

## Colorado End-of-Year Report 2025-2026

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Provide the State Council meeting date(s) and documentation:

State Council Meeting - October 8, 2025 (will email agenda and minutes)

Case and Inquiries:

Submitting the document

Training and Education:

At the SFRG Steering Committee Meeting on August 22, 2025 and the Community Information Exchange on July 23, 2025, supported senior leadership at Fort Carson Army Installation by increasing awareness of the Interstate Compact and facilitating access to resources that supported military-connected students and families. Audience included community and Fort Carson personnel.

Distribution of Compact-related information:

Distributed information on the MIC3 website and resources at each training held that was mentioned.

State-level briefs, communications, and presentations:

Conducted during the Colorado State Council Meeting

Compact-related actions:

Supported the Purple Star Event in Denver, Colorado at the Colorado Department of Education on April 7, 2025. The Colorado Purple Star School designation celebrates public schools that provide exceptional services and support to military-connected students and their families.

## INTERSTATE COMPACT ISSUES

Concern	Resolution	Follow-Up
Middle child not accepted in Charter School Not accepting a social studies course from previous school 4 year old attending kindergarten sophomore required to take geometry again Cosmotology Vo-Tech program - starting midprogram	Not a MIC3 Issue  misinformation provided by parent  Not a MIC3 Issue	Emailed CDE/parent  NA  Resolved - student is attending
middle school credits transferring to Palmer Ridge	School has honored course placement and will work on getting courses on transcript, but they won't count towards GPA or graduation credits	Talked to Mrs. Paffett - let her know the school has followed the compact