



Military Children

1. Purpose:

Funding is provided to support the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children (“Compact”) created in 2009. The Compact’s purpose is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents.

2. Description of services provided:

The Compact is designed to facilitate the transfer of students of military personnel between schools/states. It is intended to alleviate barriers to students.

3. Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:

Funding is for paying Compact dues and administrative support for Council meetings and Council Chair participation in annual national meeting.

Beneficiaries in the 2022-23 School Year:

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| Number of School Districts: | 295 |
| Number of Schools: | 0 |
| Number of Students: | 0 |
| Number of Educators: | 0 |
| Other: | N/A |

4. Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?

No

5. State funding history:

| Fiscal Year | Amount Funded | Actual Expenditures |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2023 | \$96,000 | \$96,000 |
| 2022 | \$61,000 | \$54,528 |
| 2021 | \$61,000 | \$55,196 |
| 2020 | \$61,000 | \$54,906 |
| 2019 | \$61,000 | \$52,396 |



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6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

| Fiscal Year | Number of Schools |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2023 | 295 districts |
| 2022 | 295 districts |
| 2021 | 295 districts |
| 2020 | 295 districts |
| 2019 | 295 districts |

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

Currently, all 50 states are members of the Interstate Compact, up from only three states when Washington joined the Compact in 2009. No major changes have occurred in Compact provisions.

8. **Program evaluation or evaluation of major findings:**

The Compact provisions have made the transitions for military children easier. In a survey of high impact districts, all are reporting full implementation of Compact provisions. As in previous years, requests for assistance continue to involve graduation requirements, residency issues, and kindergarten enrollment.

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

Enrollment challenges for students transferring in from out of state; graduation requirements across states; timely access to special education services.

10. **Future opportunities:**

There is an interest to offer programmatic supports to schools to better serve their students from military families, we well as support to update websites to offer resources specifically targeting military families. There is a request to update the "Tough Topics" resource materials currently housed on the OSPI website to support schools in serving military students and families in a culturally responsive manner.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

\$61,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2022 and \$96,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 are provided solely for the implementation of chapter 380, Laws of 2009 (enacting the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children).



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12. Other relevant information:

N/A

13. Schools/districts receiving assistance:

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