



LAUNCH NEBRASKA



Purple Star Schools

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Objectives

- Provide context for the Purple Star Schools recognition program
- Outline proposed timeline
- Answer any questions



A blue-tinted photograph of an astronaut on the moon. The astronaut is in the foreground on the left, wearing a full space suit and saluting. In the center, the lunar module is visible with an American flag planted in the ground. To the right, there is a large satellite dish antenna. The background shows the lunar horizon under a dark sky.

Purple Star Schools Act

Context



- Nebraska schools serve almost 4,000 military-connected students. These students represent:
 - Any student who is a dependent of a current or former member or reserve member in the NE National Guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Space Force, and/or
 - Any student who was a dependent of a member or reserve member who was killed in the line of duty during such service
- Military-connected students and their families have unique needs and require specific attention and strategies

Purple Star Schools Act

- Signed into law in 2021, Purple Star Schools Act recognizes schools making a commitment to supporting the needs of military-involved students and their families.
- Recognition for public and non-public schools
- To qualify, schools must
 - Designate a military liaison
 - Maintain a website that provides resources to students & families
 - Create or implement a transition program for military-involved students
 - Offer professional learning for staff, and
 - Do one of the following:
 - Recognize April as Military Child Month or November as Military Family Month and host events
 - Post a resolution supporting military-connected students on website
 - Partner with local military installation



Proposed Timeline

- Open applications ASAP
- Close early November
- Review applications
- Recognize schools in November

Future work:

- Consider future iterations and embedding into data collections
- Continue to raise awareness on military-involved children's needs and provide professional development opportunities



Thank you!