



April 11, 2024

Jim Fogle, Superintendent  
Martins Ferry City Schools, Martins Ferry High School

Dear Superintendent:

I am pleased to inform you the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has selected Martins Ferry High School as a Purple Star School. I applaud and appreciate your commitment to serving military-connected students and families.

*Future Forward Ohio*, the state's strategic priorities for education, recognizes the importance of overcoming obstacles to learning. To be successful in school and when transitioning between school settings, Ohio's military-connected youth require supports to ensure their unique wellness and academic needs are met. The Purple Star award signifies your school's demonstrated commitment to serving these students and families.

Ohio's Purple Star Advisory Board established a set of important criteria that schools must meet to be considered for a Purple Star designation. It gives me great pride to announce that your school meets these criteria.

Each Purple Star designation is valid for three years. As such, your school may apply for a designation renewal in fall 2026 to be a member of the Class of 2027. We invite you to use the attached print-ready files to print certificates and banners highlighting your Purple Star designation. You may also display the Purple Star logo on your website or in any other location of your choosing.

Please keep the Department informed of any special events you may plan around this recognition. Share photographs or other examples of your school's Purple Star pride with the Department on social media (X: @oheducation) so we can highlight your achievement.

Once again, congratulations on earning the Purple Star designation and thank you for your continuous support of Ohio's military families.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Dackin  
Director



Supporting Military Families