



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: June 11, 2025

To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools

Route To: Principals, Military Family Contacts, School Counselors

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Deadline: September 30, 2025

Purple Star School Designation: 2025 Application Open

New Jersey's Purple Stars Program was established by [PL 2022, Chapter 108](#) in the fall of 2022. Under the program, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) shall annually recognize schools that go above and beyond to support military-connected students and their families. New Jersey's "first class" of [Purple Star Schools was designated in June 2024](#). Data from the fall of 2024 shows there are 10,333 military-connected students attending public schools in New Jersey. If your school is dedicated to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for military-connected students, please consider applying for this esteemed designation in the 2025 application cycle.

[The New Jersey Purple Star School Class of 2025 Application](#) is open from June 11 through September 30, 2025. The NJDOE will announce and recognize the New Jersey Purple Stars Schools Class of 2025 on November 11, 2025 in honor of Veterans Day.

For more information about the NJDOE Purple Star Schools Program, please visit the program [website](#).

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