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THE NEW YORK BOARD OF REGENTS ADOPTS REGULATORY CHANGES RELATED TO MILITARY STUDENT TRANSFERS

The New York Board of Regents voted unanimously on Tuesday, September 12th to adopt changes related to the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children. These changes relate to increased flexibility in meeting both the assessment requirements and the diploma requirements for physical education.

In 2014, the Governor signed into law Chapter 328 of the Laws of 2014 entitled the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The purpose of the law, to remove barriers to educational success faced by children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. The law provides for the establishment of a State Council to facilitate the transition of students who transfer in and out of New York State schools.

Instrumental in this whole process was Marybeth Casey, an Associate at the New York State Education Department (NYSED), in Curriculum and Instruction. Following the decision of the board to adopt the changes she said, *"This work has been the collaborative result of the entire NY Interstate Compact Commission and it has been my pleasure, as the NYSED Commissioner's appointee, to shepherd these regulation changes through the adoption process," she went on further to say that, "The New York Commission is comprised of dedicated professionals working in service of our military families every day. They brought to light the specific challenges that face this population of students when they enter our state. These regulatory changes will better facilitate a smooth transition and on-time graduation for children of active duty military personnel stationed across New York."*

Appointed as the MIC3 New York Commissioner in 2015, Dr. Debra Jackson also heads up the State Council which met for the first time on April 21, 2016. The 6th meeting of the council took place on September 13th, 2017. Dr. Jackson said *"This amendment aligns the Compact with the NYS regulations, it makes a difference for our military impacted students and the physical education change helps all students transitioning from out-of-state."* She added that *"truly it is the united efforts of many that allow our students to thrive."* New York has over 11,000 military dependents throughout the state. Notably with the greater populations are the US Military Academy at West Point; Fort Drum and Fort Hamilton.



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Developed by the Council of State Governments' *National Center for Interstate Compacts*, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state departments of education, school administrators and military families, the MIC3 is a governmental entity operating under the *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*. With fifty member states and the District of Columbia, the Compact ensures the uniform treatment of military children transferring between states and public school districts.

For details on the adopted changes, please visit [NY BOR Regulatory Changes](#)

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