



Missouri End-of-Year Report 2025-2026

Commissioner Name: Brian Henry

I am the Commissioner for: MO

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of:

Brian Henry- Commissioner
Christy Wachtler- SLO Ft. Leonard Wood
Dorsey Newcomb- Executive Director, Sustainable Ozarks Partnership
Harry Roberts- Missouri Military Liaison
Hilary Bales- Superintendent, Waynesville School District
Janice Scott- SLO Whiteman Air Force Base
Jerrod Wheeler- Superintendent, Knob Noster
Joan Patterman Berrett- Retired MCEC, Military Spouse and Parent
Jocelyn Strand- MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
John Finanne- Assistant Superintendent, Warrensburg School District
Justin Brown- Missouri State Senator
Commissioner of Education- currently interim
Renea Lazzarini- Fort Leonard Wood
Sue Lopez- MCEC, Military Spouse and Parent
Todd Fraley- Superintendent, Sedalia

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

Brian Henry- (573) 286-4441
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Provide the State Council meeting date(s) and documentation:

June 18, 2025
November 24, 2025
February 24, 2026
June 22, 2026

Cases and Inquiries:

There were several conversations with school liaisons from our two active-duty installations regarding placement questions from parents, but we did not have a case filed in the past school year. Conversations of note were parental questions surrounding Missouri's residency requirements and an athletic issue, but neither involved transitional rights guaranteed by the Compact.

Training and Education:

Lindsey Dablow, Executive Director of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, provided Compact Training to the Student Transition Response Team at Fort Leonard Wood on June 18, 2026.

Distribution of Compact-related information:

Lindsey Dablow, Executive Director of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, provided Compact Training to the Student Transition Response Team at Fort Leonard Wood on June 18, 2026. General collaterals were provided and were distributed in the on-site training.

State-level briefs, communications, and presentations:

On June 10, 2026, Commissioner Henry was invited to share his experiences with the Purple Star School Program with members of the Northeast Missouri Nexus Group, which is a regional workforce development group in Kirksville, Missouri. In addition to discussing Missouri's Purple Star Program, Commissioner Henry shared his involvement with the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission and the Compacts goal of ensuring effective transitions for military impacted students.

Compact-related actions:

On April 8, 2026, the Missouri State Council of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission hosted the Annual Kick-off Event for the Month of the Military Child. The event was held in the Main Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol and featured representatives from the command teams at Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base, as well as the Missouri Commissioner of Education.

Classes from the Waynesville School District, Knob Noster School District, Warrensburg School District, and Sedalia School District also attended the event. A military-connected student from each district was selected to speak about their school transition experiences as military children.

During the event, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education presented plaques to the recipients of the 2026 Missouri Purple Star School designation. More than 200 people attended this year's event, which served as the state's official kick-off for the Month of the Military Child.