

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INTERSTATE COMPACT ON
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
MILITARY CHILDREN
POLICY**



ADOPTED BY THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (“Compact”) is an agreement among states to make school transitions 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. The agreement mandates Compact states address specific school transition issues in a consistent manner and minimize school disruptions for military children transferring from one state school system to another.

Consistent with the Compact, Massachusetts enacted M.G.L.c15E which defines Eligible Military Child/Children as children of:

- 1) Active duty members of the uniformed services
- 2) Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement; and
- 3) Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death.

The provisions of the law **do not** apply to

1. inactive members of the National Guard and Reserves;
2. members of the uniformed services now retired, except as above
3. veterans of the uniformed services, except as above;
4. other U.S. Department of Defense personnel and other federal agency civilian and contract employees not defined as active duty members of the uniformed services.

M.G.L. c 15E applies to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and Eligible Military Children.

POLICY STATEMENT

Springfield Public Schools (“SPS”) is committed to affording eligible military children with the same opportunities for educational success as other children and to ensuring that eligible military children are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals. Springfield Public Schools shall develop procedures to implement this Policy.

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