

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Carey M. Wright, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Schools

**DATE:** April 29, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Maryland's 2025 Purple Star Schools



## Purpose

The State Board and State Superintendent will recognize the 2025 Purple Star School designees.

## Background

The Purple Star Schools Program was established by Education Article §7-129, approved by the Maryland General Assembly and signed by Governor Hogan on April 12, 2022. Along with 37 other states, Maryland joined this nationwide initiative aimed at recognizing and supporting the unique needs of students whose parents or guardians serve in our country's armed forces.

The Maryland State Board of Education adopted [Code of Maryland Regulation 13A.06.10 Purple Star Schools Program](#) in February 2023. At a minimum, schools seeking Purple Star designation must demonstrate that they have:

1. A military liaison who serves as the point of contact for military-connected students and their families;
2. An easily accessible resource webpage for military-connected students and their families containing information that facilitates a smooth transition to the school;
3. A peer-led transition program tasked with orienting military-connected students to the school's physical and academic environments; and
4. Appropriate training for school staff aimed at fostering an understanding of life as a military-connected student.

## 2025 Purple Star Schools

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) releases the Purple Star Schools application annually on December 1. In addition to the criteria outlined above, schools seeking Purple Star distinction are required to demonstrate they have taken additional measures above and beyond COMAR requirements to support military-connected students and their families. The applications were carefully reviewed to determine that the school met all of the criteria. Of the applications received this year, MSDE is proud to share that 23 schools from eight local education agencies earned Purple Star designation. Maryland's 2025 Purple Star Schools are:

- Beach Elementary School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Bollman Bridge Elementary School, *Howard County Public Schools*

- Calvert Elementary School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Calvert High School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Career & Technology Academy, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Glen Haven Elementary School, *Montgomery County Public Schools*
- Hollywood Elementary School, *St. Mary's County Public Schools*
- Imagine Andrews Public Charter School, *Prince George's County Public Schools*
- Indian Head Elementary School, *Charles County Public Schools*
- Leonardtown Elementary School, *St. Mary's County Public Schools*
- Leonardtown High School, *St. Mary's County Public Schools*
- Manor View Elementary School, *Anne Arundel County Public Schools*
- Northern High School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Northern Middle School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Patuxent Appeal Elementary Campus, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Pershing Hill Elementary School, *Anne Arundel County Public Schools*
- Plum Point Elementary School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- St. Leonard Elementary School, *Calvert County Public Schools*
- Stephen Decatur Middle School, *Prince George's County Public Schools*
- West Frederick Middle School, *Frederick County Public Schools*
- West Friendship Elementary School, *Howard County Public Schools*
- Whittier Elementary School, *Frederick County Public Schools*
- Windy Hill Elementary School, *Calvert County Public Schools*

These 23 schools will maintain Purple Star distinction for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Congratulations to the 2025 Purple Star Schools. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the entire school community toward supporting military-connected students and their families.

## **Action**

The State Board and State Superintendent will recognize each Purple Star School.