

Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children

With the start of the 2014-2015 school year, Maryland is proud to celebrate the adoption by all 50 states and the District of Columbia of **The Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children**.

The Interstate Compact ensures the uniform treatment of military children transferring between states.

The military child faces a great many challenges, as the military family transfers from one assignment to the next in support of our common defense. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact seeks to make transition easier for the children of military families so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

As we begin this school year, I am including information about the Interstate Compact and request that you share with appropriate staff. Attached please find the following documents:

- Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Orientation - A powerpoint explaining what the compact is, and just as importantly, what it is not
- Guide for Parents, Schools Officials and Public Administrators
- What Parents, Schools and Administrators Should Know
- What Parents, Families and Guardians Should Know

Other resources are available at the following link on the Interstate Compact website:

<http://mic3.net/pages/resources/resources.aspx>

If you have any questions about the Interstate Compact or other services to Military children, please feel free to contact Mary Gable, Assistant State Superintendent for Academic Policy and Innovation, and Commissioner for the Interstate Compact at mary.gable@maryland.gov or 410-767-0473.