

MISSION: ADOPT A SCHOOL

RATHER THAN SIMPLY PROVIDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
ADOPT ONE SCHOOL AND INTENTIONALLY CONNECT
EVERY AUXILIARY PROGRAM TO THAT SCHOOL
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

TOGETHER,
WE SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOLS
AND OUR
FUTURE!

1 EDUCATION + NATIONAL SECURITY

Mission Focus: Supporting military children, military families, and preparedness.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- ★ Welcome military-connected students with welcome bags.
- ★ Stock classrooms with emergency supplies.
- ★ Create "Military Family Resource" folders.
- ★ Host a Purple Star information table.
- ★ Sponsor a New Student Buddy Program.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- ★ Send troop boxes with students.
- ★ Write letters to deployed service members.
- ★ Celebrate Purple Up Day.
- ★ Host Red, White & Blue school spirit days.
- ★ Invite military speakers during Veterans Month.
- ★ Collect comfort items for deployed troops.



2 EDUCATION + AMERICANISM

Mission Focus: Teaching patriotism through schools.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- ★ Donate classroom flags.
- ★ Provide Constitution Day lesson kits.
- ★ Supply Pledge of Allegiance posters.
- ★ Provide patriotic bulletin board decorations.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- ★ Americanism Essay Contest
- ★ Flag Education
- ★ Flag Retirement Ceremony
- ★ Constitution Week activities
- ★ Veterans Day assemblies
- ★ Memorial Day education
- ★ Teach proper flag etiquette
- ★ Invite veterans to classrooms
- ★ Sponsor patriotic art contests



EDUCATION + VA&R (VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION)

Mission Focus: Connecting students with veterans.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

- ★ Create Adopt-a-Veteran classrooms.
- ★ Students make welcome cards for veterans.



THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Every classroom could adopt:

- ★ a nursing home veteran
- ★ a VA hospital unit
- ★ a State Veterans Home resident

Projects could include:

- ★ Birthday cards
- ★ Holiday cards
- ★ Reading buddies
- ★ Student performances
- ★ Care packages
- ★ Veteran interviews
- ★ Oral History projects



EDUCATION + CHILDREN & YOUTH

This one is almost automatic.

IDEAS:

- ★ Teacher Appreciation
- ★ Family Literacy Night
- ★ Back-to-School Bash
- ★ Parent Resource Fair
- ★ Family STEM Night
- ★ Reading Buddies
- ★ Book Drives
- ★ School Supply Closet
- ★ Weekend Food Pantry
- ★ Coat Drive



EDUCATION + POPPY

Students love visual projects.

IDEAS:

- ★ Wear a poppy on Veterans Day.
- ★ Poppy art contests
- ★ Poppy gardens
- ★ Poppy planting
- ★ Poppy facts during morning announcements
- ★ Read "In Flanders Fields"
- ★ Poppy coloring contests
- ★ Thank-you cards with poppies



EDUCATION + MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

Perfect for Purple Star Schools.

IDEAS:

- ★ New Military Student Welcome Kits
- ★ Deployment support
- ★ Month of the Military Child
- ★ Military Appreciation Wall
- ★ Military Kid Recognition Breakfast
- ★ Purple Up Day
- ★ Military Family Night
- ★ Student ambassadors



EDUCATION + JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Junior members can:

- ★ Read to elementary students
- ★ Tutor
- ★ Stuff teacher welcome bags
- ★ Assemble school supply kits
- ★ Host book drives
- ★ Create appreciation cards
- ★ Volunteer at literacy nights
- ★ Assist with teacher luncheons



EDUCATION + COMMUNITY SERVICE

Partner with:

- ★ Libraries
- ★ PTA
- ★ Businesses
- ★ Churches
- ★ Rotary
- ★ Kiwanis
- ★ Local bookstores
- ★ School Advisory Councils
- ★ Educational Foundations



EDUCATION + LEGISLATIVE

Teach students:

- ★ How government works
- ★ Voting
- ★ Civic responsibility
- ★ Letter writing
- ★ Constitution
- ★ Bill of Rights
- ★ Invite local officials
- ★ Mock elections



EDUCATION + MEMBERSHIP

Schools introduce Units to:

- ★ Teachers
- ★ Parents
- ★ Military families
- ★ Volunteers
- ★ Retired educators
- ★ Grandparents

Every school project becomes a membership opportunity.

EXAMPLES:

- ★ Teacher members
- ★ Military parents
- ★ School volunteers
- ★ Retired principals
- ★ Reading mentors
- ★ Principals



EDUCATION + FUNDRAISING

Fundraisers that directly benefit the school:

- ★ Teacher Wish Trees
- ★ Book Drives
- ★ School Supply Drives
- ★ Teacher Grants
- ★ Classroom Grants
- ★ Library Makeovers
- ★ Snack Closets
- ★ Student Hygiene Closets
- ★ Scholarships



ONE SCHOOL.
ONE MISSION.
ENDLESS IMPACT.



TOGETHER, WE MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!