

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 SENATE BILL 54

By: Montgomery

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; providing definition;  
8 directing the State Department of Education beginning  
9 in certain school year to designate a school district  
10 site or certain charter school site as a Purple Star  
11 School; providing eligibility criteria; providing for  
12 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
13 and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 510.3 of Title 70, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. As used in this section, "military-connected student" means  
19 a student enrolled in a public school district or public charter  
20 school who:

21 1. Is a dependent of a current or former member of the United  
22 States military, the Oklahoma National Guard or a reserve force of  
23 the United States military; or  
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1           2. Was a dependent of a member of the United States military,  
2 the Oklahoma National Guard or a reserve force of the United States  
3 military who was killed in the line of duty.

4           B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State  
5 Department of Education shall designate a school district site or  
6 charter school site as a Purple Star School if the site applies and  
7 qualifies for the designation pursuant to this section.

8           C. To qualify as a Purple Star School, a school district site  
9 or charter school site shall:

10           1. Designate a school employee as a military liaison whose  
11 duties include:

- 12           a. identifying military-connected students enrolled at  
13           the school who are designated with a military student  
14           identifier as provided for in Section 3-168 of Title  
15           70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 16           b. serving as the point of contact between the school and  
17           military-connected students and their families,
- 18           c. determining appropriate school services available to  
19           military-connected students, and
- 20           d. assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to  
21           military-connected students;

22           2. Maintain on the school's website an easily accessible web  
23 page that includes resources for military-connected students and  
24 their families including information regarding:

- a. relocation to, enrollment at, registration at and transferring records to the school,
- b. academic planning, course sequences and advanced classes available at the school,
- c. counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled at the campus, and
- d. the military liaison and his or her duties designated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection;

3. Maintain a transition program led by students, where appropriate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school;

4. Offer professional development for school employees on issues related to military-connected students; and

5. Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

- a. a resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families,
- b. recognition of the Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month with relevant events held at the school site, or
- c. a partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the school site, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.

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D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to  
implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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