



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE WYOMING



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 faced 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

Wyoming adopted the Compact in March 2012. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Wyoming Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Senator John Hastert and Representative Pete Illoway

Location in Statute or Code: Wyoming Statute 21-24-101 through 21-24-118

COMMISSIONER	Gary Hartman	2012 – Present
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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

The State Council is comprised almost exactly as stated in the model language.

The Wyoming State Council is currently comprised of the following persons:

- Gary P. Hartman – Governor’s Office and Wyoming Commissioner
- Brent Bacon – Representative from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Chad Delbridge – Principal of Freedom Elementary School
- LTC Juan Alvarez, USAF – United States Air Force Military Representative, Francis E. Warren AFB
- LT Ryan Clapper – United States Navy Operations Support Center
- Senator David Zwonitzer – Wyoming State Senate
- Nancy Warner – School Liaison Officer
- Mary Ann Jacobsen – School Liaison Officer, Francis E. Warren AFB, United States Air Force
- Randall Butt – Wyoming Department of Education
- David Koskelowski – Wyoming Department of Education
- Sheila Riceley – Wyoming Head Start Collaborative Office
- Mary Kay Hill – Governor’s Office

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets quarterly in January, April, July and October of each year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The State Council notifies local school districts of impending deployments.
- The State Council is currently exploring a mechanism for all school districts in the state to gather and provide information about the military child identification.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Wyoming has attended every meeting since 2012 by the Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner.