Common Ground Partnership:
Purple Star Award

PURPLE STAR AWARD
WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Purple Star Award recognizes districts and schools committed to supporting military-connected students and their families for a period of three years. These children transition between schools on average six to nine times during their K-12 educational experiences. Purple Star Schools and Purple Star Districts are uniquely focused on meeting the needs of students experiencing deployments by creating an inviting and caring culture. This allows soldiers to focus on complex missions conducted in the best interest and defense of our nation.

Purple Star School Requirements Summary:

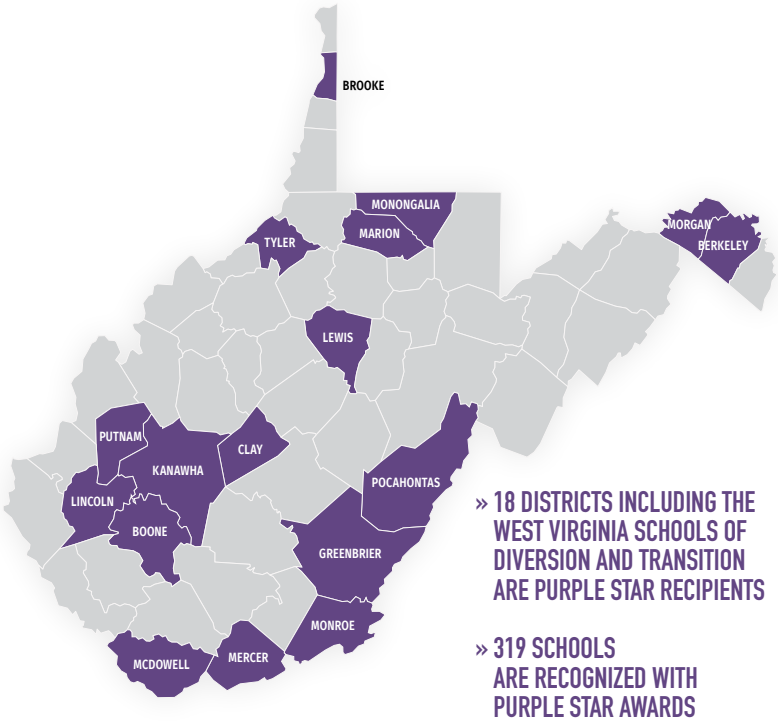
» Identify the school's military family point of contact, who successfully completes training on supporting military-connected children and their families.

» Provide a link to the Common Ground Partnership's homepage, which features a wide variety of useful resources for military families, on the school's website.

» Describe a local plan for the school to support military children and their families.

» Commit to annually celebrating Purple Up Day, on a day of the school's choice, during the month of April (the Month of the Military Child).

» Conduct two qualifying military support activities and commit to two annually.



» 18 DISTRICTS INCLUDING THE WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS OF DIVERSION AND TRANSITION ARE PURPLE STAR RECIPIENTS

» 319 SCHOOLS ARE RECOGNIZED WITH PURPLE STAR AWARDS

Purple Star District Requirements Summary:

» Identify a military family point of contact who successfully completes training on supporting military-connected children and their families.

» Provide a link to the Common Ground Partnership's homepage on the school district's website.

» School board passes a resolution or takes documented action publicizing information about the school system's support for military-connected students and their families.

» All schools within the district have received a Purple Star Award within the past three school years.

Visit the Common Ground Partnership's homepage at http://wvde.us/commonground/purplestaraward for complete award details.

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