



Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission PENNSYLVANIA



OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Government’s National Center for Interstate Compacts and the Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Interstate Compact eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006 and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just six legislative sessions.

HISTORY

Pennsylvania adopted the Interstate Compact, placing it in statute in February 2012. The language of the Interstate Compact adopted was almost verbatim. The dues are paid by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Robert Robbins

Location in Statute or Code: Pennsylvania Statutes, Chapter 24, § 5401-540

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

COMMISSIONER	Barbara Clemmer	2020-present
	Vacant	2019-2020
	Dr. Kraig R. Kiehl	2018-2019
	Robert F. Staver	2016 -2018
	Vacant	2015
	Major General (R) Dan O’Neill	2012-2014

STATE COUNCIL

- Compact Commissioner: Barbara Clemmer
- Secretary of Education: Dr. Khalid Mumin
- Representative of the Executive Branch: Brigadier General Terrence Koudleka
- Superintendent of a School District with high numbers of military children: Dr. Elizabeth Robison, Superintendent of the Pocono Mountain School District
- Representative from a Military Installation in the state: Mr. Drew Turinski, Deputy Garrison Commander, Carlisle Barracks
- Representative of the School Boards Association: Mr. Stuart Knade, Esq.
- Legislative Branch Representative: Rep. Joe Webster



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- Legislative Branch Representative: Senator Tracy Pennycuik
- Ex-Officio Members: Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison; Lisa Bodle-Lyford, School Liaison

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The last meeting was held on April 4, 2024. The Purple Star School designees were invited to attend and report out on the school district's accomplishments centered around military connected students. Pennsylvania welcomed new members to the Council this year. The new members represent the Governor's Branch Appointee, Military Impacted School District Appointee, and the transition of the Minority Leader of the House Appointee to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate Appointee.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Pennsylvania honored our 2024 inaugural class of Purple Star School designees at a state conference in Hershey. There were six designees representing school districts, private/non-public schools, and charter schools. The Commissioner responded to several requests from military families and students with the assistance of Pennsylvania's School Liaisons, who worked directly with school districts and families. Pennsylvania also worked in collaboration with other states for transferring students. Requests for assistance were resolved by the Department of Education contacting key stakeholders to explain the Compact Rules. Pennsylvania's Commissioner continues to reach out to military contacts across the state, support School Liaisons, military families and students transitioning to, and from, Pennsylvania.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Pennsylvania honored military connected students on April 17, 2024. Information was disseminated statewide to local education agencies in support of the month of the military child.

MIC3 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Ms. Barbara Clemmer and Ms. Carrie Anderson, Chief of the Division of Planning at the Department of Education, attended the 2024 ABM.

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