



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

West Virginia Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children



“Successful Educational Transitions for Military Families”

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Welcome and Opening Remarks:

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West Virginia Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children Members

Council membership consists of:	MIC3 Compact Commissioner
State Superintendent of Schools	DOD Representative
Member of the West Virginia State Senate	Member of the Executive Branch
Member of the West Virginia House of Delegates	Superintendent of Berkeley County Schools

What is the Compact?

The Military Interstate Children's Compact was developed in 2006 and adopted by all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity. The Compact eases the educational challenges that military children encounter, and supports uniform treatment as they transfer between school districts in member states.

The Compact only applies to public schools.



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OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

- Doing the right thing for children
- Resolving issues fairly
- Respect for all
- Transparency in all we do
- Committed to making a difference



OUR VISION

Successful Educational Transitions



Students Covered – 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 die 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- Children of the following:

- Inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves (Not Title 10)
- Members now retired not covered above
- Veterans not 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

West Virginia's Approach: Proactive Communications with Educators and Military Families Statewide

Including...

- Annual State Superintendent's update message
- Development of a brochure and guidance document
for West Virginia
- WVDE MIC3 website

Importance of Compact Participation in WV

- Ensures schools and school districts **in WV** make reasonable accommodations for military families and children from other states.
- Ensures schools and school districts **in states other than WV** make reasonable accommodations for military families and children from WV.
- Ensures children of parents who serve are impacted to the least extent possible and offered similar opportunities in every state:
 - Prompt enrollment and placement in classes (immunizations and school records)
 - Adequate credits for classes previously taken and graduation (ex. state history)
 - IEPs ready for immediate use
 - Excusing necessary absences, related to deployment
 - Flexibility for participation in extracurricular activities (ex. application deadlines)
- Impacts readiness and mobility for addressing major and/or catastrophic events.



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<http://mic3.net/>

West Virginia MIC3 Resources:

While this quick facts brochure summarizes the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children in West Virginia, complete details may be reviewed in the West Virginia Department of Education's Guidance Document at

http://wvde.state.wv.us/common-ground/files/interstate_compact_guidance%20FINAL.pdf

Additional Resources:

MIC3 Contact Information by State

http://mic3.net/pages/contact/contactmic3_map.aspx

MIC3 Brochure

http://mic3.net/pages/resources/documents/MIC3_4-Fold_Brochure-FINAL.pdf

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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children



Quick Facts

Compact Quick Fact Guide

Goal of the Compact

To overcome transitional issues experienced by military families when their children move to a new school in another state.

Member States

All states and the District of Columbia.

Applies to

Active duty members of uniformed services including the National Guard and Reserve members on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §1209 and 1211, as well as veterans who are severely injured and medically discharged for one year after medical discharge or retirement, and veterans who die on active duty for a period of one year after death.

Educational Records

Receiving member states must accept unofficial records for initial enrollment and then the sending member state must submit official records within 10 days of receipt of the request for records.

Immunizations

A child who is unable to provide official documented proof of at least one dose of each required vaccination must be automatically enrolled and/or homebound services will be provided within 3 days, to ensure educational services are immediately provided while the first dose(s) of all required immunizations are confirmed. Note: Tuberculosis testing is currently not required for enrollment in WV schools.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Entrance Age

A student who moves may continue in the same grade in the receiving state regardless of the entrance age requirements of the receiving state.

Course and Educational Program Placement

School districts must initially honor equivalent course enrollment or program placement (ex. Gifted, AP, etc.), if available. Then, evaluation may occur to ensure appropriate placement. Space must be available, and member states must demonstrate reasonable accommodations.

Special Education

Receiving schools must use the sending state's IEP until a new IEP may be conducted/evaluated.

Placement Flexibility

The Compact encourages schools to waive course prerequisites as appropriate to the content, when similar coursework was completed (ex. Requirement to pass Geometry before taking Algebra).

Absence Related to Deployment

The Compact establishes guidelines for enhanced flexibility with excused absences for military families on active duty orders (one month before deployment and six months after return).

Enrollment

During deployments it may be necessary for students to stay with a non-custodial parent or someone in loco parentis. Guardianship of a student under these circumstances should not prevent or negatively impact enrollment (a power of attorney is sufficient). The family may keep their school as long as the guardian provides transportation.

Extracurricular Participation

Deadlines for application are not grounds for disqualification. The school must demonstrate reasonable accommodation, but is not required to hold open or create additional space on teams.

Course Waivers

Substituting equivalent coursework is required (ex. West Virginia History for Ohio History). Reasonable justification is required for denial of a course waiver.

Transfers as a Senior in High School

The receiving state works with the sending school district to issue a diploma, if the student is a senior in High School (ex. using a memorandum of understanding between schools).

MIC3 Cases Received by the National Office FY 2017

By Rcvg State	#	%
Texas	8	15%
Alabama	3	6%
Georgia	3	6%
Illinois	3	6%
Virginia	3	6%
California	2	4%
Kansas	2	4%
Kentucky	2	4%
Louisiana	2	4%
Maine	2	4%
Maryland	2	4%
Oklahoma	2	4%
South Carolina	2	4%
Utah	2	4%
Florida	2	4%
Colorado	1	2%
DC	1	2%
DODEA	1	2%
Hawaii	1	2%
Idaho	1	2%
Massachusetts	1	2%
Nebraska	1	2%
Nevada	1	2%
New Mexico	1	2%
North Carolina	1	2%
Tennessee	1	2%
Washington	1	2%
No state	1	2%
TOTAL	53	100%

MIC3 Cases Reported in WV FY 2018

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Factors Leading to a Low Number of Cases in WV:

- While WV has an estimated 145,171 veterans statewide and a strong National Guard / Reserves presence, West Virginia has no major active duty bases.
- Proactive communication with school districts leads to resolutions at the local level.



Cases Received by the National MIC3 Office

Compact Related Case Topics	#	Article	% *
Art III-Applicability	2	2	10%
Art IV-Educational Records & Enrollment: Immunizations	1		
Art IV-Educational Records & Enrollment: Unoffic/Handcarried Rec	1		
Art IV-Enrollment-Kindergarten Entry	1	3	14%
Art V-Placement & Attendance: Absence Related to Deployments	0		
Art V-Placement & Attendance: Course Placement	4		
Art V-Placement & Attendance: Educ Program Placement	1		
Art V-Placement & Attendance: Placement Flexibility	1		
Art V-Placement & Attendance: SPED	0	6	29%
Art VI-Eligibility for Enrollment	0		
Art VI-Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation	3	3	14%
Art VII-Graduation Req (Sr Yr Transfers)	5		
Art VII-Graduation: Exit/EOY Exams	2	7	33%
TOTAL	21	21	100%

Cases received between 7/1/16-8/30/17

MIC3 Dues Information

- Annual dues for participation in the Compact are currently **\$2,000** (based on WV's number of children from military families eligible for transfer under this compact).
- The MIC3 Executive Committee approved a proposed rule change, which will **increase annual dues by 15%** beginning in FY 2020 to offset increased cost for resources, marketing, trainings and attendance of the annual MIC3 business meeting (previous rate set in 2009).
- West Virginia's **increase would be \$300, for a total of \$2,300.**
- The proposed rules change will be released for review and **vote at the annual MIC3 business meeting** - October 2018 in Cleveland, OH.

Other Military Initiatives Impacting Education in West Virginia

- Common Ground
- Common Ground Speaker Series
 - Troops to Teachers



Mission (Scope Summary):

To ensure that all students graduate from high school, college and career ready, being academically socially and physically prepared for postsecondary options including college, vocational training, workforce or military service. The partnership will increase the capacity of school districts and schools to provide greater exposure to best practice strategies; help to support and engage students who may otherwise drop out, help students attain 21st century skills and a more positive future; and ensure that the communities have a productive, civically active, well-educated workforce.

Common Ground Stakeholders:

- West Virginia Board of Education
- West Virginia Department of Education
- West Virginia National Guard, United States Army Recruiting Battalion Richmond, Navy Recruiting District Pittsburgh, United States Marine Corps. Recruiting Stations in West Virginia
- West Virginia National Guard Family Programs
- West Virginia Governor's Office
- West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc.
- West Virginia Veterans Council
- Prevent Suicide WV
- West Virginia Civil Air Patrol
- Beckley Military Entrance Processing Station



Common Ground Stakeholder Meeting
at the Student Success Summit

Morgantown Marriot at Waterfront Place

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

11:15am – 12:15pm

Meeting Room “C”

<http://cfwvconnect.com/student-success-summit/>

CommonGround

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Common Ground Speaker Series

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Request form

Please, complete the following information to submit a request for a Common Ground guest speaker to visit your school. Requests for Common Ground guest speakers should be made at least three weeks in advance of the event, to ensure speaker availability.

County *

Barbour County Schools *

Teacher Information

Name *

Email *

Phone *

Administrator Information (list a principal or assistant principal)

Name *

School Phone *



Speaker Series

Military service members guest speaking on the following topics:

- Substance abuse prevention
- Anti-bullying
- Suicide prevention
- Drop-out prevention
- American flag
- Patriotic holidays and events

Newly proposed activity:

Enhancing literacy by reading to children in Elementary Schools



The Troops to Teachers (TTT) program is a benefit provided by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) to qualifying military personnel. The program encourages current and former military service members to become public school teachers.

Qualifying members may be eligible to receive:

- Career counseling
- Job placement assistance
- Financial assistance (up to a \$5,000 stipend / \$10,000 as a bonus)

Program eligibility and financial assistance for the TTT program are solely determined and distributed by the National TTT Office.

Why hire a veteran?

Veterans share the following skills and traits:

- Leadership
- Behavioral Management
- Adaptability
- Communication Skills
- Initiative
- Discipline
- Integrity
- Global Perspective

Veterans are teaching in the high need subject areas:

Military operational and tactical work environments are dynamic and often require the application and working knowledge of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

A 2005 Profile of Troops to Teachers indicated that program teachers taught:

- Mathematics classes - 27%
- Science classes - 46%
- Special education classes - 44%

School administrators have found that veterans interact effectively with parents, community members and other teachers and staff. ¹

Many veterans are state-certified teachers and ready to be employed today. Additionally, there are more than 2,000 veterans currently enrolled in teacher certification programs, and they will be seeking employment as teachers in the coming years. ⁵

Veterans who become teachers are...



83% Male

Veterans who become teachers are...



43% Minority

TTT participants that plan to remain in the teaching profession...



70%

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Three ways the WVDE foster's relationships between schools and the community to enhance the success of **ALL** students



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Member Discussion**



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Resources



National Website – www.mic3.net

National Phone Number – 1-859-244-8000

View the West Virginia Department of Education

[MIC3 Website](#)

View the [interstate compact in West Virginia statute](#)



View the West Virginia Department of Education

[Military Partnerships Website](#)



National Website - www.proudtoserveagain.com

National Phone Number - 1-800-231-6242

View the West Virginia Department of Education

[Troops to Teachers Website](#)