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Session 3

Building Support for Military
Children: Purple Star Schools



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Building Support for Military Children: Purple Star Schools

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ARIZONA PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

Purpose



Purple Star Schools is a program supporting military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station. Military children move every two to three years. The Purple Star School program is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready.

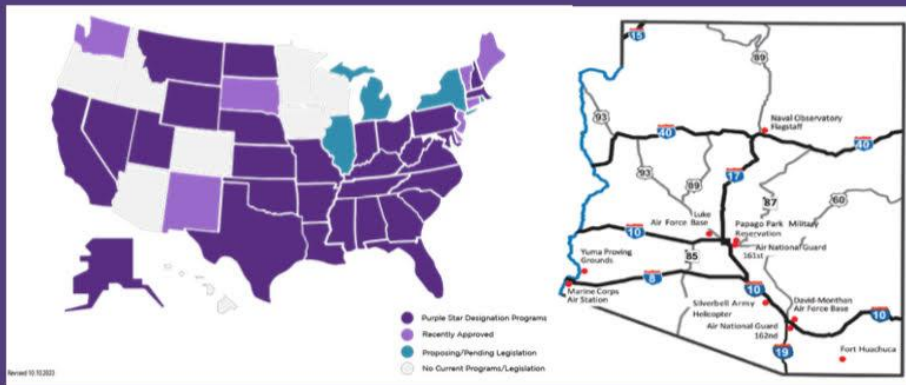
46K

AZ Military
Affiliated Students



503

AZ Schools with
Military Affiliated
Students



10

Military Installations
in AZ



\$15.5B

Annual Economic
Impact

Components

1. Professional development training* to at least 70% of the school's employees, to the unique needs of military students.
2. Designates an employee to serve as the school's point of contact for the purple star school program.
3. Establishes a peer mentorship program for military students.
4. Holds at least one patriotic event during each school year.
5. Creates and maintains a website or a dedicated page on the school's website with resources.



**Military School Liaison will conduct training / minimal cost to the school district **

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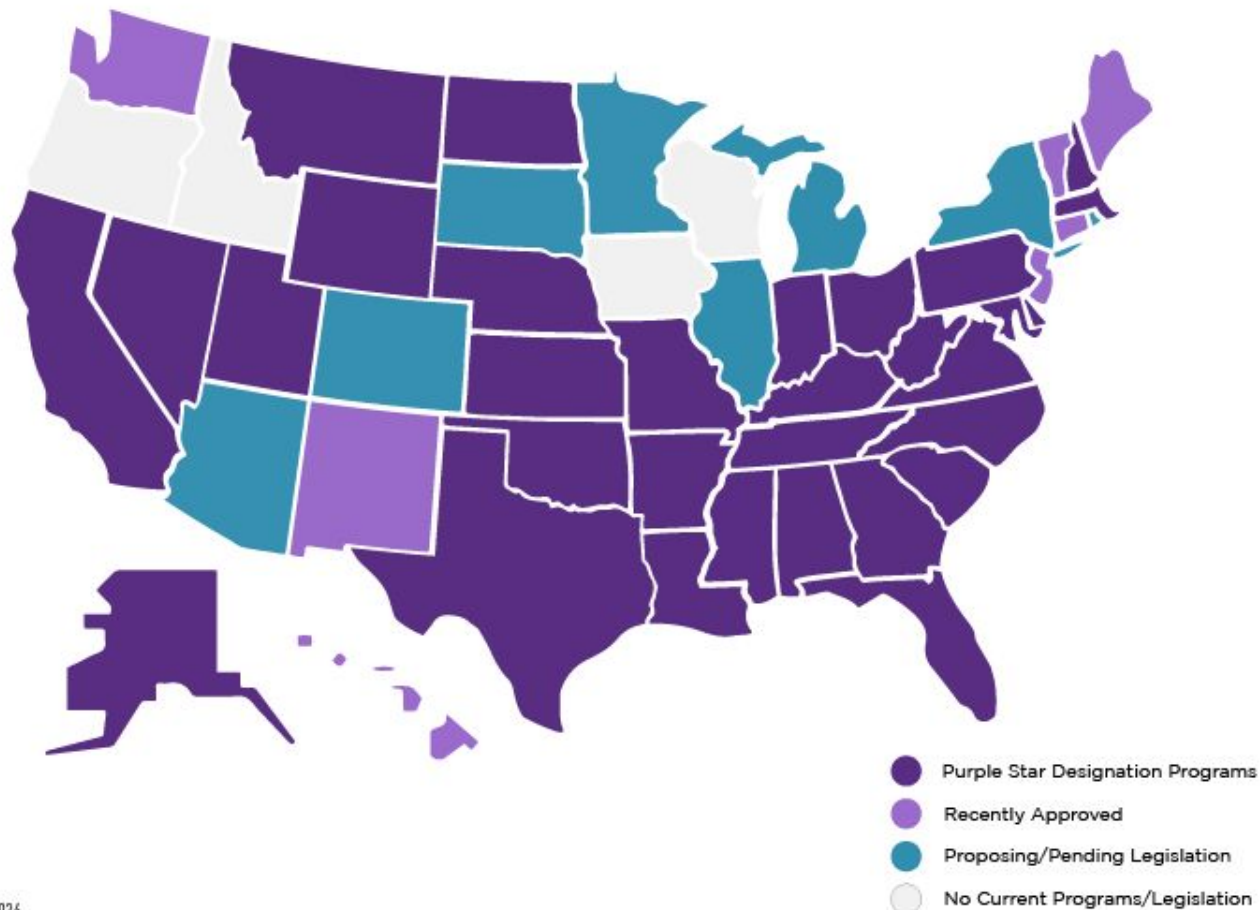
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**Purple Star
School Program**





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ARIZONA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL



Purple Star School

Candidate Pilot Program

- Support military-connected or highly mobile children
- Support staff in addressing any gaps during transitions or deployments



ARIZONA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL



Candidate

Connecting Military Families

What does it mean to be a Purple Star School?

Allows for alignment with Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

- Purple Star Schools respond to the education and well-being of military-connected children
- Support highly mobile children transitioning between schools
- Purple Star Schools educates on differences in cultures, curricula, standards, course offerings, and schedules
- Keeps children on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready

Scan the QR code for more information about this initiative:



ARIZONA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL



Candidate

Connecting Military Families

What a Purple Star School can do for Your Student:

Allows for alignment with Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

- Safeguarding state revenue for economic benefits for local areas
- Promoting inclusive and supportive school environments
- Student-led programs to help create social connections
- A military family webpage on the school website to inform parents
- Establish and maintain web page of resources for families student-led transition programs

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Purple Star School

Candidate Pilot Program Requirements

- Designated Staff Member
- Dedicated Website for Military Resources
- Student-led Transition Program
- Military & Community Partnerships
- Professional Development



LUKETM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Purple Star School



Components for Purple Star Candidate Designation



Military Supports & Resources

Welcome to Luke!

On behalf of Luke Elementary, an A-rated school in the Dysart Unified School District, thank you for you and your families service to our country and welcome to Luke Air Force Base.

We are honored to serve the children of your family. This webpage provides links to resources that may prove useful in making the transition into our community easy. As one of the approximately two million military-connected children in America, your student will join the 15,000 school-age children of active-duty families here in Arizona. Whether this Permanent Change of Service makes Glendale or the surrounding areas your home post of if you're deployed and sending your children to our school, we are proud to help make your time with us as rewarding and enriching as possible.

Touring Luke

Please don't hesitate to schedule your tour of Luke Elementary School. It would be our pleasure to show you and/or your child(ren) and family around, and help acclimate you to the school and familiarize you with the Jet family. Tours are offered on Mondays between 2:15pm - 4:30pm or Tuesdays-Fridays between 8:00am - 8:30am. Please contact our front office at 623-876-7300 or email luke@dysart.org to set up a tour.

Communications

Each homeroom teacher sends out a weekly eBlast to parents detailing the upcoming learning, schoolwide news and events. Each month, a parent newsletter is also sent out to parents and guardians. Luke has a robust social media presence, please follow us @lukejets on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter



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Components for Purple Star Candidate Designation



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Purple Star in Action



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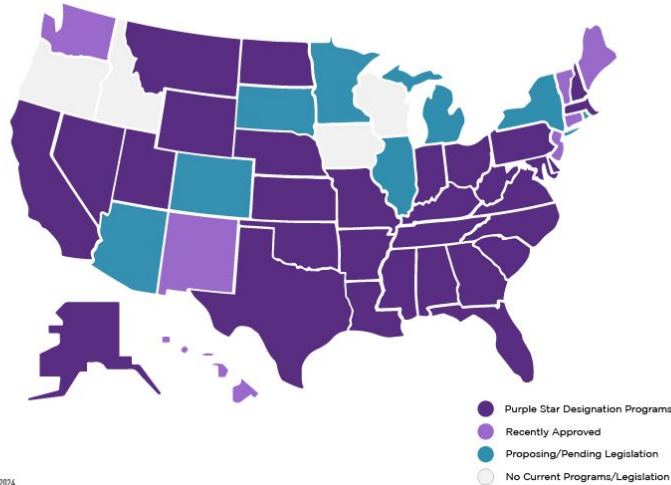


Luke AFB School Liaison

ARIZONA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL



Purple Star Legislation in Arizona



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Arizona House Bill 2246

AZ State Legislature page for [HB2246](#)

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Bill Title: Purple star school designation; requirements

Spectrum: Partisan Bill (Republican 7-0)

Status: *(Passed)* 2024-04-08 - Governor Signed [[HB2246 Detail](#)]

Text: [Latest bill text \(Engrossed\) \[HTML\]](#)

Voting Records

Chamber	Vote	Date	Yea	Nay	NV	Abs	Total	Result	Source	View
House	House - Concurrence	2024-04-02	0	0	0	0	0	Passed	Link	View
House	House - Third Reading	2024-04-02	53	0	6	0	59	Passed	Link	View
House	House - Concurrence	2024-04-01	0	0	0	0	0	Passed	Link	View
Senate	Senate - Third Reading	2024-03-27	28	0	2	0	30	Passed	Link	View
Senate	Senate - Committee of the Whole (DPA)	2024-03-26	0	0	0	0	0	Passed	Link	View
Senate	Senate Rules Committee Action (PFC)	2024-03-04	0	0	0	0	0	Passed	Link	View
Senate	Senate Education Committee Action (DPA)	2024-02-28	7	0	0	0	7	Passed	Link	View
House	House - Third Reading	2024-02-01	55	0	1	0	56	Passed	Link	View
House	House Rules Committee Action (C&P)	2024-01-29	8	0	1	0	9	Passed	Link	View
House	House Education Committee Action (DP)	2024-01-23	9	0	0	1	10	Passed	Link	View

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Purple Star Schools

Questions?



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Session Evaluation

We want to hear from you!

