



Illinois End-of-Year Report 2021-22

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Two points of contact for
issues related to the
Compact in my state are:

Dr Darcy Benway
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Accomplishments:

There were many meetings of the subcommittee of the Illinois
MIC3 State Council throughout 2021 and throughout Jan-May
2022 authoring the criteria for earning the Purple Star designation
recognizing those schools which go above and beyond to support
military-connected students. These criteria were presented to the
entire State Council in May and will be discussed at the next
meeting of the Illinois State Council.

The School Liaison Officers at the military installations throughout
Illinois have been able to resolve any MIC3 issues at their level
and/or brought the issue to the Commissioner who has been able
to assist in resolving issues resulting in not needing to involve the
national office.

The State Council supported the Month of the Military Child in
April.

The Illinois State Board of Education is establishing a web site for
schools to apply for the Purple Star designation.

Activities:

The State Council is forming a subcommittee to discuss how to
best promote knowledge of compact provisions throughout the
state.

The Illinois State Board of Education has developed an electronic
form to apply for the Purple Star designation and is developing a
web site dedicated to the Purple Star Program.

The Illinois State Board of Education is working on promoting the
military student identifier.

Presentations:

The Illinois State Commissioner is available to present to school personnel and organizations as requested.

The School Liaison Officers conduct training on the Interstate Compact regularly throughout the year.