



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE CALIFORNIA



OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts and the U.S. Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, national associations, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Compact eases interstate education transition challenges encountered by the children of active duty service members such as enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation. On average, military students will attend six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting began early in 2007. First available for legislative consideration in 2008, the Compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

HISTORY

California adopted the Compact into statute in October 2009. The model language was adopted with minor modifications to Articles IV-VII. The legislature also modified Article VIII and Article XIII. The dues are paid by the California Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Assembly Member Ted Lieu and Assembly Member Lori Saldana

Governor Signed: October 12, 2009, 27th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: California Education Code, Sections 49700-49703

Reauthorization: 2012

COMMISSIONER	(Currently Vacant)	
	Kate Wren Gavlak	2011 – 2019

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Article VIII, Section C, subsection 2 was added designating the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as the Commissioner's appointing authority.

STATE COUNCIL

Article VIII, Section C, subsection 2 outlines the State Council:

(2) *In California, members of the State Council shall include all of the following:*

- (a) *The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her designee.*
- (b) *A school district superintendent or his or her designee from a school district with a high concentration of military children, selected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.*
- (c) *A representative from a military installation.*
- (d) *A member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, or his or her designee, who represents a legislative district with a high concentration of military children.*
- (e) *A member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, or his or her designee, who represents a legislative district with a high concentration of military children.*
- (f) *The President of the State Board of Education or his or her designee.*
- (g) *Any other persons appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.*

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

California's State Council meets quarterly (January, April, July and October). Meetings alternate between Sacramento and Southern California.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Gavlak, served as the Commission Chair from 2014-2016.
- Commissioner Gavlak served as the Commission Vice Chair from 2012-2014.
- California was the host state for the Annual Business Meeting in 2009 and 2013.