



Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee

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Rossview High School Receives Tennessee Purple Star School Award

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee is very pleased to announce that Rossview High School has been awarded the Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA). Rossview High School was one of six schools in the state to receive this award. Millington Central High School, Millington Middle School, Ringgold Elementary School, Rossview Middle School, Rossview High School and Sequatchie Middle School are members of the inaugural class of awardees.

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award was designed to highlight military-friendly schools that show a major commitment to serving students and families connected to our nation's military. Awardees receive a special recognition to display in their buildings. A school must reapply every two years to maintain the recognition status. Schools are eligible for the award if they have a point of contact within the school that has completed a professional development component specific to the needs of military connected students. The school website must contain a page that provides resources for military families. The school then chooses an additional activity that aligns with the school's population and goals. For families, the designation will help guide them to schools that have supports in place.

In November 2019, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Tennessee, opened applications for the Tennessee Purple Star School Award. The award is designed to recognize military-friendly schools in Tennessee. Children in military families experience many challenges: transfers to multiple schools, adapting to new environments or a parent deployed to a war zone. Military connected children have needs that are different from other students. The compact addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. The compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Tennessee adopted the compact in 2011. Tennessee has 2,095 active duty military and 18,206 reserve members. The Purple Star School Award aligns with the components in the Military Interstate Compact.

For more information on the Military Interstate Children's Compact visit our website at:
<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-.html>