



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

West Virginia Council for Educational Opportunity for Military Children



“Successful Educational Transitions for Military Families”

*FY 2019 Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2019*



Welcome and Opening Remarks:

COL (R) Christopher P. Cmiel
West Virginia National Guard
Director of the West Virginia Military Authority
MIC3 Compact Commissioner

State Council Members

**MIC3 Compact Commissioner,
representing a military installation
and the executive branch of
government**

State Superintendent of Schools

**Superintendent of County School
District**

**Member of the West Virginia State
Senate**

DOD Representative (individual is
not a state council member)

**Member of the West Virginia House
of Delegates**

West Virginia's Approach:

Proactive Communications with Educators and Military Families Statewide

Including...

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



Annual Business Meeting Outcomes

October 2018, Cleveland, OH

- Rule change **increasing annual dues by 15%**
 - Designed 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 is \$300, for a total of \$2,300**
- Rule change **requiring annual State Council meetings in every state**
 - Referrals made to the compliance committee when a meeting is not held and an agenda with minutes are not received
 - In response to ten states having not held a meeting of their state council in the last two fiscal years

West Virginia Update

MIC3 Inquiries Received in WV FY 2019

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Qualifying Cases

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- Service member relocating to WV on active duty orders
- Inquiring about out-of-district enrollment (other than in the county they would be moving to), which is not a provision covered in the Compact
- Inquiring about provisions for the transfer of credits which are not yet completed, which is not covered in the Compact (timing can be an issue)
- Provided county-specific and MIC3 related information about enrollment and out-of-state credit conversion

FY 2020 MIC3 Meeting



- An opportunity for stakeholders to meet in-person
- Common Ground Partners and Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) State Council members will meet on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 11:15am – 12:15pm in Salon F
- The public meeting will begin with a brief update about MIC3 to attendees, in an effort to share information about the initiative with all stakeholders
- After the MIC3 update, Common Ground Partners will discuss outcomes of their Spring meeting, share information about their organization's activities and discuss future plans



State Council Member Discussion



State Council Educational Information (Optional)



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



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Information on this slide from www.mic3.net

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



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

Uniformed members of the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and United States Public Health Services (USPHS)

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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).

Another Military Initiative Impacting Education in West Virginia



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

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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](#)



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[Military Partnerships Website](#)

