**CHAPTER 231**

**PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS**

**§6991. Definitions**

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**1. Military-connected student.**  "Military-connected student" means a student who is a dependent of:

A. A current or former member of:

(1) The United States military serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force or Coast Guard on active duty;

(2) The Maine National Guard; or

(3) A reserve force of the United States military; or [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. A member of a military or reserve force described in paragraph A who was killed in the line of duty. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

**§6992. Purple Star School**

The department shall designate a school administrative unit as a Purple Star School if the school administrative unit applies and qualifies for the designation under this chapter. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

**§6993. Program requirements**

To qualify as a Purple Star School, a school administrative unit must: [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**1. Military liaison.**  Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

A. Identifying military-connected students enrolled at the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Serving as the point of contact between the school administrative unit and military-connected students and their families; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. Determining appropriate school administrative unit services available to military-connected students; and [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

D. Assisting in coordinating school administrative unit programs relevant to military-connected students; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**2. Website.**  Maintain on the school administrative unit's publicly accessible website an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

A. Relocation to, enrollment in and transferring records to the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Academic planning, course sequences and advanced classes available at the school administrative unit; and [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school administrative unit; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**3. Transition program.**  Maintain a transition program led by students, when appropriate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school administrative unit;

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**4. Professional development.**  Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

**5. Initiatives.**  Initiate one of the following:

A. A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families; [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

B. Recognition of the month of the military child or military family month with relevant events hosted by the school administrative unit; or [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

C. A partnership with a local military installation, as defined in section 20102, that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the school administrative unit, speak at an assembly or host a field trip. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

[PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

**§6994. Partnerships between school administrative units**

A school administrative unit may partner with another school administrative unit to fulfill any of the requirements of this chapter. [PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW).

**§6995. Rules**

The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2‑A. [PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §31 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2021, c. 248, §3 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §31 (AMD).

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