



Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA) FAQs 2023-2024

The **Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA)** is provided to military-friendly schools that display a major commitment to serving military-connected families and students. For a school to be honored with the Tennessee Purple Star School Award, the school must complete all of the Required School Activities and one of the Optional School Activities which are listed below.

★ **Who is behind the Tennessee Purple Star School Award?**

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award is a partnership between the Tennessee State Board of Education and the Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3).

★ **Where can I find information regarding the Tennessee Purple Star School Award?**

[Tennessee MIC3 PSSA Information](#)

★ **Who may apply for the Purple Star School Award?**

Any public school, not district, that completes the application and meets all of the requirements.

★ **What evidence can be submitted to verify an activity?**

A school may submit any items that show that the activity occurred and was done in the spirit of the Purple Star School Award. Examples include sign-in sheets, agendas, flyers, pictures of the event, videos, or links.

★ **What is the best way to provide evidence?**

Attaching all documents as PDF files provides the best method of identifying the activity. Links are easiest for sharing web pages and videos.

★ **What if our school is doing an activity that is in the spirit of the Purple Star School Award but it isn't on the list?**

The list is only a starting point. Any activity that meets the requirement and is in the spirit of the award should be submitted.

★ **Who can be considered the contact person for the school?**

Any person who is considered part of the staff of a building and who has completed a professional development opportunity on Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3).

★ **Where can the Point of Contact attend professional development?**

MIC3 Compact 101 and the information in the Google Classroom Course. For more information see: "PSSA Professional Development" [Tennessee MIC3 PSSA Information](#)

★ **How do I know if the school's application has been received?**

The school will receive a confirmation via email. The email will only confirm that the evidence has been received, not its completion or proof of receiving an award.

★ **Are there specific rules on the handling of the enrollment and transfer of military-connected children?**

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardeducation/documents/mic3/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf>

★ **Where can I learn more about the Military Interstate Children's Compact and its rules?**

<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-.html>

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Questions Regarding the Award?

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