

MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION (MIC3)

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Background and Status

- **Developed by The Department of Defense, with the assistance of The Council of State Governments**
- **Input and assistance from national associations, federal and state officials and departments of education and superintendents**
- **Adopted by 44 states and the District of Columbia (approximately 96 percent of military school-age children in the US) as of March 2013**



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Major Points

- **The Compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation.**
- **Children of active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders, and members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year are eligible for assistance under the Compact.**



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Compact Content

- **Article I – Purpose**
- **Article II – Definitions**
- **Article III – Applicability**
- **Article IV – Enrollment**
- **Article V – Placement and Attendance**
- **Article VI – Eligibility**
- **Article VII – Graduation**
- **Article VIII – State Coordination**
- **Article IX – Interstate Commission**



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Article IV - Enrollment

- Educational Records
- Immunizations
- Entrance Age (Kindergarten)



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Article V - Placement and Attendance

- Course and Program Placement
- Special Education Services
- Placement Flexibility
- Absence Related to Deployment



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Article VI – Eligibility

- **Enrollment**
- **Extracurricular Participation**



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Article VII – Graduation

- **From Receiving State**
- **From Sending State**
- **Exit Exams**



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Key Issues Affecting Military Students

Academic Issues

- Typical student experiences between 6-9 transitions
- Social and Emotional Needs - New Friends/Peers
- Adjustment to New School Setting
- Transfer of Services for Special Education
- Incompatible Graduation Requirements
- Redundant / Missed Testing
- Transfer of Coursework and Grades
- Transfer of Records
- Exclusion from Extra-curricular Activities



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Key Issues Affecting Military Students

Interpersonal Issues Affecting Performance

- 1 in 15 military dependents has lost a parent to war
- Typical deployments vary from 45 days – 1+ yrs (+ 3 months)
- Deployments can be sudden with little prep time
- AF deployments go unnoticed by media in 1s and 2s
- Recent AF survey showed that even parents who don't deploy cope more poorly due to increased work load
- Issues can also begin during reintegration when the military member returns



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National Commission Duties

- Establish by-laws for the Commission’s governance and for directing the Commission’s actions or conduct.
- Establish rules to effectively and efficiently achieve the purposes of the Compact.
- Monitor compliance and initiate interventions to address and correct noncompliance.
- Coordinate training and education regarding regulations.
- Elect the Executive Committee and establish other committees as necessary.



MIC3 Workflow Model



Role of State Commissioner

- **Compact mission & purpose are promoted**
- **Appointment is compliant with Statute**
- **State Council is functioning**
- **Adequate Resources are available to the Compact Office**
 - **Staff**
 - **Training**
 - **Technology Capabilities**



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Role of State Commissioner

- **Dues are paid**
- **Informal disputes are handled**
- **Working relationships are developed and maintained with:**
 - **National Office**
 - **Education Departments**
 - **State Council Members**
 - **Other Commissioners**
 - **Military Installations**



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State Council Responsibilities

- Designed to serve as an advisory and advocacy body
- May be tasked with development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within that state.
- Assist the State Commissioner with their responsibilities.
- Promote and advocate the Interstate Compact to school administrators
- **Your states language may be different, particularly as related to members of the state council (refer to the Compact as adopted in your state.)**



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Role of National Office

Secretary/Clearinghouse to the Commission

- Documents
- Meeting Minutes
- Commission Business

Resource Center

- Technical & Training Assistance
- Publications
- Website
- Directory of States Compact Offices
- Legal Assistance/Opinions



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Services Provided

#1 Priority is to serve the Commission

- Assist Commission, Committees & Regions in carrying out respective missions/goals
- Logistical support
 - Teleconference/Web conferences
 - On-site Meetings/Trainings



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The Compact provides a valuable tool to help our military families!



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Questions???

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