



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

ARIZONA



OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts and the U.S. Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, national associations, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Compact eases interstate education transition challenges encountered by the children of active duty service members such as enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation. On average, military students will attend six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting began early in 2007. First available for legislative consideration in 2008, the Compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

HISTORY

Arizona is one of the original 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Arizona Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Lynne Pancrazi and Senator Timothy Bee

Governor Signed: April 28, 2008, Third State to join Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-1911

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| <u>COMMISSIONER</u> | Kathy Hoffman | 2019 - Present |
| | Diane Douglas | 2016 – 2018 |
| | John Huppenthal | 2011 – 2015 |
| | Tom Horne | 2009 – 2010 |
| | Joey Strickland | 2008 – 2009 |
| <u>DESIGNEE</u> | Bruce DePlanty | 2019 - Present |
| | Charles Tack | 2017 – 2018 |
| | Kristian Fasching | 2016 - 2017 |
| | James Buchanan | 2015 – 2016 |
| | Maxine Daly | 2011 – 2012, 2014 – 2015 |
| | Karla Phillips | 2013 |

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

The State Council was originally established under Executive Order in July 2012 and was renewed by Governor Doug Ducey in March 2015.

ARTICLE VIII

State Coordination

Each member state, through the creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, shall provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and interstate commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, its membership must include at least the state superintendent of education, a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, one representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government and other offices and stakeholder groups the state council deems appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the state council.

The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2012, Arizona established a [website](#) dedicated to the Interstate Compact and military transitions.
- Arizona hosted the 2008 Annual Business Meeting.