



Administrative Policy #1-2017: State Coordination Policy

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Today's Topics

1. Background
2. State Commissioner Appointments/Resignations
3. State Councils
4. Annual Reporting

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Background

1. Response to Commission Challenges
2. Ref. Compact Article VIII – State Coordination Complies with Statute/Code requirements
3. Applies to all signatory members
4. Drafted by the Compliance Committee, and approved by the Executive Committee on March 28, 2017. **Policy effective July 1, 2017**

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State Commissioners

Article VIII, State Coordination, Section C:

“The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.”

Review the version in each State Statute or Code for the appropriate appointing authority.

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Commissioner Appointment/Resignations

1. Commissioners shall notify both the appointing authority and the MIC3 Executive Director in writing
2. The Executive Director shall confirm in writing (to the Executive office and/or appointing authority):
 - a) the resignation
 - b) request for an interim point of contact
 - c) notify the member of the 60-day appointing period

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Commissioner Appointment/Resignations

3. If an appointment is not received within 60 days, the Executive Director will send, by registered mail, a delinquency notice to the appointing authority.
4. If an appointment is not received within 90 days, the Executive Director may refer the matter to the Compliance Committee for action.

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State Councils

Article VIII, State Coordination, Section A:

“Each member State shall, through the creation of a State Council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state’s participation in, and compliance with, this Compact and Interstate Commission activities.”

Review the version in each State Statute or Code for the appropriate appointing authority and membership.

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State Councils

1. Newly appointed State Commissioners shall be given one year from their appointment date to reorganize their State Council, if one has not already been established.
2. If a member State has not established their State Council within one year, the Executive Director may refer the matter to the Compliance Committee for action.

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Reporting

- By June 30 of each year, member States shall submit the following information regarding their State Council to the national office:
 - State Council membership roster
 - Identify and/or confirm at least two points of contact for the member state.
 - Summary of accomplishments, activities and presentations for the previous year.

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One Example: Montana Legislative Report



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To: Governor Steve Bullock
Senate President Debby Barrett
Speaker of the House Austin Knudsen
Representative Don Jones, Chair, Education and Local Government Committee

From: Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau

Subject: Report on the Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

As required by 20-1-231, MCA, this report provides a summary of the state's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and the activities and discussions of the Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children during the past two years. This report and other information associated with the Council are posted on the Office of Public Instruction's website at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Media_Center/Index.html?item=1_5.

Purpose

In 2015, the Montana legislature approved Senate Bill 240, which continued Montana's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children beyond June 30, 2015. The purpose of the Compact is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. The state's participation in the compact is intended to facilitate:

- the timely enrollment of children of military families;
- the student placement process;
- the student's qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and extracurricular academic, athletic and social activities; and
- the student's on-time graduation.

Council membership

The members of the Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, established in 20-1-230, MCA, include:

- Brigadier General (Ret.) Harold Stearns, Compact Commissioner, appointed by the Governor
- Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, appointed by the Governor
- Vacant, Malmstrom Air Force Base, appointed by the Governor
- Captain Dan Bushnell, Montana National Guard, appointed by the Governor
- Superintendent Tammy Lacey, Great Falls Public Schools, appointed by the Governor
- Senator Edward Butney, Great Falls, appointed by the Senate President
- Representative Jean Price, Great Falls, appointed by the Council
- Mark Beckman, Exec. Director, Montana High School Association, appointed by the Council
- Leisa Drain, School Liaison Officer, Malmstrom AFB, appointed by the Council

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evaluated the child and determined that the child was not ready for Kindergarten. The parents appealed to have their child enrolled, indicating that if the child lived in Colorado the child would have met the age requirement for kindergarten. After being contacted by the school district, Commissioner Stearns submitted the question to the staff of the Interstate Compact Commission, who determined that the Compact does not entitle the child to special advantages. The Montana laws related to enrollment of students in Kindergarten apply to the child of the military family.

- In Butte, the parents of two children, one with special needs, wanted to enroll both of their children in the same school. The program for special needs students was full in the neighborhood school, so the district made plans to move the special needs child to another school in the district. The parents appealed to have both of their children enrolled in the same school, explaining that the special needs child depended on her older sister. After being contacted by the parents, Commissioner Stearns contacted the school principal and told him about his own military and teaching career and how he had worked through issues. After explaining the Compact and the children's needs, a space was found for both girls in the neighborhood school.

The Montana High School Association works closely with school administrators on waivers of the 15-day transcript rule for students who encounter difficulties with the transfer of student records due to military moves. MHSA has found that the more administrators understand the unique challenges facing a military-connected student, the easier it is to work with the MHSA on eligibility issues. It is also important for administrators to better understand the mental health support that may be necessary for a student whose parent is deploying.

Areas of Focus for the State Council

- The Council and the Office of Public Instruction have several areas of focus in the year ahead:
- 1) Train school district staff on identifying and reporting children of military families in the statewide student information system;
 - 2) Educate school administrators, counselors and athletic directors on the challenges facing military-connected students and their families with the goal of fostering academic success for all students of military families and facilitating the participation of students in extracurricular athletics and activities;
 - 3) Promote the role of the Compact Commissioner in helping to resolve issues for parents and school districts as students transfer into and out of Montana schools;
 - 4) Develop a brochure for parents and school districts regarding eligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities;
 - 5) Work with the Montana National Guard to promote life skills, resilience, and camaraderie among military youth;
 - 6) Continue to co-sponsor Purple Up! Day with the Montana National Guard, a day that commemorates military families in our communities; and
 - 7) Disseminate the *Guide for Parents, School Officials and Public Administrators*, which has been developed by the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.



Reporting

2. If a member State has not submitted the above information within 30 days, the Executive Director will send a written reminder to the State Commissioner.
3. If a member State has not submitted the above information within 60 days, the Executive Director may refer the matter to the Compliance Committee for review and possible action.
4. Info will be updated annually on the MIC3 Website state pages and profiles.

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State Profiles

MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE
RHODE ISLAND

OVERVIEW
The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts and the U.S. Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, national associations, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Compact eases interstate education transition challenges encountered by the children of active-duty service members such as enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation. On average, military students will attend six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting began early in 2007. First available for legislative consideration in 2008, the Compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

HISTORY
Rhode Island adopted the Compact in June 2010. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Bill Sponsorship: Senator Louis P. DiIorio
Location in Statute or Code: Rhode Island Statutes, Chapter 16-92

COMMISSIONER	Executive Krueger	2010 - Present
APPOINTING AUTHORITY:	Governor	

STATE COUNCIL
The State Council is comprised almost exactly as stated in the model language.

While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership must include at least:

- The state superintendent of education
- Superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children
- Representative from a military installation
- One representative from the legislative branch of government
- One representative from the executive branch of government
- Other officials and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate.

A member state that does not have a school district deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education expertise on the State Council.

The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS
The State Council was appointed in 2010. The State Council meets annually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Krueger was elected the Commission Chair at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.
- Commissioner Krueger served as the Commission Vice Chair from 2014-2016.
- Commissioner Krueger has served as the PR and Training Committee Chair from 2011-2014.
- Commissioner Krueger has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2011.
- Rhode Island will host the 2017 Annual Business Meeting.

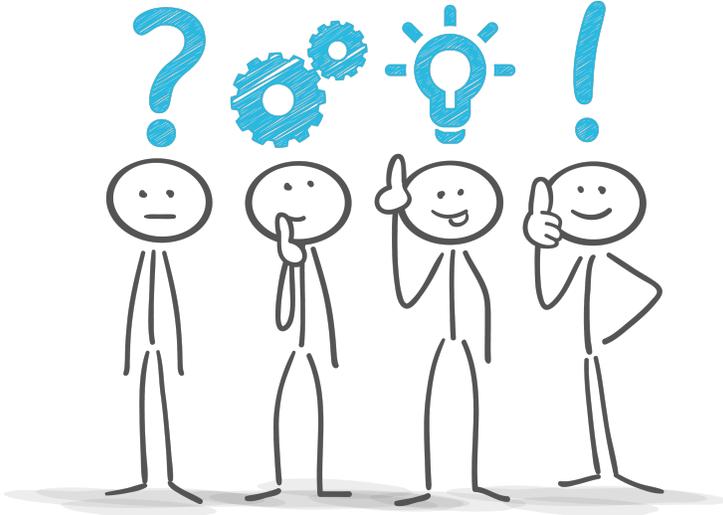
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE
Rhode Island has attended every meeting since 2010.

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