

CHAPTER 231

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

§6991. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

1. Military-connected student. "Military-connected student" means a student who is a dependent of:

A. A current or former member of:

(1) The United States military serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force or Coast Guard on active duty;

(2) The Maine National Guard; or

(3) A reserve force of the United States military; or [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. A member of a military or reserve force described in paragraph A who was killed in the line of duty. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

§6992. Purple Star School

The department shall designate a school administrative unit as a Purple Star School if the school administrative unit applies and qualifies for the designation under this chapter. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

§6993. Program requirements

To qualify as a Purple Star School, a school administrative unit must: [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

1. Military liaison. Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

A. Identifying military-connected students enrolled at the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Serving as the point of contact between the school administrative unit and military-connected students and their families; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. Determining appropriate school administrative unit services available to military-connected students; and [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

D. Assisting in coordinating school administrative unit programs relevant to military-connected students; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

2. Website. Maintain on the school administrative unit's publicly accessible website an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

A. Relocation to, enrollment in and transferring records to the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Academic planning, course sequences and advanced classes available at the school administrative unit; and [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

3. Transition program. Maintain a transition program led by students, when appropriate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school administrative unit;

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

4. Professional development. Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

5. Initiatives. Initiate one of the following:

A. A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Recognition of the month of the military child or military family month with relevant events hosted by the school administrative unit; or [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. A partnership with a local military installation, as defined in section 20102, that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the school administrative unit, speak at an assembly or host a field trip. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

§6994. Partnerships between school administrative units

A school administrative unit may partner with another school administrative unit to fulfill any of the requirements of this chapter. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

§6995. Rules

The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §31 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §31 (AMD).

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