

## North Dakota End-of-Year Report 2025-2026

Commissioner Name: Mark Vollmer

I am the Commissioner of: ND

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

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Military/DOD Representative

Col. Richard Zeigler, 5th MSG Commander, Minot AFB

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Jennifer Schroeder (Grand Forks SL)

CMSgt Erick Lizarrago (319 MSG, GF)

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

Dr. Mark Vollmer, Commissioner

Steve Snow, NDDPI

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

April 1, 2026

Cases and Inquiries:

N/A

Training and Education:

Training materials are provided to schools serving military-connected students, supported by the work of School Liaison Programs to facilitate successful transitions. Districts in Minot and Grand Forks collaborate to ensure military-dependent students experience minimal disruption when transferring between schools, while providing families with access to resources and support services throughout the transition process.

#### Distribution of Compact-related information:

Distribution of information regarding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3) is an ongoing effort throughout the year, with particular emphasis during the summer months when many military families transition to new duty stations. School Liaison Officers work closely with local school districts, military installation leadership, and military families to ensure students experience smooth educational transitions. Support includes board presentations, direct collaboration with school and military officials, and the sharing of resources related to enrollment, records transfer, course placement, graduation requirements, and other Compact provisions.

The North Dakota MIC3 Commissioner and Executive Director also continue to expand awareness by planning presentations at statewide school leadership conferences and other professional development opportunities, strengthening understanding of the Compact and reinforcing partnerships that support military-connected students and their families across the state.

#### State-level briefs, communications, and presentations:

The North Dakota MIC3 Commissioner, who also serves as the Executive Director of the North Dakota K–12 Education Coordination Council, regularly incorporates Compact updates and initiatives into state-level briefs, communications, and presentations provided to the Council and other state education, licensing, and regulatory agencies. Through these collaborative efforts, information regarding the Interstate Compact is shared with key stakeholders to increase awareness, strengthen cross-agency coordination, and promote consistent implementation of Compact provisions. These presentations also support legislative and policy initiatives aimed at improving educational continuity and reducing barriers for military-connected students and their families as they transition into and within North Dakota.

#### Compact-related Actions

Throughout April, North Dakota schools and military partners recognized the Month of the Military Child through Purple Up! celebrations, school recognition events, classroom activities, military family appreciation efforts, and community outreach. School Liaison Officers collaborated with local school districts, particularly those serving families from Minot Air Force Base and Grand Forks Air Force Base, to provide presentations, distribute resources, and strengthen awareness of the Interstate Compact. These activities highlighted the resilience of military-connected students while reinforcing North Dakota's commitment to supporting military families during school transitions and throughout the year.