



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE NEW MEXICO



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

New Mexico adopted the Compact in February 2010. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the New Mexico Public Education Department

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Nathan P. Cote

Location in Statute or Code: New Mexico Statutes – Chapter 11, Section 8B

COMMISSIONER	Dr. Paul J. Aguilar	2011 – Present
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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

The State Council for New Mexico is comprised almost exactly as stated in the model language:

While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership must include at least:

- *The state superintendent of education*
- *Superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children*
- *Representative from a military installation*
- *One representative from the legislative branch of government*
- *One representative from the executive branch of government*
- *Other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate*

A member state that does not have a school district deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the State Council.

The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council has been appointed but has not met to date.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

New Mexico attended the meeting from 2011 – 2015 by Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner. New Mexico was absent in 2016 due to the Commissioner having to attend a special session of the Legislature.