



## TALKING POINTS FOR STATE PTA LEADERS FROM THE MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT COMMITTEE

### INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

- With the exception of one United States territory (North Mariana Island) each state and territory has minor school age (5-18 years) military dependents
- Approximately 80 percent of military children attend school in a civilian school district.
- The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children is intended to bring states together to allow for the uniform treatment, at the state and local district level, of military children transferring between school districts and states
- Common Core State Standards address academic equity with consistent outcomes per grade level across all states. The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children addresses other types of transitional issues that impact the highly mobile military student.
- Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children addresses the following issues:
  - Kindergarten and First Grade entrance age
  - Lack of timely receipt of school records
  - Missed enrollment in advanced classes or classes that serve special needs
  - Redundant or missed testing
  - Course sequencing
  - Exclusion from extra-curricular activities
  - Graduation requirements
  - Power of custodial parents while parents are deployed
- Military families do not want special privileges for their children, but a level playing field and not penalized for a parent's military service.
- The Compact should serve as a model for the administrative handling of any student transitioning from one school district or state to another
- To learn more about the Compact, visit the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts--  
[http://www.csg.org/programs/policyprograms/NCIC/interstatecompact\\_militarychildren\\_edop.aspx](http://www.csg.org/programs/policyprograms/NCIC/interstatecompact_militarychildren_edop.aspx) This page contains:
  - a map showing adoption status in each state.
- After each state adopts the Compact, the state appoints representation to a governing commission responsible for enacting rules to implement the Compact. Each participating state

also creates a council based on the requirements of their state legislation. To find out more about your state's appointees, visit [http://www.mic3.net/pages/contact/contactmic3\\_map.aspx](http://www.mic3.net/pages/contact/contactmic3_map.aspx)

- To learn more about the commission responsible for enacting the rules, visit the website of MIC3—the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission-- <http://www.mic3.net/> This site contains:
  - FAQ sheet info,
  - Power Point explaining the compact, and a
  - Downloadable brochure.