

Purple Star School of Distinction

Fleming Island Elementary School



Military-Connected Students

- **According to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, there are nearly 2 million military-connected children in the United States and 1.2 million are school-aged.**
- **Most of these students attend schools in the communities in which they live.**



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A military-connected student can expect to move six to nine times from kindergarten through their senior year in high school with approximately 200,000 students transitioning to a new school in a given year.



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In March 2022, Florida Legislature set forth and signed into law the requirements to earn the designation, the first of its kind in our state.

The purpose of the designation is to recognize schools that:

- support the unique needs of military families,**
- help military-connected students navigate critical challenges,**
- and provide resources for military-connected students when transitioning to a new school environment.**



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In November 2022, Governor DeSantis announced Fleming Island Elementary as one of only 114 schools across the state to earn this inaugural honor.



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- **In order to qualify, FIE had to complete an application ensuring that all criteria had been met, such as follows:**
 - **Established a school Military Point of Contact to serve as a liaison with military families;**
 - **Maintain a web page with information for incoming military families;**



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- **Established a transition program to assist military students coming into the school;**
- **Offer professional development to staff concerning how to identify and respond to the needs of military students and their families;**
- **and support military families by participating in additional activities, such as:**

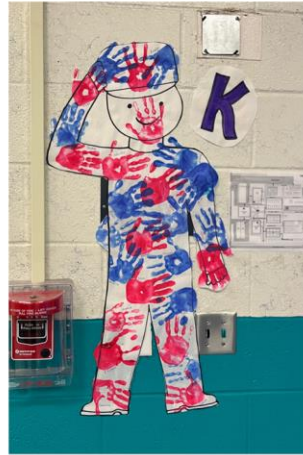


Hosting Purple-Up! For Military Kids! Day



FIE April 2022

**Maintaining
public displays to
recognize service
members,
veterans, and
military students
and families**



Participating in Yellow Ribbon Events for deployed parents



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CONGRATULATIONS
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For being designated by the Florida Department of
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