

***Maryland State Council Meeting Minutes  
Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
Friday, November 16, 2018  
9:30 to 11:00 am  
State Board Room***

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**In Attendance:**

Theresa Alban, Superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools  
Tashina Andrus, CYC School Liaison  
Carol Beck, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), Director School Innovations  
Sarah Bonise, CYC School Liaison  
Carol Chobany, Navy School Liaison Officer  
Teresa Dantzler, MSDE, Office of the State Superintendent  
Horace Franklin, School Liaison Office, Joint Base Anacostia-Bollings  
Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, MSDE and Maryland Commissioner for the Interstate Compact  
Lolita Gunter, Navy School Liaison Officer  
Anne Kaiser, Maryland House of Delegates  
Lynne Muller, MSDE, Section Chief, Student Services  
Ryan Voegtlin, Director of Student Services, Anne Arundel County Schools  
Flavia Walton, Representing Military Families  
Alysen Ware, Navy School Liaison Officer

**Notes:**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Mary welcomed the attendees.

Maryland enacted legislation to join the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) in 2008 and joined in 2009. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have since joined the Compact.

The national office that oversees the Compact is the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). Ms. Gable shared the MIC3 website and showed one of the new videos. The link below leads to several other videos that may be helpful in sharing information about the Compact. These include an overview of the Compact and its provisions.

<https://www.mic3.net/video-page.html>

**Student-to-Student Event in Anne Arundel County:**

Carol Chobany, Navy School Liaison Officers (SLO), and Sarah Bonise, Army SLO, provided a summary of a recent event organized and hosted by the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils (CRASC), the umbrella group for student councils in Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The agenda for the day was provided. This event was organized by the CRASC President and Officers and included several activities aimed at increasing awareness and strengthening understanding among students – military and civilian. The event included guest speakers, and panel discussions with students and parents. Student attendance represented approximately half civilian and half military. The student leaders are already planning for the event to take place again next year.

Materials and contacts will be shared with the soon-to-be-hired staff person for the Maryland Association of Student Councils. County level student council associations and the central office staff that support them are welcome to talk with Carol Chobany and/or Sarah Bonise about this event.

**Advisory Opinions and Rules:**

The materials provided included recent advisory opinions from the MIC3 national office. These are developed by the national office in response to requests from the states. They may be helpful in expanding on the application of the Compact provisions.

Most often the questions that arise locally are managed through collaboration between the State, the local school system, and the school liaison officer. The most common questions are about transitions for students. The extra effort for military families recognizes that for some students in military families, school transitions may occur seven to nine times in a school career.

MIC3 publishes the Compact Rules as a resource for families and educators. Previously known as “the little red book,” the rules are now available on line in a new and improved format:

<https://www.mic3.net/assets/rules-2018-revised-9-nov--2018.pdf>.

Recent rule changes include one clarifying that each State is expected to convene its State Council at least once a year and submit agenda and minutes to the national office for posting. The Maryland State Council has met annually since the start so this is no change for Maryland. A second rule change is that dues from states will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.15 per military student in the State. This will include a cap and a minimum. The increase is due to the increase in all of the States joining the compact and the increase in costs.

**Examples of recent cases/questions:**

Lynne Mueller shared examples of inquiries that have come to MSDE. These include questions about how to manage home schooling when a student transfers into Maryland; managing longer absences that may occur due to temporary assignments; and supporting the transition of students in high school when the curriculum sequence differs in the state he/she is leaving. Questions about awarding credit are common.

Mary thanked all for the work that they are doing each day to ease the transition for military children and adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.