PURPLE STAR

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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT TO HELP ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED FOR SUCCESS

SOUTH CAROLINA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Purple Star designation recognizes a significant commitment to supporting military families and students of servicemen and women.

Designated schools will have met specific requirements, targeted training, and implemented programs and resources designed to support the unique situations facing military students and families.

THE BENEFITS OF PURPLE

A Dedicated Liaison

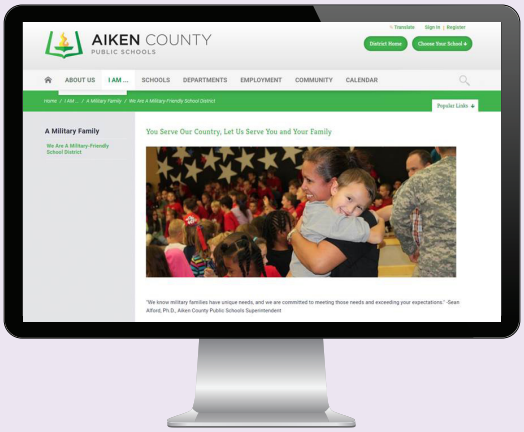
A Purple Star School will have a dedicated liaison as a single point of contact for military families and military-connected students. This staff member will be specially trained to support various issues that face military families:

- ★ **Relocations**
- ★ **Loss**
- ★ **Deployment**
- ★ **Academic planning**

They will assist teachers in identifying and accommodating special considerations students and military families may need for ongoing success.

Student Ambassador

The student ambassador program is a student led program offering peer-to-peer support for newly enrolled and withdrawing students. A student ambassador can help incoming students feel welcomed and help them navigate their new school as well as assist exiting students with the hardship of leaving.



Military Family School Website

A family-friendly website specific to military families will provide up-to-date information at the school and district level. This site will reflect the commitment of school districts and schools to support military-connected students. It will provide information on school registration, educational records requests, transfers, and academic planning. The website will highlight current news and activities important to military parents. It will demonstrate the school and district's ongoing support of military families.

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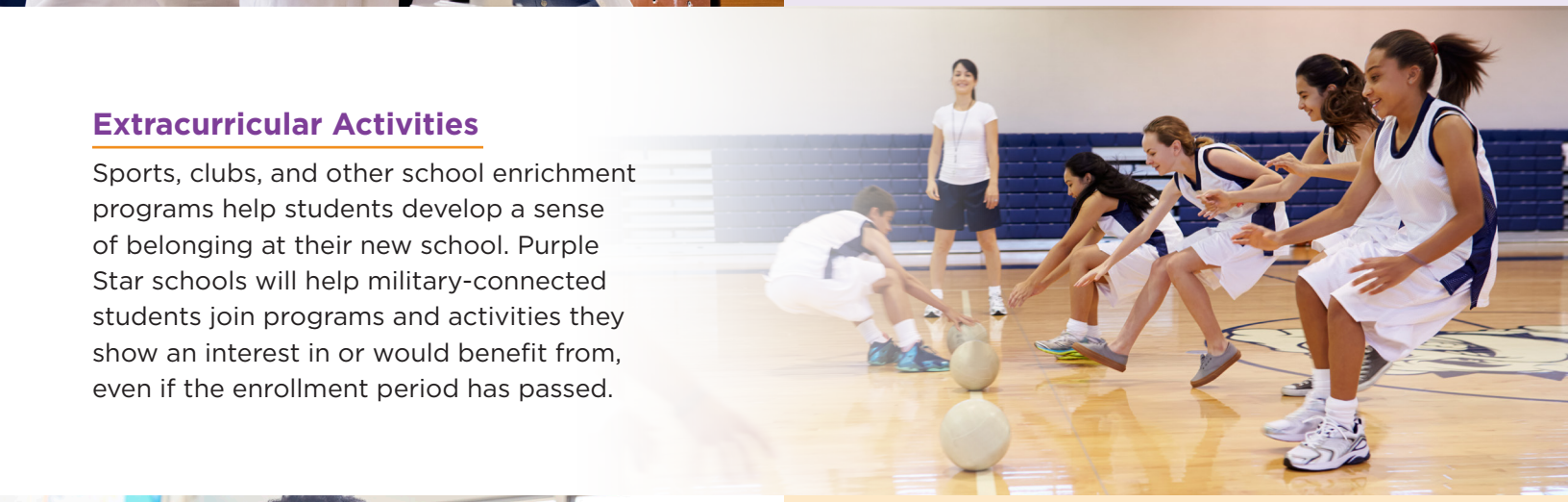
Education Planning

South Carolina Purple Star schools adhere to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). The MIC3 addresses specific educational transition concerns unique to military-connected children. Under the Compact, each school will work to ensure that students receive transfer credit from previous schools so they will not need to retake classes. Seamlessly connecting educational achievement from previous schools will help military students stay on track for ongoing academic success.

Extracurricular Activities

Sports, clubs, and other school enrichment programs help students develop a sense of belonging at their new school. Purple Star schools will help military-connected students join programs and activities they show an interest in or would benefit from, even if the enrollment period has passed.



School Training

All Purple Star schools will receive specialized training for counselors, staff, and administrators. This training will help schools better serve and respect the effect of transfers, deployments, and other special considerations specific to military families and military-connected students.

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