



PURPLE STAR SCHOOL AND MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT SUPPORT POLICY

PURPOSE

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning values all students, including those from military families. Military-connected students may experience unique academic and social-emotional transitions related to military service.

This policy establishes supports for military-connected students, ensures compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3), and fulfills requirements for participation in the Utah Purple Star Schools Program under Utah Administrative Code R277-929.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this policy:

Active Duty – Full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve serving on active-duty orders under federal authority.

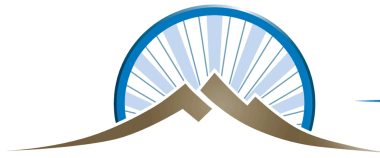
Deployment – The period beginning one month prior to a service member's scheduled departure from their home station under military orders and continuing through six months after the service member returns to their home station.

Military-Connected Student – A student enrolled at Promontory School who is a dependent child of a military service member as defined under the Interstate Compact. This includes the dependent children of:

- Active-duty members of the uniformed services, including National Guard and Reserve members on active-duty orders;
- Members or veterans who were severely injured and medically discharged or medically retired, for one year following discharge or retirement;
- Members of the uniformed services who die while on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty, for one year following death.

This policy does not apply to children of:

- Inactive National Guard or Reserve members;
- Retired service members beyond the one-year period above;
- Veterans beyond the one-year period above; or
- Civilian employees, contractors, or other federal personnel not classified as active-duty members of the uniformed services.



Uniformed Services - The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

INTERSTATE COMPACT COMPLIANCE

Promontory School will fully implement the Interstate Compact to ensure military-connected students receive all protections provided under the Compact, including:

A. Enrollment

- Immediate enrollment even if required records are delayed; unofficial records may be used temporarily.
- Official education records will be requested and transferred within ten school days in accordance with Compact provisions.
- Students transferring under the Compact will be allowed a thirty-day period from enrollment to obtain required immunizations or begin required immunization series consistent with state law.
- Age and grade placement consistent with sending school when allowed under the Compact.

B. Placement and Attendance

- Initial placement in courses, programs, and services will honor the placement and recommendations of the sending school when educationally appropriate.
- Special education and related services will be provided comparable to those described in the student's existing IEP or Section 504 plan until an evaluation is completed.
- Deployment-related absences will be excused in accordance with Compact and Utah law.

C. Eligibility

- Military-connected students will not be restricted from extracurricular, academic, or school programs inconsistent with Compact protections.

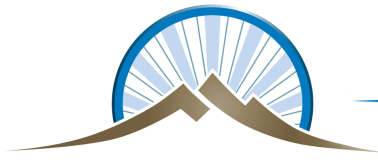
D. Graduation

- Flexibility will be provided for students transferring during high school, including course waivers when appropriate.
- If course waivers are not granted, the School will provide reasonable alternatives to ensure the student remains on track for graduation when feasible.
- Coordination with sending schools will be used to support on-time graduation when feasible.

MILITARY FAMILY ENROLLMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

Enrollment Preference

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning recognizes the unique circumstances of military-connected families and supports enrollment opportunities for their students.



Consistent with the School's Admissions Policy and applicable state law, including Utah Code §53G-6-502, the School provides preferential enrollment opportunities for military-connected students as outlined in the Promontory School Admissions Policy.

Voluntary Identification of Military-Connected Students

During enrollment or registration, families will be provided the opportunity to voluntarily identify a student as a military-connected student. Information provided through voluntary identification may be used by the School to:

- facilitate implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- determine eligibility for any applicable enrollment preference under the School's Admissions Policy
- assist the School in providing appropriate transition supports and services

Disclosure of military-connected status is voluntary and will not affect eligibility for enrollment except as provided under the School's Admissions Policy regarding preferential enrollment.

MILITARY FAMILY LIAISON

The School Director will designate a **Military Family Liaison** to serve as a designated staff support for military-connected students and families.

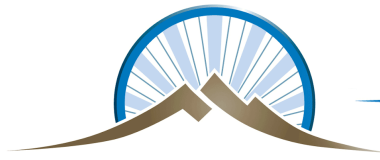
The Liaison will:

- Serve as the primary contact for families;
- Assist with enrollment, placement, and transition concerns;
- Coordinate policy implementation;
- Maintain current knowledge of Compact requirements;
- Support Purple Star program activities.

The Liaison's contact information will be publicly available on the School website.

TRANSITION SUPPORT PROGRAM

The School will maintain a student-led transition program, coordinated by a designated staff member, to assist military-connected students transitioning into the school community.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Annual professional development for faculty and staff will include training on:

- Academic and social-emotional needs of military-connected students;
- Deployment and relocation considerations;
- Interstate Compact protections and procedures.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The School will maintain collaborative relationships with military installations, veteran organizations, and community partners, including the Hill Air Force Base School Liaison Program and affiliated military support organizations, to support military-connected students and families.

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS COMPLIANCE

To maintain Purple Star designation, the School will:

- Maintain a public webpage including:
 - Military Family Liaison contact information;
 - Interstate Compact information;
 - Military and community resource information;
 - Military family enrollment and transition information.

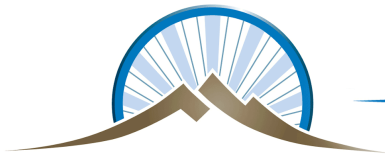
Annually, the School will:

- Recognize April as the Month of the Military Child;
- Participate in Purple Up! Day;
- Conduct at least one additional military recognition activity.

The School will maintain compliance documentation and submit required reports to the Utah State Board of Education.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REVIEW

- The School Director will provide periodic updates to the Governing Board and ensure required Purple Star program reports are submitted annually to the Utah State Board of Education.
- This policy will be reviewed annually to maintain compliance with federal and state law.
- Changes to law, administrative rule, or Compact provisions will automatically be incorporated into administrative procedures.



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AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES

The Governing Board delegates authority to the School Director to implement this policy and establish administrative procedures necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and program requirements.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Promontory School will not discriminate based on military-connected status and will provide equitable access to all academic programs, extracurricular activities, and support services.