



Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee

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Tennessee Purple Star School Award Winners

In November 2019, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee opened applications for the Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA). The PSSA is designed to recognize military-friendly schools in Tennessee. Children in military families experience many challenges to include: transfers to multiple schools, adapting to new environments, and multiple absences of a parent due to deployments. Military connected children have needs that are different from other students.

The Purple Star School Award aligns with the components in the Military Interstate Compact (MIC3). The compact addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. The compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Tennessee adopted the compact in 2011. Tennessee currently has 2,095 active duty military and 18,206 reserve members.

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award was designed to highlight military-friendly schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's military. Awardees receive a special recognition to display in their buildings. A school must reapply every two years to maintain the recognition status. Schools are eligible for the award if they have a Point of Contact (POC) within the school that has completed a professional development component specific to the needs of military connected students. The school website must contain a page that provides resources for military families. The school then chooses an additional activity that aligns with the school's population and goals. For families, the designation will help guide them to schools that have support efforts in place.

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee is very proud to announce the following list of Inaugural Purple Star School Award (PSSA) Schools:

For more information on the Military Interstate Children's Compact visit our website at:
<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-.html>