



a 2017-2018 report, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
In the Great State of Ohio (MIC3 State Council, State Law in July 2009)

October 16, 2009 is when the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children took effect in Ohio.

October 17-18, 2018 Ohio welcomed the 10th MIC3 Annual Business Meeting and the 50+1 Members and.

The roster of the MIC3 Ohio state council is comprised of Danny Eakins (Veterans), Julie Davis (Elem. Principals), Chip Merkle (Guard), Shari Obrenski (Teachers), Dave Axner (Superintendents), Roxanne Price (HS Athletics), Chad Wyen (District), Ken Baker (HS Principals), Sherry Ems (USO), Jason Durell (Counselors), Susan Boggs (Career-Tech), Bill Stratton (Army), Adreana Tartt (Health), Kenny Yuko (Senate), Sheila Ragland (PTA), Renardo Brown (Active Duty, MFEL), Buddy Harris (ODE), Natalie Orr (Purple Star), Jared Shank (Higher Edu.), Terry Johnson (House), Brittnay McCall (ISFAC), Lou Terhar (Senate), Michael Sheehy (House), Michelle Lewis (RISFAC), Janet Wynn (SLO), Mark Scherer (Guard), Erin Lunday (Wright Patterson AFB), and Pete LuPiba (Commissioner). With special gratitude for the direct support of our state's Governor; the Honorable John R. Kasich, the Adjutant General; Major General Mark E. Bartman, members of the General Assembly, Department of Education, National Guard, and Department of Veterans Services.

MIC3 Ohio helped to establish an annual all-state Military Signing Day for our high school students (some were directly MIC3-supported in their Transitions) choosing to enter into the service of the Armed Forces. Eliminating the Ohio Department of Education teaching & coaching licensure fee for Veterans, service members, spouses of active duty to work in our schools and districts – with the direct and personal support of the Honorable John Kasich, 69th Governor of Ohio.

Ohio created the Ohio Network for Military Families and Veterans is a key element of our Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan, recently approved by the United States Department of Education. Click on Web Link:

[The Ohio Network for Military Families and Veterans](#)

Ohio is a great Military family-friendly state and home to nearly 10,000 active duty Military kids (and 24,000 more Military children with a parent that is in the Reserves or National Guard.) The Wright Patterson Air Base (the largest single-site employer in the Buckeye state!) – the center of our active duty Military population, near the city of Dayton. Additional Armed Forces installations are located across Ohio in Cleveland, Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Springfield, Toledo, Youngstown.

A note of accomplishment and pride: Ohio established the Purple Star Schools initiative, a designation for Military family-friendly campuses, communities. ***This initiative has been crucial and effective in helping our state council and Department of Education bring forward real awareness of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, MIC3.*** The architects of the criteria for this honor were principals, parents, counselors, students, educators, and Veterans from around Ohio.

During Month of the Military Child in 2017, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton – Purple Star was announced by students, parents, educators, Veterans, and the MIC3 Ohio community. As a rising tide lifts all boats – Purple Star truly supports Military and non-Military kids alike, and their educators and families. In the 2017-2018 school year, 85 Schools were honored and awarded the Purple Star.