

MIC3 End-of-Year Report

2022-2023

The 2022-2023 membership of the Texas State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children consisted of the following:

Member	Role
Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Highly Mobile State Coordinator, Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Family Liaison Representative
Dr. John Craft Superintendent, NISD San Antonio, Texas	Superintendent representative of a school district with a high concentration of military children (now super for Northside ISD, San Antonio)
Lina De La Cruz	Parent Representative
Dr. Joseph Glenn	Chair of House of Representatives Committee on Public Education, Designee
Simone Hendricks School Liaison Officer Fort Bliss El Paso, Texas	Military Representative, Army
CAPT John Mark McLean Naval Air Station Fort Worth	Military Representative, Navy
Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Texas Commissioner Designee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
Dr. Burnie Roper Superintendent, Lackland ISD San Antonio, Texas	Superintendent Representative, Military School District

Kathy Smith Assistant Veterans County Services Officer Conroe, Texas	Chair of Senate Committee on Education, Designee
Lani Webster Central High School, San Angelo ISD San Angelo, Texas	School Counselor Representative
Madison Yandell Budget and Policy Advisor Office of the Governor of Texas	Governor Greg Abbott, Designee

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Accomplishments:

1. Texas convened for the first time the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The State Advisory Council met four times in 2022-2023.
2. The State Advisory Council launched its website, <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/state-advisory-council-on-educational-opportunity-for-military-children>.
3. Members of the State Advisory Council completed the MIC3 Compact 101 training. TEA staff attended MIC3 Compact 101 and 201 trainings.
4. The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children selected Dr. Jimmy Bowser to serve as the family liaison role on the council. Dr. Bowser serves as TEA's Highly Mobile Student State Coordinator.
5. Dr. Bowser promoted celebration and recognition of Military Family Appreciation Month (November) and Month of the Military Child (April) at TEA and to local education agencies, educational service centers, and military installation stakeholders across the state.

6. Dr. Bowser created a voluntary educational service center Military Champion program to strengthen support for military-connected students at educational service centers across the state.

Activities:

1. The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children met four times:
October 17, 2022
January 23, 2023
April 24, 2023
July 17, 2023
2. Military compact commissioner designee, Shelly Ramos, met with El Paso Area Directors of Guidance (EPADOG) (Fort Bliss area), Killeen ISD and Region 12 (Fort Cavazos area), and Region 15 (Goodfellow AFB area) to discuss opportunities for military compact training for school staff and scheduled trainings for
 - a. July 11 – Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) parent support webinar
 - b. July 26 – Region 15 Military Compact counselor training
 - c. August 24 - El Paso Area Directors of Guidance Military Compact counselor training
 - d. August 24 - El Paso Area Directors of Guidance Military Compact counselor training
 - e. August 24 – Region 12 Military Compact counselor training
3. Dr. Bowser attended two Month of the Military Child celebrations in Northeast ISD, San Antonio
4. Dr. Bowser attended the Killeen ISD Military Liaison meeting on January 17, 2023.
5. Dr. Bowser attended the Fort Hood Education Summit 2023 held on February 3, 2023
6. Dr. Bowser spoke at the Houston ISD and City of Houston inaugural annual Military-Connected Family Resource Fair held on April 29, 2023
7. Dr. Bowser promoted the MIC3 Compact 101 Training in quarterly military-connected student newsletters.

Presentations:

1. Ms. Ramos presented an overview of the military compact at the Military School Liaison Meeting on March 29, 2023.
2. TEA staff presented on the Military Compact at the Texas School Counselors Association, Annual Professional School Counselors Conference on February 13, 2023.
3. Ms. Ramos presented on the Interstate Compact to 400+ military-connected students and stakeholders across the state. The presentation was conducted as part of the Highly-Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division military-connected students quarterly webinar series.

5. Dr. Bowser presented to Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath and the educational service center executive directors on strengthening support for military-connected students on April 21, 2023.
6. Dr. Bowser presented to educational service center deputy directors on strengthening support for military-connected students on May 10, 2023.