

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-929. State Council on Military Children.**

3 **R277-929-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) [Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3](#), which vests general control and  
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Section [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the  
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

9 (c) Section [53E-3-920.1](#), which requires the Board to create a state council in  
10 accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

11 (2) The purpose of this rule is to:

12 (a) establish a state council for military children[-]; and

13 (b) establish a purple star schools designation for Utah schools meeting eligibility  
14 criteria.

15 **R277-929-2. Definitions.**

16 (1) "Commissioner" means the compact commissioner appointed by the Governor  
17 in accordance with Section [53E-3-921](#).

18 (2) "Compact" means [the] [Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 9](#), Interstate Compact on  
19 Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

20 (3) "Designated staff point of contact" means a counselor, administrator, teacher,  
21 or other staff member who is familiar with the needs of military students and the protections  
22 afforded to service members' children under the compact.

23 ([3]4) "State council" means the State Council for Military Children created through  
24 this rule.

25 **R277-929-3. Establishment of State Council.**

26 (1) There is hereby created the State Council for Military Children.

27 (2) The state council shall:

28 (a) coordinate implementation of the compact amongst:

- 29 (i) state agencies;  
30 (ii) LEAs; and  
31 (iii) military installations;
- 32 (b) safeguard the interests of military impacted students within the state;  
33 (c) make recommendations for laws and policies to benefit military impacted  
34 students; and  
35 (d) promote awareness of compact rights and protections with military families.
- 36 (3)(a) The Superintendent shall invite the individuals identified in Subsection [53E-3-](#)  
37 [909](#)(1) to participate in the state council.
- 38 (b) The Superintendent may invite other individuals with interest or expertise in  
39 working with military students to participate in the state council.
- 40 (4) The Superintendent shall coordinate with the Commissioner to schedule  
41 meetings of the state council.
- 42 (5) The state council shall meet on an annual basis or with such other frequency as  
43 may be required by compact rules.
- 44 (6) The Commissioner shall be responsible for filing all required reports with the  
45 national compact office.

46 **R277-929-4. Purple Star Schools.**

- 47 (1) There is hereby created a purple star schools designation for Utah schools that  
48 excel in protecting the educational needs of students from military families.
- 49 (2) The Commissioner shall establish an application process for Utah schools  
50 interested in the purple star schools designation.
- 51 (3) The Commissioner shall review purple star school applications with the state  
52 council created in Section R277-929-3 and make recommendations for the purple star  
53 school designation.
- 54 (4) The Superintendent shall award the purple star school designation to a Utah  
55 school that:
- 56 (a) has a designated staff point of contact for military students and families who acts  
57 as the primary link between a military family and the school;

58 (b) has a dedicated page on its school website featuring information and resources  
59 for military families;

60 (c) has a student-led transition program to include a student transition team  
61 coordinator;

62 (d) provides professional development for additional staff on special considerations  
63 for military students and families; and

64 (e) meets at least one of the following criteria:

65 (i) the school shall commit to hold a school-wide military recognition event;

66 (ii) the school's governing board shall pass a resolution publicizing support for  
67 military students and families; or

68 (iii) the school shall partner with a school liaison officer to provide opportunities for  
69 active duty parents to volunteer in the school.

70 (5)(a) The Superintendent shall approve a seal for schools with a purple star school  
71 designation.

72 (b) A purple star school may use the approved seal on school letterhead, the  
73 school's website, and other school publications.

74 (6) The Superintendent shall publish a list of schools receiving the purple star  
75 designation on the Board's website.

76 (7)(a) The Commissioner shall review a school's purple star school designation with  
77 the state council every three years.

78 (b) The Superintendent may extend or remove a school's purple star designation  
79 based on the results of the state council's review.

80 **KEY: state council, military, compact**

81 **Date of Enactment of Last Substantive Amendment: March 12, 2020**

82 **Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#)**