



MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION



Successful Educational Transitions

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WHAT IS THE COMPACT?

The Compact deals with specific educational challenges of military children due to their frequent relocations. It allows for uniform treatment as military children transfer between school districts in member states.

Note: The Compact applies to public schools, and through a Memorandum of Agreement, to U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools located within states and foreign countries.

WHICH STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMPACT?

All fifty states and the District of Columbia are members of the Compact.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A STATE JOINS THE COMPACT?

Each state appoints a representative to the governing commission which is responsible for enacting rules to implement the Compact. Each participating state also creates a state council based on the requirements of their state legislation. The state council must meet at a minimum once per year.

To learn more about the Compact visit the Interstate Commission's website at www.mic3.net.



STUDENTS COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Active-duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders (Title 10)
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year
- Members who perish while on active duty, for a period of one year after death.
- Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

STUDENTS NOT COVERED UNDER THE COMPACT

Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired or veterans other than those covered above
- Other Department of Defense personnel, federal agency civilians and contract employees not defined as active duty
- Members other than the uniformed personnel of NOAA and USPHS

OUR MISSION

Through the Interstate Compact, MIC3 addresses key educational transition issues encountered by children of military families.



What are some of the specific educational issues that the Compact addresses?

Enrollment

- Educational Records
- Immunizations
- Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age

Placement & Attendance

- Course & Educational Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- Placement Flexibility
- Absence Related to Deployment Activities

Eligibility

- Eligibility for Student Enrollment
- Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation

Graduation

- Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
- Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
- Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

Who do I contact in my state or school district to learn more about what is and is not covered in the Compact?

For a listing of State Commissioners visit mic3.net/interactive-map or scan the QR code.



Is there a person at the military installation who can help me understand the Compact issues and requirements for local school districts?

For a listing of School Liaisons visit www.mic3.net/school-liaisons/ or scan the QR code.



What happens if the member state does not comply with the Compact?

The Compact provides a governance structure at both the state and national levels for enforcement and compliance.

How is the Compact implemented at the state and national levels?

Every state appoints a Compact Commissioner, who leads the State Council and works with state officials and school districts on implementation. The National Commission meets annually each fall.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

MIC3 acknowledges the support it receives from its Ex-Officio members as we all strive to do what is best for children of military families.



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