



SC Military Credit Mobility

SC Military Credit (Mobility) for Prior Learning (M-CPL) Advisory Board

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November 18, 2025

SC Military M-CPL Advisory Board Institutional Representatives Meeting

Welcome & *Introductions*

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**Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director
Office of Student Affairs**

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Happy Belated Veterans Day



SC Military Credit for Prior Learning

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AGENDA

1. Introductions
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director
Office of Student Affairs
2. SC Military Credit for Prior Learning Updates
Alfie B. Mincy, Program Coordinator
Office of Student Affairs
3. This Is How We Do It -
SCDVA
4. Next Steps Discussion: Action Items for the SC M-CPL Advisory Board
 - Professional Development - Request _Regional Workshops – Spring 2026
 - PHASE I ACE ENGAGE PLATFORM: The Faculty Perspective: Understanding Military Learning and ACE Recommendations. Click Here for Course Link - LESSON 6
 - PHASE II HOSTING REGIONAL WORKSHOPS: WHEN? WHERE? COST? Host Institutions (Pee Dee, Low Country, Midlands, Upstate)
5. Upcoming Meetings:
6. Volunteers Needed
 - a. This Is How We Do It - Share Your Military Credit Policies and Procedures (January 2026)
 - b. Lightning Round/Question of the Day – Share Updates and Wins on Military Credit Mobility
- 7 Adjourn



"This Is How We Do It!"



Jason M. Fowler
Deputy Director of Military Affairs





Purple Star Schools Program in South Carolina



In South Carolina, Governor Henry McMaster
proclaims April the Month of the Military Child.
Picture taken March 25, 2025



Purple Star Fast Facts



- Establishment:**

The Purple Star Schools program is a state-by-state driven program that originated in Ohio and is now present in about 42 states at last count

- Month of the Military Child is April:**

The month serves as a time to raise awareness of the experiences of military-connected youth and acknowledge their strength, adaptability, and sacrifices.

- Challenges Faced by Military Children:**

Military children often experience frequent relocations, new schools, extended separations, and deployments, adapting to the physical and emotional tolls of a parent's military service. (Military Kids move on average 6-9 times in Grades K-12)

- Purple Up! Day:**

A prominent event during the Month of the Military Child is Purple Up! Day, typically celebrated in mid-April, where people wear purple to show support for military kids.

* April 23, 2025 is the date SC MIC3 proposed for the state to adopt "Purple Up" day; However, every district, campus-based school or organization has the authority to choose their own date of implementation.

- Significance of Purple:**

The color purple symbolizes all branches of the military, combining Army green, Navy blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue, highlighting the unity of the armed forces and their families.

- Activities:**

Throughout the month, various activities, including classroom activities, workplace celebrations, and community events, are organized to honor military children.



Purple Star Schools in SC



South Carolina Department of Education is the Designation Authority
Dr. Kim Priester- State MIC3 (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission) Commissioner

South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs and Military Child Education Coalition (Dr. Sara Jane Arnett, MCEC State Coordinator) assist the Commissioner with recruiting, training and standards of Purple Star Program

Four Components

- 1) Designated Military Liaison/ POC
- 2) MIC3 101 Training (Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission)
- 3) Designated webpage on School website for Military Families
- 4) Student Ambassador program



PURPLE STAR DISTRICTS

- [Aiken County Schools](#)
- [Richland School District Two](#)
- [Kershaw County School District](#)
- [Sumter County School District](#)
- [Richland School District One](#)
- [Charleston County School District](#)
- [Berkeley County School District](#)
- [Edgefield County School District](#)
- [Beaufort County School District](#)
- [Anderson 1](#)
- [Dorchester County School District 2](#)
- [Lexington 1](#)
- [Horry County School District](#)
- [Florence 1 School District](#)
- [South Carolina Public Charter School District](#)
- [Lexington & Richland County School District 5](#)
- [Spartanburg School District 1](#)



Purple Star Schools

- [Liberty STEAM School](#)
- [PACE Academy](#)
- [Saint Joseph's Catholic School](#)
- [St. John Neumann Catholic School](#)
- [Thomas Sumter Academy](#)
- [Berkeley Preparatory Academy](#)
- [Wilson Hall Academy](#)



»»» SOUTH CAROLINA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION ROADMAP

◆ MILITARY LIAISON

Ensures military-connected students are identified and properly coded through the MSI (Military Student Identifier); Serves as the point of contact between the military community to assist with transitions in and out of the school; Supports Student-led Transition Program.

◆ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Military Liaison must facilitate a professional development opportunity for staff members with a suggested 70% staff participation on an annual basis.

◆ WEBPAGE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Provides an easily navigable webpage for military support and inclusion to incoming families; Centralizes critical state and local community transition information and resources.

◆ CAMPUS-BASED STUDENT-LED TRANSITION PROGRAM

This program must include the following components: Introductions and welcome to school environment and processes; Organizes and host newcomer social events; Facilitates guided tours of the campus; and Accompanies new students to lunch within the first week of school.

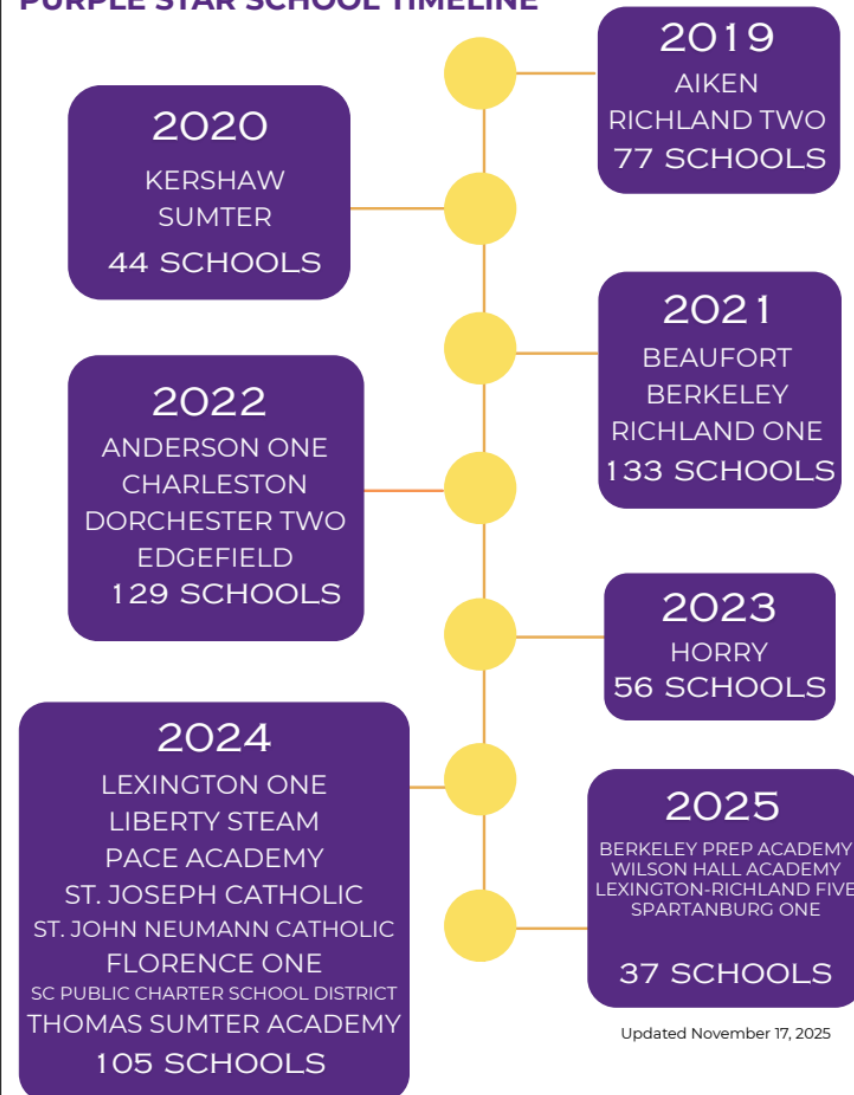




Purple Star Schools in SC



SOUTH CAROLINA PURPLE STAR SCHOOL TIMELINE



Updated November 17, 2025

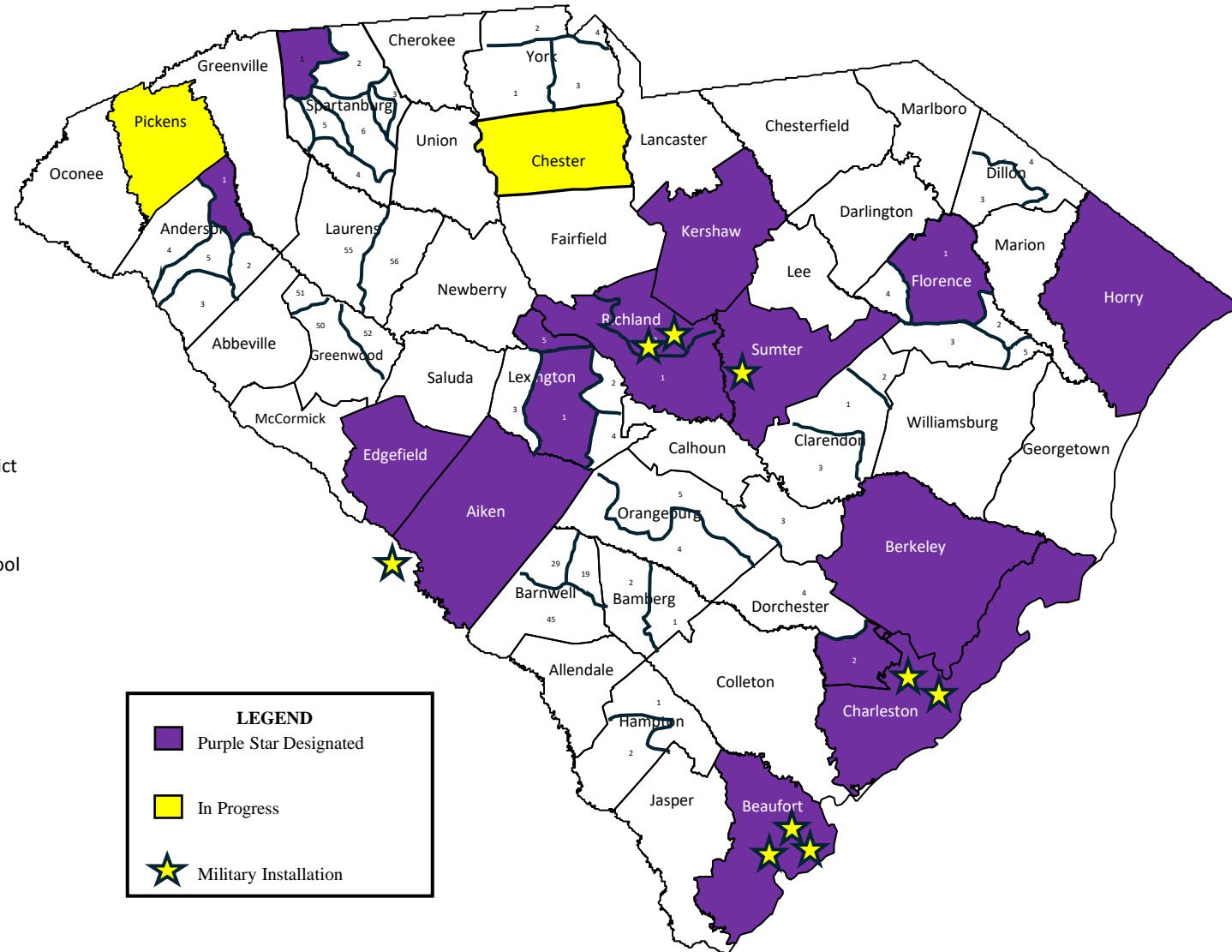
South Carolina Purple Star Schools

Additional Purple Star Districts

- South Carolina Public School District

Purple Star Campus-Based Schools

- Liberty STEAM Public Charter School
- PACE Academy Public Charter School
- St. Joseph Catholic School
- St. John Neumann Catholic School
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As of: November 2025



Purple Star Schools in SC Legislation & Initiatives



- **Military Temporary Remote School Enrollment Act:**

Bill H3797, May 2023, The SC General Assembly and the Governor passed and ratified this law which allows military families the opportunity to register their children for school by electronic means prior to arriving to South Carolina. Previously, you had to arrive and show proof of residency within 10 days

- **Education Scholarship Trust Fund:**

Bill S62, May 2025, this "fund" means the individual account that is administered by the department to which funds are allocated to the parent of an eligible student to pay for qualifying expenses. The SC Department of Education has included our military families stationed here in South Carolina to be eligible for these monies by including a Military preference window from January 15- February 8, 2026 this year.

- **Charter School Amendment for Military Preference:**

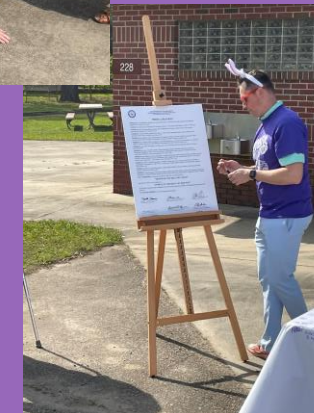
Bill H3862, May 2025, Section 59-40-50(B)(8) of the S.C. Code is amended to read: (iii) dependents of active-duty members of the military residing or stationed in this State, limited to not more than ten percent of the school's total enrollment except for schools meeting the provisions of subitem (f). Dependents of active-duty military members are subject to the enrollment provisions of Section 59-63-33.

* Possible legislation codifying Purple Star program in South Carolina *



PURPLE UP FOR MILITARY CHILDREN!!!

Questions???



PHASE I

SC Military Credit for Prior Learning SC MCPL Updates & Discussion- Regional Workshops Spring 2026

GOAL: SC institutions recognize more military credit for academic credit.
Equip decision-makers and policymakers to prioritize military credit mobility

Audience: Faculty, Staff Advisors, Department Chairs

Format: Hybrid (Self-paced + Regional Workshop)



Clear top-down structure from goal to regional implementation

a. Professional Development Partnership

- Collaboration: SCDVA Regional Integration Officers (RIOs) & SC MCPL Advisory Board
- **Phase I Kick-Off:** ACE Engage Platform – *The Faculty Perspective: Understanding Military Learning and ACE Recommendations*
Lesson 6 – [Click Here For Course Link](#)
- **New Attendees** – Earn Badge (Did not attend ACE January Training)
- **Refresher** ACE Engage (Attended ACE January Training)
- Building campus connections with military evaluators and decision-makers
- Proposed dates for Phase I activities?



Peer Group Development/ Identification & Review

- Develop Institutional Peer Group.
- Determine the top 3 majors/disciplines/courses of service members/veterans.
 - Ex: Disciplines: Business, Criminal Justice, Cyber Security
 - Ex: Courses: English, Public Speaking, Management, Business, others – See [Potential Crosswalks - SC Institutions MOS and Courses - CHE](#)
 - Each institution assigns a faculty/staff lead
- Review JST/ Courses for military credit accepted.
 - Course Review
- BRING TEAM to attend a Regional Meeting
 - Prepare Data Sharing (build on pre-existing articulation agreements OR create new ones)



PHASE II

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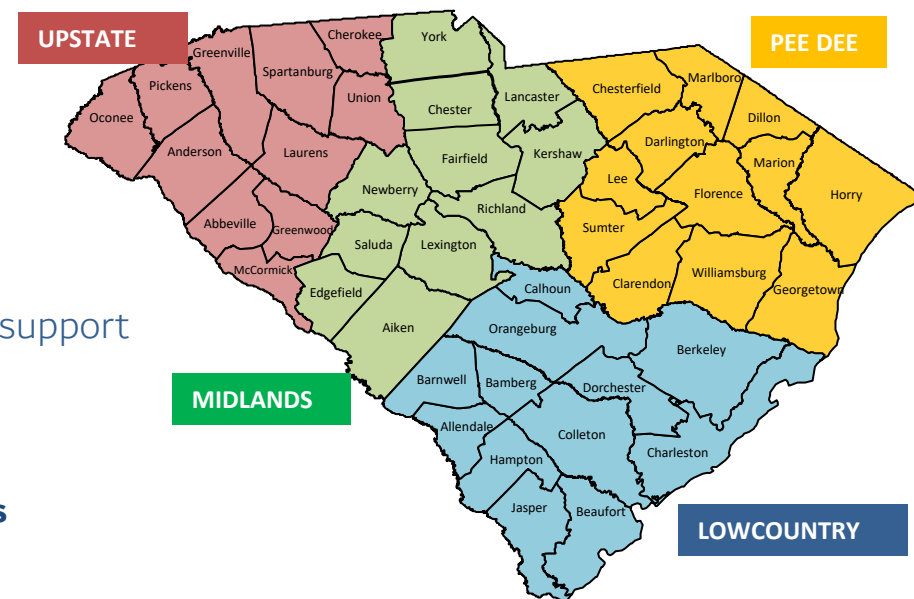
b. Regional Workshops – Spring 2026

- Phase II: Hosting Convenings within RIO regions
- Proposed Dates: April 6–10, 2026 | Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Target Regions: Pee Dee, Lowcountry, Midlands, Upstate
- Audience: Faculty, staff, and CPL stakeholders
- Format: Hybrid (In-person & Virtual)
- Host Criteria: Institutions with strong CPL momentum or regions needing support

Phase II: Implementation & Credentialing

Partner with SC Dept. of Veterans Affairs and establish regional institutional workgroups

1. Attend SCVDA-aligned regional meeting
2. Share preliminary insights on course reviews
3. Collaborate on aligning curricula across institutions
4. Discuss common majors & military credit /JST TRAINING
 - Explore articulation agreements
 - Data Sharing to publish Regional Articulation Agreements
5. EARN BADGE – Become SC JST Certified/ MCPL Certified



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Low Country TBD

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SC MCPL 2023 Survey Results

- [SC MCPL 2023 Survey Results](#) - Review top 5 disciplines
- 2025 Survey – In progress (Launch a new survey)
- **WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO SEND THE SURVEY & GET RESULTS**
 - **SEND NOVEMBER – DUE DECEMBER/JANUARY?**
 - **SEND DECEMBER – DUE JANUARY/FEBRUARY?**
- How can we use the results to develop or revise(current) MCPL agreements/articulation agreements



Degrees Attained by Military/Veteran Students within the last 3 Academic Years. (AY 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022)

What DID we learn?

5 Majors/ Disciplines that military/veterans are graduating from:

1. Business Administration – 70%
2. Criminal Justice/ Police Science – 37%
3. Nursing Practice/Registered Nurse – 30%
4. Biology, Computer Science, Psychology – 17%,
5. Social Work – 13%

SC Military Credit for Prior Learning (M-CPL)

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Meetings

- **Next Co-Facilitators Group Meeting:**
 - Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
- **Next Advisory Group Meeting 2025-2026**
 - **No Meeting in December**
 - Next Meeting **January 2026**
 - This is How We Do It
 - **VOLUNTEERS** (Institution) **NEEDED JANUARY**





Lightning Round/Question of the Day

Share Updates/Upcoming Events and Wins

Please share or put your comment in the Chat.

Can Anyone share (document or site) common equivalencies for military credit?



SC MILITARY CREDIT POLICY CHART

Would you like for your institution to be featured?

Complete: [SC M-CPL Policy Website Survey](#)



News You Can Use

- GRANT OPPORTUNITY CAEL is partnering with RAND to offer technical assistance to states or statewide systems of higher education for enhancing credit for prior learning (CPL) public policies. During the two-year initiative, each **participating team will receive a stipend and continual access to CAEL subject matter experts**, who will develop a customized approach for implementing or expanding public policies that address challenges and capture opportunities related to CPL. RAND will develop a state policy framework to help guide the technical assistance and data collection efforts to learn from states' experiences, ultimately refining a framework and rubric for scaling CPL policies statewide.

[Learn More & Apply](#) – Deadline November 21

- Join CAEL, [Military Community of Practice](#)
- Join Prior Learning Assessment Network (PLA-N)- Contact Melissa DeBlois if you are interested in joining; e-mail priorlearning@ccv.edu or LinkedIn to get added to the distribution list.
- Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Symposium 2026, March 29 - April 2, 2026 San Francisco, CA <https://www.ccmeonline.org/2026-symposium>
- Fall 2026 CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning) Conference <https://www.cael.org/>



Questions?



***For Supporting
Military Credit for Prior Learning
Happy Holidays – See you in January***

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SC Military Credit Taskforce Resource Page

<https://che.sc.gov/sc-military-credit-mobility-task-force>

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