



PURPLE UP & HONORING MILITARY CONNECTED KIDS

*April is the Month of
the Military Child*

Purple represents all military branches combined. April is a time to recognize the strength, resilience, and sacrifices of military-connected students and their families.

Military Interstate Children's Compact

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3) helps ensure smooth school transitions by addressing enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility, and graduation.

All 50 states, including Montana are a member of the Compact.

Learn more: <https://mic3.net>

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Have questions or suggestion? Want to share what your school does to honor our military children or military members? Please contact OPI staff listed below.

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WHY?

- Military students often face frequent moves and school transitions
- They may experience academic gaps or credit transfer challenges
- Social-emotional support is critical during deployments and reunifications
- Schools play a key role in creating stability, belonging, and connection
- Recognition improves student confidence, engagement, and success

HOW?

Utilize the below links and resources for ideas on how to celebrate Purple up in your school and community.

- [50 Ways to Celebrate Month of the Military Child \(AF CYES\)](#)
- [Month of the Military Child Toolkit](#)
- [MIC3 Purple Up Resources & Ideas](#)
- [MIC3 Month of the Military Child Resources](#)
- [US Department of War Month of the Military Child Page](#)
- [OPI MIC3 & Purple Up Page](#)