

Online School to Receive Prestigious Ohio Purple Star Designation for Helping Military Families

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Ohio Virtual Academy is the Only All-Virtual School to Receive Designation

MAUMEE, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Ohio Virtual Academy** (OHVA), is one of 31 K-12 schools, and the only all-virtual school to receive the prestigious Ohio Purple Star Designation from the Ohio Department of Education (DOE) for their work in helping students of military-connected families. The full-time online public-school currently serves approximately 460 military families.

The award is part of the Ohio DOE's Each Child, Our Future program, the state's strategic plan for education, which recognizes schools that meet important criteria for serving military-connected students and families. To be successful in school and when transitioning between school settings, Ohio's military-connected youth require support to ensure that their unique social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Schools win this award based on set criteria such as having a dedicated point of contact for military students and families who serves as the primary liaison between them and the school, keeping teachers informed of the military-connected students in their classrooms and, optionally, providing professional development for staff on special considerations to provide for military students and families.

"This award goes directly to all the amazing teachers and staff at Ohio Virtual Academy that go out of their way to serve for our military families," said Dr. Kristin Stewart, Head of School. "We all do our best to give everything we can to those who give so much, and we are honored to receive this significant award."

Students choose online school for a variety of reasons including advanced learning, a bullying-free environment, and the ability to support extracurricular pursuits or medical needs. For military families especially, OHVA's online

platform gives students the opportunity to pursue their academic goals in a supportive environment and at an appropriate pace for their learning style.

For more information on this award, please visit **OHVA**, the Ohio DOE **Purple Star Designation** webpage, or by following the hashtag #OhioPurpleStar.

About Ohio Virtual Academy

Ohio Virtual Academy (OHVA) is an accredited, full-time online public charter school authorized by the Ohio Council of Community Schools (OCCS) that serves students in grades K through 12. As part of the Ohio public school system, OHVA is tuition-free, giving parents and families the choice to access the engaging curriculum and tools provided by K12 Inc., a Stride Company (NYSE: LRN), the nation's leading provider of proprietary K-12 curriculum and online education programs. For more information about OHVA, visit **ohva.k12.com** and follow on **Facebook**.

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