

# Military Child Education Services

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- [Interstate Compact](#) compliance
- General concerns - individual consultation, parent conferences
- Presentations and Trainings
- Traumatic events
- Connection to community agencies
- Military recognition events, such as Veterans breakfast & Veterans program
- Recognition of all military within the school (staff & scholars) and within the community
- Community Support Project: Military Read-Ins
- School-wide Purple Up Day

## Book Resources

Below is a sampling of books related to issues many military children face. Titles may be found locally; some are available at school libraries

### **PATRIOTIC CELEBRATIONS/HOLIDAYS**

Veterans Day by Mar Schuh - 3.2 AR level

Veterans Day by Mir Tamim Ansary - 2.8 AR level

What is Veterans Day? By Margot Parker

### **NOVELS RELATING TO MILITARY LIFE**

The Honor Was Mine by Elizabeth Heaney

### **FEELINGS/EMOTIONS**

Double-dip feelings: stories to help children understand emotion by Barbara S. Cain

Happy, sad, silly, mad: a beginning book about emotions by Barbara Shook Hazen

How do I feel? by Norma Simon

### **LOSS/GRIEF**

Saying goodbye to a friend

# MIC3/Interstate Compact Law

**MIC3/Interstate Compact** is a law *specifically addressing the needs of transitioning military students*. In response to NC's adoption of the Compact ([GS 115C-407.5](#)).

All 50 states have signed onto The Compact, which focuses on these issues for military children:

- enrollment
- eligibility
- placement
- graduation

If you are seeking help to resolve an issue, you may contact the following stakeholders:

- School counselor or school administrator at your child's school
- State Compact Commissioner for NC - [nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us) or 910.678.2304; [Angie.Mullennix@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Angie.Mullennix@dpi.nc.gov) or 984-236-2751
- MIC3 National Office - [mic3info@csg.org](mailto:mic3info@csg.org) or 859-244-8000

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** *(from the Compact website [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net))*

**What Are The Issues?** Military families encounter school challenges for their children for enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation due to frequent relocations in service to our country.

**What Is The Compact?** The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. It was developed by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, departments of education, school administrators and military families.

How Does a State Join the Compact? Each state must adopt the Compact through their legislative process. Participation is voluntary.

### **What Children Are Eligible For Assistance Under The Compact?**

Children Of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders
- Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for (1) year
- Members who died on active duty

Who Do I Contact In My State Or School District To Learn More About What Is And Is Not Covered In The Compact? You Should Contact Your State Compact Commissioner. [Interactive Map of State Contact Officials](#)

### **POC: Point of Contact:**

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# Mentoring Group

S. W. Snowden also has 2 mentoring groups on board. They have elementary and middle school scholars.

- **Distinguished Men of Purpose: Vision** Distinguished Men of Purpose of S.W. Snowden envisions all participants graduating from middle school with improved self-esteem, knowledge to identify and avoid high risk behaviors while transitioning to high school and successful community-minded young adults.
- **Mission:** The mission of Distinguished Men of Purpose of S.W. Snowden is to develop necessary skills that promote positive change and leadership within Beaufort County's school aged males.
- **Sophisticated Ladies:** We are strong, we are confident, and we are worthy. We embrace our individuality and respect one another. Together, we rise, learn, and grow with grace. We are leaders, we are powerful, and we shine from within. We are the Sophisticated Ladies, and nothing can stop us from reaching our dreams!"- motto
- **Group's purpose-** we aim to provide both emotional and academic support for middle school girls while fostering a positive community and personal growth. We create an environment where girls feel valued and learn to embrace their unique qualities, promoting body positivity and a healthy sense of self-worth. We expose this group to various career paths, encourage discussions about future aspirations, academic interests, and setting long term goals for their personal and academic lives. And finally, we encourage the girls to adopt a growth mindset, viewing challenges as opportunities to learn and grow, and build resilience to setbacks in academics, social situations, and personal development.