

District of Columbia End-of-Year Report 2025-2026

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I am the Commissioner for: DC

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

September 22, 2025 and April 28, 2026. Additional information including meeting recordings, can be found here: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/dc-council-interstate-compact-educational-opportunity-military-children>. Minutes for the meetings were compiled by the national office, where agendas have previously been submitted.

Cases and Inquiries:

On June 23, 2026, the Regional School Liaison for Naval District Washington, contacted the DC Commissioner regarding transfer of student records between Washington, DC (sending state) and California (receiving state). Due to the lateness in the fiscal year, the case is still ongoing, and a synopsis and/or outcome is not yet available. Washington, DC will provide a second report on the case once resolved in the next fiscal year. At issue is Section 3.101(b): Eligibility for Transfer and Enrollment. The receiving state (California) has indicated that the sending states (District of Columbia) did not provide term 2 partial grades in the records transfers for the student in question, which also impacts the awarding of credits for that student, potentially implicating Chapter 400 if not adequately addressed. We are actively facilitating the full transfer of records now through informal communication, and do not anticipate the need for formal resolution.

Training and Education:
N/A

Distribution of Compact-related Information:

1. Date: March 2026
2. Audience: Washington, DC School Leaders and Educators at all Washington, DC public schools.
3. Sent via email as well as through the state education agency (SEA) newsletter, the LEA Look Forward.
4. MIC3 and Partner Organizations and Deployment Resources were distributed to all Washington, DC schools, as well as select school leaders in particularly impacted communities. Additional partner resources, including resources for ways to support for children if deployed members, was also included.

State-level Briefs, Communications, and Presentations:

The Commissioner provided extensive briefing to commission members regarding the proposal to establish Purple Star Schools in Washington, DC.

Compact-related Actions:

Washington, DC became the 45th state in the United States to adopt a Purple Star Schools recognition program. In the September 2025 meeting, the DC commission chartered a Purple Star Schools Working Group, which met twice a month in October, November, December of 2025 and January, February and March of 2026. The group established the requirements for Purple Star Schools in the District, and launched DC Purple Star Schools after formal DC Commission approval in the April, 2026 commission meeting. More information can be found here: <https://osse.dc.gov/page/dc-purple-star-schools>.