



The Kearsarge Regional School District is proud to announce that it recently received the Purple Star Award which recognizes schools across the nation that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Kearsarge is one of several pilot schools in NH who earned this distinction. Theresa Georges, School Social Worker at KRHS (tgeorges@kearsarge.org) and Nicole Densmore, Music Educator at KRES/NL and Sutton Central Elementary School (ndensmore@kearsarge.org) are the Purple Star liaisons for the district.

The Purple Star School Program supports military-connected children and their families by responding to the educational and social-emotional challenges they may face associated with unexpected deployment, relocation, changing schools, and adjusting to new communities. To get started, we will identify military-connected students (which refers to children of service members on active duty) within our district. With the aid of this grant, we will then be able to help these students and their families access community-based resources, assist with transitions to a new school, and keep them on track to be college, workforce and life-ready. Please reach out to Theresa and/or Nicole with any questions you may have.

The form on the back has been designed to assist our district with identifying military-connected children. The purpose of this activity is to help us better identify the unique needs, challenges, and resources that exist for the military families in our community. **You are not required to acknowledge or identify your child if you do not wish.** However, they may be inadvertently excluded from special events or activities that we plan on behalf of our military families. (The information provided here will be treated as Personally Identifiable Information and is protected under FERPA guidelines for privacy.)

Identification of Military Connected Students 2021

Student Name _____

School they attend _____ Student age: _____

Definition of Military Connected:

- **United States Active Component:** Includes Army, Navy, AirForce, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Space Force, the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Services.
- **United States Reserve Component:** Includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.
- **National Guard:** Includes active or reserve duty.

1. Does the above named student have a **parent** in the United States uniformed services?

Yes

No

If YES, please indicate current status.

CHECK ONE:

- Parent is a member of the United States Active Component.
- Parent is a member of a United States Reserve Component.
- Parent is a member of the National Guard.



2. Please list any **living veterans** the above named student may have in their family in the space below. Please include the veteran's name, branch of service and relationship to the student.

Our district would like your permission to recognize your military child through events and activities that are specifically designed to help build their pride and resilience. These activities may involve: offering peer mentoring opportunities for younger military children, involving military youth in appropriate holiday celebrations such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day, etc.

"I agree to allow my child to be recognized as a military-connected youth." Yes No

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____