

Annual Business Meeting Travel Justification for Commission Members

Purpose

The purpose of this travel is to attend the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Annual Business Meeting. This meeting brings together commissioners and representatives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and ex-officio partners, including the U.S. Department of Defense, to conduct essential governance and policy work under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (ICEOMC). **Click on this link to download a copy of your state profile and statute:** <https://mic3.net/state-profiles/>

Justification

The commissioner/ex-officio is the state's representative to the Commission. Participation in the Annual Business Meeting is essential to fulfilling each state's statutory obligations under the Compact. This meeting provides a critical forum for:

- **Policy Development & Decision-Making** – Collaborate on national policy development to ensure uniform implementation of the Compact's provisions - including rules regarding eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation.
- **Compliance & Oversight** – Review state-level compliance, discuss enforcement mechanisms, and ensure accountability to uphold the Compact's standards.
- **Best Practices & Information Sharing** – Provides an opportunity to share challenges, data, and solutions across states and with ex-officio partners, providing continuous improvement in supporting military students through educational transitions.
- **Professional Development and Networking** – Access to expert presentations, legal updates, peer-to-peer engagement, and strengthening state-level implementation.

Compact Background

Developed in 2006 through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Defense, the Council of State Governments, National Center for Interstate Compacts, and other key stakeholders, the Compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia to address the educational challenges faced by military children during school transitions due to frequent relocations. The Compact is a legally binding, contractual agreement among states, establishing consistent policies while respecting state sovereignty. Under a memorandum of understanding, the Department of Defense Education Activity schools worldwide are included in the Compact.

Why Should a Representative Attend?

Attendance directly supports the state's commitment to provide military families' equitable access to education for military-connected students. It also enables the state to remain in compliance with national requirements, maintain its active role in shaping Compact policies, and uphold its responsibilities as a voting member of the Commission.

State representation at the Annual Business Meeting is a core responsibility under the Compact and is vital to the collaborative success of this national initiative. The representative's travel expenses are covered by the Commission and is a sound investment in both the well-being of military families and the effectiveness of state and national educational policy.

For more information, visit www.mic3.net or email mic3info@csg.org.