

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

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| I am the Compact Commissioner for:                                        | Georgia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following::    | <p>Chief State School Officer<br/> Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education<br/> Attorney<br/> Tiffany Taylor, Policy Coordinator, Georgia Department of Education<br/> Military Family Education Liaison<br/> Rachale LaVoie, Military Student &amp; Family Specialist; Office of Policy, Flexibility, and External Affairs<br/> Military/DOD Representative<br/> COL William G. Weaver, Commander, US Army Garrison, Fort Stewart, Georgia<br/> State Council Members<br/> Dr. Curtis Jones, MIC3 Commissioner, Georgia<br/> Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education<br/> Col. (Ret) Patricia Ross, Commissioner, Georgia Veteran Services<br/> COL William G. Weaver, Commander, US Army Garrison, Fort Stewart, Georgia<br/> Office of the Governor, VACANT,<br/> Dr. James R. Hines, Jr., Georgia High School Association<br/> Ms. Debra B. Frazier, Interim Superintendent, Liberty County<br/> Dr. David F. Lewis, Superintendent, Muscogee County<br/> Dr. Malinda Cobb, Superintendent, Richmond County<br/> Dr. Richard Rogers, Superintendent, Houston County<br/> Dr. Tracolya Green, Superintendent, Camden County<br/> Mr. Kenneth Dyer, Superintendent, Dougherty County<br/> Ex-Officio Members<br/> Sarah West, School Liaison Officer, Fort Benning, United States Army<br/> Jasponica Florence, School Liaison Officer, Fort Benning, United States Army<br/> Melissa Stover, School Liaison Officer, Fort Eisenhower, United States Army<br/> Cynthia Bishop, School Liaison Officer, Fort Eisenhower, United States Army<br/> Clainetta Jefferson, School Liaison Officer, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, United States Navy<br/> Alicia Stasilius, School Liaison Officer, Moody Air Force Base, United States Air Force<br/> Courtney Girley, School Liaison Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base – Albany, United States Marine Corps<br/> Melany Amato, School Liaison Officer, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, United States Army<br/> Angela Rickett, School Liaison Officer, Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, United States Army<br/> Renee Daughtry, School Liaison Officer, Robins Air Force Base, United States Air Force<br/> Virginia McFeeters, School Liaison Officer, Robins Air Force Base, United States Air Force</p> |
| Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:: | Curtis Jones<br>Melany Amato                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Provide the State Council meeting date(s) and documentation:              | Georgia MIC3 State Council<br>Annual Meeting Minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Date: September 23, 2025  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (via TEAMS)

1. Welcome & Opening Remarks - Dr. Curtis Jones, Commissioner, Georgia MIC3
2. MIC3 Mission, Vision, and Value- Ms. Ali Stasiulis and Ms. Melissa Stover
3. SPEAKS Study- Ms. Renee Daughtry
4. Focus Group Initiative- Ms. Rachale LaVoie, GaDOE, Military Student & Family Specialist
5. Breakout Discussions- Dr. Curtis Jones
7. Council Feedback Session- Ms. Melany Amato
8. Next Steps & Closing Remarks- Dr. Curtis Jones

Minutes sent to National Office September 2025

Cases and Inquiries:

See Separate Document

Training and Education:

12 Feb 2026 at Fort Benning, Ga  
Superintendents (from Georgia and Alabama) with some additional staff members (approx. 25 total) who are served by Fort Benning's SLO.  
Special thanks to Lindsey for attending in person

Distribution of Compact-related Information:

Nothing to report

State-level Briefs, Communications, and Presentations:

Nothing to report

Compact-related Actions :

Nothing to report

## Request for Assistance with School Enrollment – August 2025

- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Texas and Georgia
  - b. Provision of the Compact applied or if the case was not Compact-related:  
Sec 3.102 Application for Transfer of Student Records and Enrollment
  - c. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome
    - i. The family relocated from Texas to Georgia. The parent is currently attached to an ROTC unit in Atlanta but is temporarily residing with her mother-in-law while securing permanent housing. The area in which she is seeking housing falls within the same school district as her current residence.
    - ii. Upon arrival, the family discovered that the school year had already begun in Georgia. When she attempted to enroll her children, she was informed by the Superintendent that, per the military orders, her children must attend school in Atlanta.
    - iii. After communicating with the family, GA DOE Military Student & Family Specialist investigated this matter. She coordinated with the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the county. In the end, the military parent registered her two children in the preferred school district.
2. Parent Issue with Excused Absence Policy for National Guard Member on Weekend Drill
- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Georgia and Mississippi
  - b. Provision of the Compact applied or if the case was not Compact-related
    - i. SEC. 1.101 | DEFINITIONS
    - ii. SEC. 5.105 | ABSENCE AS RELATED TO DEPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES
    - iii. Not covered by the Compact
  - c. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome
    - i. Army Guard member. She wants our office to verify her child's eligibility for excused absences during her monthly drill. The member resides in Georgia, but her guard unit is in Mississippi. She must travel there each month for training. Some months she needs one day of excused absence for her child and other months she needs three days of excused absence. These absences do not qualify for excusal under Georgia Law.
    - ii. First, the National Guard member is **not** under Title 10, active-duty orders. The National Guard member's monthly training would not be covered under the Compact.
    - iii. Also, the intent of the Compact is to allow the local education agency flexibility to grant additional excused absences before the service member deploys, or is home on leave from deployment, not to allow the child(ren) to travel with or to where the service member is participating in monthly training.
    - iv. Finally, even if the two previous facts were not present, the National Guard member is attached to a unit in Mississippi, not being deployed to a combat zone or a combat support posting as defined by the [Internal Revenue Service](#). Therefore, the scenario is not covered by the Compact.
3. Gifted Placement and Grace Period
- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Virginia and Georgia
  - b. Provision of the Compact applied or if the case was not Compact-related:  
Not covered by the Compact
  - c. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome

- i. A school counselor and military spouse reached out to the national office for help. One of her students moved to Georgia from Virginia. She is in the 4th grade. While in Virginia, she was enrolled in the gifted program. Her father, who served on active duty in the Navy, has since transitioned to reserve status while awaiting an active-duty position in Georgia. Since their arrival a month ago, the family has been informed that she cannot attend the gifted class here due to differences in eligibility requirements. Understandably, this has been very upsetting for them.
- ii. The counselor shared her understanding of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3): there may be a one-year grace period allowing students who were previously identified as gifted in another state to continue services while eligibility is reviewed.
- iii. As the parent is a reservist and not on AD orders, the compact would not apply to their case.

4. Missing Academic Credit

- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Virginia, Arizona, and Georgia
- b. Provision of the Compact applied, or if the case was not Compact-related:  
Sec 3.101 Eligibility for Transfer and Enrollment
- c. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome
  - i. Service member PCSd to Georgia from Arizona in 2025. Prior to that, he PCSd from the Pentagon (Virginia) to Arizona in 2023. Since then, the children have been assigned to sending school #1 (VA) and sending school #2 (AZ), and now the receiving school (GA). They left the second sending school during winter break, 2023.
  - ii. The children's coursework completed at the second sending school was not transcribed and consolidated into a graduation plan in AZ. The counselors, instead, said they would be consolidated and transcribed upon arrival in GA. Upon enrollment in GA, the counselors have been unable to confirm the coursework/credits earned by the children in Virginia. Virginia said the children withdrew too early from the sending school and would not receive any credit for course completion. This presents a challenge in that no awarded credit would mean the children's graduation plans would be negatively impacted, and they'd be set back a grade.
  - iii. Virginia shared the following with the parent, "After carefully reviewing the situation, we unfortunately are unable to issue a full 2nd quarter grade, as the student withdrew with four weeks remaining in the quarter. Typically, the receiving school will allow students to complete the remaining coursework to earn full credit for the course. We hope this will be an available option for your children at their current school.
  - iv. After communication between the Virginia and Georgia counselors, Georgia revisited the transcripts for the students. Their grades were marked as withdrawn, and second-quarter and first semester grades were calculated. They attended six weeks of the second quarter before withdrawing on December 14, 2023.

5. Case with Block, 7 Period Day Schedule, and 4 States

- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, and Georgia
- b. Provision of the Compact applied or if the case was not Compact-related:  
Sec 3.101 Eligibility for Transfer and Enrollment

- c. Sec 4.101 Waiver Requirements
- d. Sec 4.102 Exit Exams
- e. Sec 5.101 Course Placement
- f. Sec 5.104 Placement Flexibility
- g. Sec 7.101 Informal Communication To Resolve Disputes or Controversies
- h. Sec 7.102 Forma. Resolution of Disputes and Controversies
- i. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome
  - i. The student was in Virginia for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in a school on block schedule. During the school year, the student was adopted by a family member and moved to Texas. While in Texas, the student was told he would have to take some courses to complete the ninth grade year. The student did so for one course but not the other. Parents were told the student could do an overload of courses but chose not to do so.
  - ii. The service member was transferred to South Carolina where the student was on track to graduate without having to make up the course work from Virginia. This military assignment was for one year only. The family then was transferred to Georgia where the Virginia coursework that was not completed was now needed for the student to graduate on time.
  - iii. The parent's viewpoint follows:  
 I am formally requesting immediate intervention regarding a credit transfer and graduation waiver dispute for my military child under Georgia Code § 20-17-2. He is a high achieving 11th grade student athlete (near 5.0 GPA) who has moved twice in the 2025-2026 school year (TX to SC to GA).  
 The Issue: The receiving school is refusing to transfer core credits for PE (earned via Baseball), Chemistry, and World History. These specific credits were already successfully vetted and transferred between his previous schools in Texas and South Carolina.  
 Legal Violations:  
 Article VII, Section A: The school is failing to waive graduation requirements for similar coursework (Baseball) completed in a previous state.  
 Article V, Section D: The school is requiring him to repeat "Part A" of Chemistry and World History despite him having already passed "Part B" with an "A." This violates the mandate for "placement flexibility" and ensures he is not disadvantaged by moving.  
 Evidence of Non-Compliance:  
 I have a signed acknowledgement from the school administration confirming that I have formally requested a written "reasonable justification for denial" as required by Article VII. The school has failed to provide this justification and is instead stalling, which directly threatens his NCAA eligibility (10/7 core course rule) and on-time graduation.  
 Local school liaisons and the Georgia Commissioner have failed to enforce the Compact, incorrectly stating these statutory requirements are "up to the school." I request the National Office compel the district to comply with the Interstate Compact.
  - iv. As indicated above, the parents were concerned about NCAA eligibility and did not want to have the student do an online course and did not want him to attempt a comprehensive test to see if he had mastered all the course matter.

6. Student from DOD School

- a. Sending and receiving states involved: Virginia and Georgia
- b. Provision of the Compact applied or if the case was not Compact-related:  
Not covered by the Compact
- c. Case synopsis including resolution and/or outcome
  - i. The student is a 17-year-old child who was recently adopted (along with her brother) from Colombia. She is fully enrolled in the DEERS system as a military dependent and has all proper documentation of such. The receiving school is not allowing the student to attend school without additional documentation; they say this is at the direction of the main SCCPSS office. When I spoke with the school, they confirmed that they are requiring more information from the school in Colombia, or the child cannot attend school. They initially provided the student with a “good faith schedule” when first enrolled, but due to the adoptive parents being unable to provide the information they requested, they are no longer allowing her to attend. He said they need proof of the student completing 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The parent says the student was currently enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade in Colombia (which is considered senior year in their country). The translated documents only confirm she was enrolled in the 2025-2026 year, but does not have any past information. The school in Colombia is not responding to emails/phone calls from mom or SCCPSS, and the family does not have any direct contacts in the country to request assistance
  - ii. Academic Plan & Credit Transfer: After many discussions with SCCPSS, a final plan has been established for the student. Based on a review of her transcripts from Colombia, and accounting for discrepancies in required instructional hours, SCCPSS has agreed to the following:
  - iii. Direct Credits: Full credit for two science courses, Physical Science and Environmental Science.
  - iv. Elective Credits: Elective credits will be granted for her other courses from Colombia (10 credits total).
  - v. Credits pending Examination: The student will be allowed to test for full credit in Algebra, Geometry, and World History. She must score at least a 70% to pass, and the tests will be administered in Spanish. If she does not pass, she will be required to take these courses.
  - vi. Graduation Pathway: SCCPSS has placed the student in 11th grade. They have provided an intense academic plan, including night classes and summer school, which will allow her to graduate in the 2026-2027 school year. This timeline is ideal for the family, as they are scheduled to PCS next summer. The family has agreed to this plan.
  - vii. Family's Decision & Next Steps: The family is satisfied with this outcome and understands the decision from SCCPSS is final. They were advised by the Georgia Commissioner of the process to legally pursue additional credits, but have chosen not to; they believe the effort will not outweigh the benefit. However, the family does plan to submit a formal complaint to the Georgia Department of Education concerning their daughter's treatment at the receiving school earlier in this process. The Military Student & Family Specialist at the DOE has been in contact with the family and is working on this on her end. The SCCPSS Director of Counseling Services has confirmed

they are proceeding with the plan and will meet with the family to explain the upcoming testing. According to the parent, the student is adjusting well at the receiving school, and they are ultimately happy with the result.