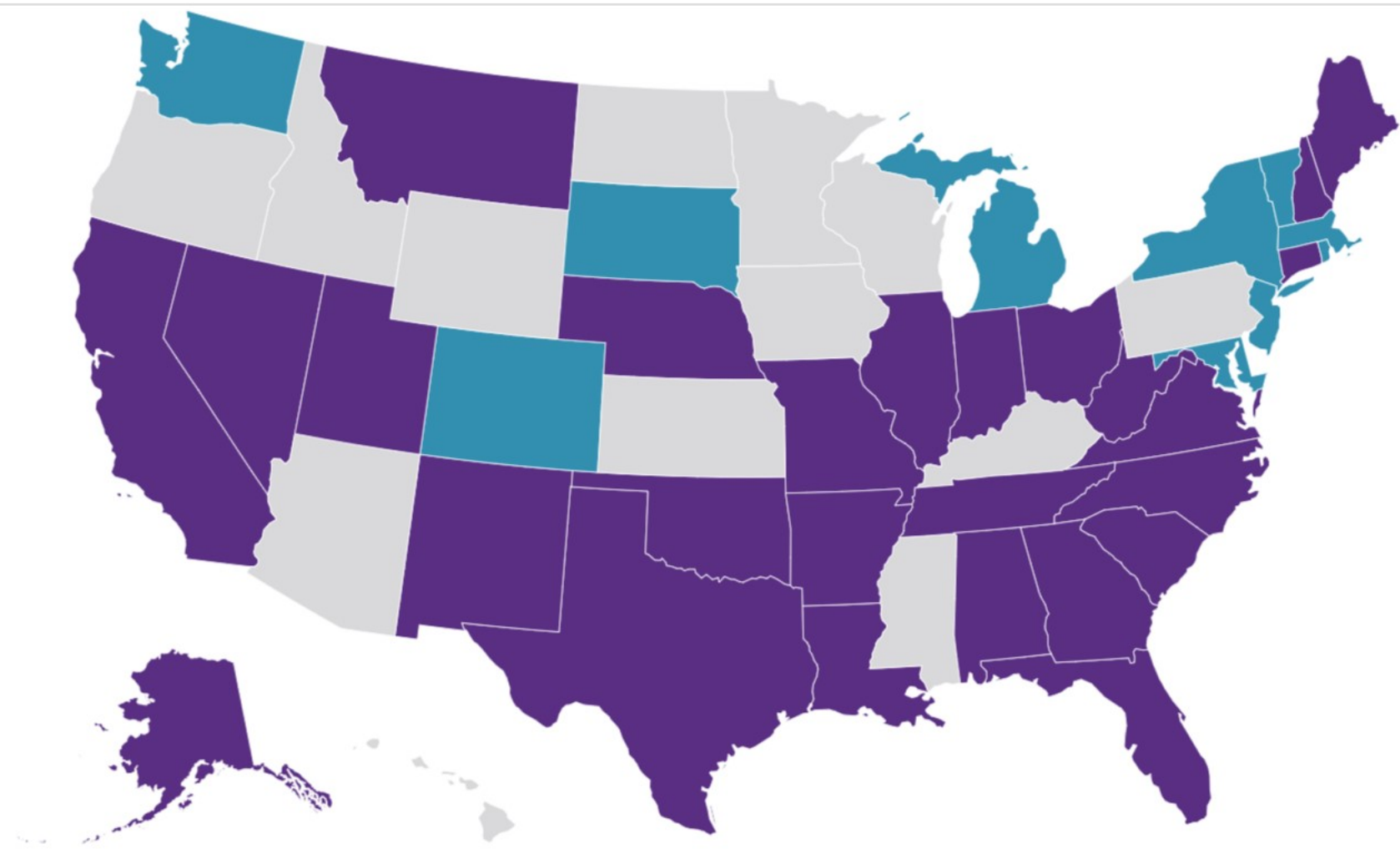
2021–22 California Purple Star Program



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Purpose

The Purple Star Award Program is a way to publicly recognize and designate schools that are the most committed and best equipped to meet the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.



● Purple Star Designation Programs ● Legislation Pending ● No Current Programs/Legislation

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California's Purple Star Award

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53

- Request to the State Department of Education to establish and manage a program designating schools that support military-connected pupils as **Purple Star Schools**
- Recommends using the Military Child Education Coalition for resources and information regarding the **Purple Star School Program**.



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Eligibility

- Terms set by ACR 53
- Site-based award
- School must be an “active” school site
- Includes public schools, private schools (including nonpublic nonsectarian schools, charter schools, school districts, and county offices of education)



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Requirements

The school site will also need to demonstrate that they have:

- ***Designated Point-of-Contact***
- ***Professional Development***
- ***Dedicated Webpage***
- ***Transition Programs***
- ***Military Recognition***



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How to Apply

- Application materials and instructions on how to apply for this designation are available on the CDE Purple Star web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/mc/capurplestar.asp>.



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Timeline

Date	Activity
August 2, 2021	Request for Applications Release Date
October 1, 2021	Applications must be received at the California Department of Education (CDE), by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time
October–December 2021	Review of Applications
January 2022	Purple Star School Designations Announced



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Procedures

- Applicants submit the application via an online survey available at <https://surveys2.cde.ca.gov/go/purplestarapplication.asp>.
- Requires a letter of support from the school site's principal and district superintendent (or designee).



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Application Review

- Reviewed by CDE Staff October – December
- Possible request for supporting documentation
- Notification of Award in January 2022



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Questions

If you have any questions regarding the Purple Star Program, please contact the High School Innovations and Initiatives Office at 916-319-0893 or PurpleStar@cde.ca.gov.