



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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ROBERTO “BOBBY” BARRERA ELEMENTARY AWARDED PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATION FROM TEA



The Purple Star Campus Designation is a special honor created by the 86th Texas Legislature through SB 1557 that recognizes Texas district and open enrollment charter schools that show their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military connected students and their families.

For the first time ever, the TEA has awarded the Purple Star Campus Designation for campuses that have met the established criteria. In a letter addressed to the school’s principal, Mrs. Maria Hudgins, Commissioner of Education Mike Morath stated, “The Texas Education Agency is pleased to announce Roberto "Bobby" Barrera Elementary STEM Magnet School has fulfilled the criteria requirements of 19 TAC, § 61.1063 for the 2020-2021 school year, demonstrating support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military connected students and their families, earning the Purple Star Campus Designation.”

To meet eligibility criteria, schools must have a designated campus-based military liaison, must have an easily accessible web page that includes information on military-connected students and their families, must have a campus transition program for students who transfer from one military installation to another, and must offer at least one of three initiatives which support military-connected students and families. Through their collaborative efforts, Mrs. Hudgins and Mrs. Laura Sandate (former principal at RBB) submitted an application which described campus activities and partnerships with the school

liaison officer and the Office of Child and Youth Services at Laughlin Air Force Base that encourage and provide opportunities for active duty military members and their families.

Recipients of the award receive the honor of displaying the Purple Star recognition badge on their website. The campus designation will also be featured in the TxSchools.gov web page. Additionally, campuses that satisfy the criteria and are awarded the Purple Star Campus Designation are eligible to recertify the designation every two school years.