

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
and
U.S. Department of Defense

I. Purpose and Basis for the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to document the understanding between the members of the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3), and the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy (ODASD(MC&FP)), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), to implement, to the extent authorized under applicable law, the provisions of Articles II through VIII of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (hereafter referred to as the Compact) for all school aged military children.

The intent of the Compact is remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district(s) or variations in entrance/age requirements.

B. Facilitating the student placement process so that children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content or assessment.

C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities.

D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.

II. Parties

A. MIC3

Is responsible for facilitating the application and interpretation of the Compact in conjunction with the member states and the State Commissioners in order to resolve the transitional issues faced by military families and their children.

B. ODASD(MC&FP)

Is directly responsible for DoD programs and policies which establish and support community quality of life programs for service members and their families worldwide. This office also serves as the focal point for coordination of the broad range of Quality of Life issues within DoD. Specifically, this office provides for mission sustaining and family support policies and programs in such areas as voluntary post-secondary education, child care, youth programs, family advocacy, non-medical counseling, relocation services, transition support services, family support during mobilization and deployment, casualty and mortuary affairs, morale, welfare and recreation activities, commissaries, and military exchanges. More directly germane to this MOU, this office provides policy and management direction within DoD for dependents' education programs stateside and overseas to ensure that educational services are of uniformly high quality.

III. Responsibilities of the Parties

To the extent permitted under applicable law and regulation, MIC3 and ODASD(MC&FP) acknowledge the following understandings:

A. Responsibilities of MIC3:

1. Propose to DoD names of suggested DoD representatives to state councils to be considered for designation as DoD Liaisons by DoD.
2. Undertake all reasonable efforts so that all students attending DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) schools are treated as though they are transitioning to or from a school system in a state that has adopted the Compact and is a member of MIC3.
3. Distribute current MIC3 guidance and information to the Office of the DUSD(MC&FP) for dissemination to the Military Departments and DoDEA.
4. Provide mediation between MIC3 member states and DoDEA concerning disputes over provisions in Articles II through VIII of the Compact.

B. Responsibilities of ODASD(MC&FP):

1. Appoint an 'Ex-Officio' member to MIC3 representing DoD and serving as the DoD Liaison to MIC3.
2. Designate military representatives (or DoD Liaisons) to State Councils
3. Ensure, to the extent allowable by section 2164 of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) and sections 921-932 of title 20, U.S.C., operating policies and procedures required by DoD Directive 1342.20 are adjusted to implement the provisions of the Compact in all DoDEA schools.

4. Share with MIC3, training and promotional information pertaining to the Compact and its implementation that is publicly available.
5. Work with the Services to establish the proper role of Military Service School Liaisons in supporting the implementation of the Interstate Compact within the states. (School Liaisons serve at the installation level and are the primary links between military installations, local schools and school districts, and transitioning military families.)

IV. Amendment

This MOU will be reviewed annually, and may be amended as agreed to in writing by both parties.

V. Effective Date and Termination

This MOU will become effective upon the signature of the authorized officials of the respective parties. It shall remain in effect until terminated through written notice by either party.

VI. Limitation

This document is a MOU only. It is entered into only as a declaration of present intent. Nothing herein shall be construed as a legally binding commitment of any party or parties hereto, either individually or collectively. This MOU does not create any rights either on the part of any party hereto or any third party. Any provision of this MOU which conflicts with federal law or regulation or the Compact is null and void and severable from other provisions of the MOU.

VII. Points of Contact (POC)

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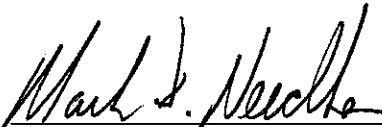
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VIII. Signatures

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