



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## GOVERNOR ABBOTT ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATIONS – SFDR CISD AWARDED 5 DESIGNATIONS

Governor Greg Abbott announced last week that 541 Texas public schools have been awarded the Purple Star Campus Designation for the 2024-2025 school year. Among these, five San Felipe Del Rio CISD campuses received this distinction. They include, Buena Vista Elementary, Ceniza Hills Elementary, Irene C. Cardwell Elementary, Roberto “Bobby” Barrera Elementary STEM Magnet School, Del Rio Middle School, and Del Rio Freshman School.

In 2019, Governor Abbott signed Senate Bill 1557 into law, establishing the Purple Star Campus Designation, which is awarded to schools that demonstrate a significant commitment to providing comprehensive support for students from military families. These campuses must meet rigorous criteria, including establishing a campus-based military liaison, creating a dedicated webpage with resources for military-connected families, instituting a campus transition program for military-connected students, and supporting a military family assistance initiative.” This recognition highlights the dedication of Texas district and charter schools support for military-connected students and their families”, states Janette Gomez, who is the School Liaison Program Manager at Laughlin AFB. “Region 15 had two districts get awarded the Purple Star designation, with one being San Angelo ISD (Goodfellow AFB, TX.) and the other being San Felipe Del Rio CISD (Laughlin AFB, TX). With six campuses now holding this designation, SFDR CISD and Laughlin have set a strong foundation for further support and advocacy in our region.”

In order for local education agencies to receive a Purple Star designation, schools must be able to demonstrate several criteria that support military connected students and their families in their respective schools. SFDR CISD is exceptionally proud of our Purple Star designated campuses and applaud them for their work and support of our military-connected families.

[View the list of 2024-2025 Purple Star Campus Designees here.](#)

