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## 122 SCHOOLS RECEIVE PURPLE STAR DESIGNATIONS

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

**Montgomery, Ala.** - The Alabama State Department of Education is proud to announce that 122 Alabama Schools will receive 2023 Purple Star School designations. This designation affirms the school's commitment and support of military students and their families.

Tracie West  
District II  
President Pro Tem

The Purple Star School program was designed to help mitigate the challenges of high mobility by setting standards for and publicly designating military-friendly schools. The Purple Star School Award recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. Schools that earn the award will receive a special Purple Star School banner to display on site.

Stephanie Bell  
District III

"As military families relocate to a new community and students transition between schools, the students are often faced with unique challenges," said State Superintendent Dr. Eric G. Mackey. "Adapting to a new school, along with varying course offerings, schedules, and graduation requirements can be stressful. We want to ensure every student who moves to Alabama is given every opportunity for academic growth and achievement – and the Purple Star School Program helps families identify military-friendly schools and helps the schools become more prepared to address the challenges facing these students."

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

*The 2023 Purple Star Schools are:*

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V

### **Autauga County Schools**

Marie Manning  
District VI

Marbury High School  
Prattville Elementary School  
Prattville Intermediate School  
Prattville Kindergarten School  
Prattville Primary School

Belinda McRae  
District VII

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII  
Vice President

### **Baldwin County**

Daphne East Elementary School  
Daphne Elementary School  
Daphne High School  
Florence B Mathis Elementary School  
W.J. Carroll Intermediate School

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