



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE NEW YORK



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

New York was the last state to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in August 2014. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with format modification for the New York Statutes. The dues are paid by the New York Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Michael Benedetto and Senator Michael Ranzenhofer

Governor Signed: August 18, 2014, 51st State or city to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: New York Statutes, Education Law, Article 66, Sections 3300-3318

COMMISSIONER	Dr. Debra Jackson	2015 – Present
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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

Article 66, Section 3308

State coordination. 1. Each member state shall, through the creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local educational agencies and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and interstate commission activities. In New York, the state council shall include the commissioner or his or her designee, the director of the New York state division of veterans' affairs or his or her designee, the adjutant general of the state of New York or his or her designee, a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner, a district superintendent of schools of a board of cooperative educational services serving an area with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner, a representative from a military installation appointed by the governor, a representative of military families appointed by the governor, a public member appointed by the governor and one representative each appointed by the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate and the governor.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 meets twice a year in Albany.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The New York State Council established protocols for their work and developed a Q/A document to inform public school districts about the Compact.
- The New York State Council continues to engage with New York State Superintendents and other educational agencies.