

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0056

Purple star schools.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Andrew, Harshman,  
Neiman, Northrup and O'Hearn and Senator(s)  
Barlow, Boner and Ellis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing for the designation  
2 of purple star schools that take specific actions to assist  
3 military connected students; specifying requirements for  
4 purple star schools; providing rulemaking authority; and  
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-134 is created to read:

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11 **21-3-134. Purple star schools.**

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13 (a) As used in this section, "military connected  
14 student" means a student who is a dependent of a current or  
15 former member of the uniformed services of the United

1 States including members of the national guard and reserve  
2 or who was a dependent of a member of the uniformed  
3 services of the United States, including a member of the  
4 national guard or reserve, who was killed in the line of  
5 duty.

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7 (b) The department shall designate a school as a  
8 purple star school if the school applies to the department  
9 and qualifies as a purple star school under this section.

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11 (c) To qualify as a purple star school under this  
12 section the school shall:

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14 (i) Have a staff member designated as a military  
15 liaison who shall:

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17 (A) Identify military connected students  
18 enrolled at the school;

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20 (B) Serve as the point of contact between  
21 the school and military connected students and their  
22 families or guardians;

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1                   (C) Assist in developing and coordinating  
2 appropriate services and programs relevant to military  
3 connected students.

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5                   (ii) Maintain on the school website an easily  
6 accessible web page that includes resources for military  
7 connected students and their families or guardians,  
8 including information regarding:

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10                   (A) Relocation to, enrollment at,  
11 registration at and transferring records to and from the  
12 school;

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14                   (B) Academic planning, course sequences and  
15 advanced classes available at the school;

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17                   (C) Counseling and other support services  
18 available for military connected students enrolled at the  
19 campus; and

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21                   (D) The name and contact information of the  
22 military liaison designated by the school under paragraph  
23 (i) of this subsection and the liaison's duties.

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2 (iii) Maintain a transition program, which may  
3 be led by students if appropriate, that assists military  
4 connected students in transitioning into the school;

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6 (iv) Offer professional development for staff  
7 members on issues related to military connected students;

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9 (v) Do at least one (1) of the following:

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11 (A) Have a resolution adopted by the board  
12 of trustees of the school district of the school showing  
13 support for military connected students and their families;

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15 (B) Provide recognition of the month of the  
16 military child or military family month with relevant  
17 events hosted by the school;

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19 (C) Partner with a local military  
20 installation that provides opportunities for active duty  
21 military members to volunteer at the school, speak at a  
22 school assembly or host a field trip.

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1           (d) A school may partner with the school district as  
2 necessary to comply with the requirements of this section  
3 including providing for a web page on the school district  
4 website if the school does not have a website, providing  
5 for professional development and the adoption of a  
6 resolution as provided in subparagraph (c)(v)(A) of this  
7 section.

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9           (e) The department shall adopt rules necessary to  
10 administer this section.

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12           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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