

## Agenda

Louisiana State Council  
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

June 23, 2023  
9:00 AM

I. Call to order

Council members: Ernise Singleton, Jacqueline Robertson, Holly George, Tiffany Koch, Lisa Lohman, Margaret Nicolosi

Guests: Lacey Allen, Laurieanne Goodyear

II. Welcome

III. New Business

A. Course replacement resource

Tiffany discussed a providing a resource for parents to request course replacements. The document would provide guidance to systems that may not have a military connected students. It will allow counselors and principals to know that it is a possibility of a course to be replaced based on previous educational experience.

Margaret indicated the form would be very useful in her area as she serves a vast array of school systems who don't always know about the provisions of the Compact.

Action item – Ernise will update the form to include directions at the top and make it a PDF fillable form. Ernise will send to the group for review prior to publishing on the LDOE website.

B. Data discussion

Ernise started the discussion: Data is always needed to inform our actions. What concerns do you have related to data? Is there something needed that you all aren't receiving?

Margaret indicated she has trouble determining the number of military connected students in the schools systems she serves. She has to go to directly to the schools and that information is not always accurate or she may or may not get it.

Tiffany expressed concerns about the accuracy of the data they receive from the services. They are told that they should a certain number of military affiliated students, but the numbers don't match.

Ernise indicated that if a student enters a nonpublic school or opts for home study, LDOE isn't provided those numbers.

Ernise indicated she can get the military affiliated students as reported by school systems with the October, February, and end-of-year counts.

Action item – Ernise will send the Feb 2023 numbers of military affiliated students.

C. [2023 Annual Business Meeting](#)

Registration is open for ABM which will take place in Richmond, VA, from November 8-9. Note that an update was sent out earlier this week adjusting the ending time on November 9 to 3:00 pm ET

IV. Old Business

A. 2022 Annual Business Meeting

Held in Baton Rouge in October 2022. Excellent feedback on the event as a whole, the breakouts, and the Tier Group meetings. The addition of the School Liaisons made for a robust conversation.

B. [Purple Star School Award Program](#)

22 schools have earned the designation. Over the next year, we would like to double the number. It will be promoted in the weekly newsletter periodically.

Tiffany stated the program has been well-received from parents and the community. It shows they are going above and beyond for military families.

LDOE will promote the award program on a quarterly basis to get additional schools to apply. Holly indicated 17 schools met the criteria in Bossier. 9 additional schools will apply in 2023-2024. It has been a game changer for Bossier Parish. Parents are happy to hear that we have Purple Star Schools.

C. Compact Language - citation correction

If you recall, there was an error in the model language of the Compact. Louisiana is one of the states that adopted the model language, thus the error (found in Article II, Definitions A). It was determined by LDOE's legislative liaison this would not be brought in 2022, but it may occur in 2023. Of course, the issue is when you open up language you run the risk of other changes.

V. Announcements

Jacqueline asked if there is a way to find out the percentage of students that are home schooled in Louisiana?

Ernise indicated that families are asked to register as home study, but not all do so.

VI. Adjournment