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Military Families in Public Schools Resources

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Military families face multiple challenges. With one being the constant departures and relocation, because of their service to our Country.

For children this can be challenging specially in transitioning to new environments, resuming, and maintaining academic achievement with participation in extracurricular programs is pivotal to their success.

This is specially challenging for children with disabilities.

IDEA still remains the authority, in the laws, expectations, accountability and resolution for schools in providing supportive services for children with disabilities.

The Military Interstate Childrens Compact Commission was developed in supporting Military personnel children during their transitions to new educational environments.

Each State Has a Compact Commissioner That supports Military personnel, and works withing the Military Branches, and the State's educational agency (SEA) in supporting the educational needs of families in the Station of the enlisted individual.

There is also a point of Contact with a Liasson that represents each Military Branch.

³**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children** This compact, which was developed through a joint partnership between CSG and the U.S. Department of Defense, aims to reduce the education challenges that frequently exist for transitioning military families. Currently adopted by 35 states.

¹**The Military Interstate Childrens Compact** provides rights to parents serving in the military branches. Parents can request students' full official educational records that consist of student record files of data directly related to student work and maintained by local educational agency (LEA), including but not limited to records, encompassing all the material records keep in the students accumulative file such as general identifiable data, records of attendance and academic work. Complete test, health data; disciplinary records; test protocols; and individualized evaluation plan, transition plan. Provided a no cost to Parents. If no records are available School must admit student with available records; including those that are not official records, other federal laws allow parent to request child's record *See U.S. Department of Education download resource*² FERPA The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). The Compact provides guidance; such timelines for providing Vaccinations, and other necessary steps in their children attending the desired school.

²[A Parent Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

³[what-is-an-interstate-compact.pdf \(mic3.net\)](#)

[Interactive Map - MIC3](#)

Guide for Military Parents with Special Needs Children Regarding the Military Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

[IDEA Compact Related Guidance – MIC3](#)