



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE KANSAS



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 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 6 legislative sessions.

HISTORY

Kansas was the first state to adopt the Interstate Compact into statute on April 9, 2008. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with format modifications for the Kansas Statutes. The dues are paid by the Kansas Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Sydney Carlin

Governor Signed: April 9, 2008, First State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Kansas Statutes, 72-8268

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Dr. Randy Watson	2015 – Present
	Brad Neuenswander	2014 – 2015
	Diane DeBacker	2010 – 2014
	Alexa Posny	2008 – 2010
<u>DESIGNEE</u>	Craig Neuenswander	2012 – Present
	Brad Neuenswander	2008 – 2012

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

ARTICLE VIII

State Coordination

A. 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: The commissioner 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.

B. 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.

C. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.

D. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated herein shall be ex-officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council for Kansas meets twice a year.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Updated – 12/31/2019



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- Kansas was the first state to adopt the Interstate Compact.
- Commissioner Craig Neuenswander was elected to serve as Treasurer of the Commission and Chair of the Finance Committee at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.