



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

NEBRASKA



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

The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. However, the legislature clarified the appointment of the State Council, Commissioner, Military Family Education Liaison, payment of dues, and responsibilities of state and local administrators in separate sections. The dues are paid by the Nebraska Department of Education

Bill sponsor(s): Senators Scott Price, Beau McCoy, Heath Mello, Bob Krist, Pete Pirsch, and Tanya Cook

Governor Signed: May 17, 2011, 36th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Nebraska Revised Statutes, 79-2201 through 79-2206

COMMISSIONER	Brian Halstead	2016 – Present
	Scott Swisher	2011 – 2016

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Commissioner of Education
79-2205. *Compact commissioner; duties.*

A deputy commissioner of education as designated by the Commissioner of Education shall serve as the compact commissioner and shall be responsible for administering the state's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

STATE COUNCIL

79-2204. State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; created; members; terms; expenses; duties; meetings.

(1) *The State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is created within the department. The council shall consist of:*

- (a) *The following ex officio members:*
 - (i) *The Commissioner of Education;*
 - (ii) *The chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature, who shall serve as a nonvoting member of the council;*
 - (iii) *The compact commissioner appointed pursuant to section 79-2205; and*
 - (iv) *The military family education liaison, who shall serve as a member of the council after his or her appointment pursuant to subsection (3) of this section; and*
- (b) *The following members appointed by the State Board of Education:*
 - (i) *The superintendent of a school district that has a high concentration of children of military families; and*
 - (ii) *A representative of a military installation located in this state.*

(2) *The members of the council appointed by the State Board of Education shall serve three-year terms. Vacancies in the council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments. The members of the council shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.*

(3) *The council shall have the following duties:*



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- (a) To advise the department with regard to the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; and*
(b) To appoint a military family education liaison to assist families and the state in implementing the compact.

(4) When the council holds a single meeting in a calendar year, that meeting may be held by videoconferencing notwithstanding subdivision (2)(e) of section 84-1411.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Nebraska has attended the meeting every year since 2011.