

MICHIGAN HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024

OVERVIEW

Michigan enacted authorizing legislation in 1990 to join the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Over the past 35 years, commissioners, commissioner alternates, and members of advisory committees from Michigan have provided and continue to provide important governance and strategic direction for MHEC.

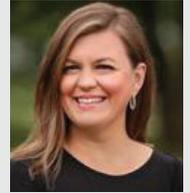
HOW MHEC BENEFITS MICHIGAN

- ▶ **\$10.73M in total annual savings.** Michigan colleges, universities, school districts, state and local governments, and students and their families realized more than \$10.73M in cost and time savings through MHEC’s contracts and programs.
 - » *Technology Contracts.* Michigan entities saved \$5.48M through MHEC contracts with Dell, Oracle, Xerox, CampusGuard, Lenovo, Presidio, and others.
 - » *Distance Education.* By participating in the Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA), Michigan saved approximately \$4.6M and avoided a costly state-by-state, institution-by-institution approach.
 - » *Tuition Reciprocity.* Michigan students and their families who participated in the Midwest Student Exchange Program saved \$645,756.
 - » *Student Health Insurance.* Nearly 500 Michigan students participated in MHEC’s contract for student health insurance.
 - » *Property Insurance.* Four Michigan institutions received dividends totaling \$75,000 for participating in MHEC’s Master Property Insurance Program.
- ▶ **Strong return on investment.** Michigan received a 93-fold return on annual compact membership commitment of \$115,000.
- ▶ **Research Requests.** MHEC provided research to Michigan leaders on topics including allocation and funding processes for capital projects, analysis of college completion rates at public institutions, and comparison of funding sources to tuition revenue.
- ▶ **Open Educational Resources.** MHEC supported Michigan with grant funds to host a statewide open educational resources conference in 2024.
- ▶ **Professional Development and Support.** Sixteen Michigan leaders attended MHEC’s FAFSA Summit, and MHEC provided two scholarships for Michigan representatives to attend the National College Attainment Network annual conference. Nine technology leaders engaged in MHEC’s free professional development and networking.

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The Midwestern Higher Education Compact seeks to improve individual career readiness and regional economic vitality through collective problem-solving and partnerships that strengthen postsecondary education. To achieve this vision, the Compact focuses its work in three strategic priority areas:

INCUBATE

Advance innovation, efficiency & effectiveness

- » Serve as an incubator, studying challenging topics where MHEC can play a valuable role and piloting potential solutions.
- » Lead in expanding use and utility of open educational resources.
- » Respond rapidly to member states' requests for research on pressing topics such as workforce development, loan forgiveness programs, and college affordability.
- » Provide state-by-state data through an interactive dashboard on key performance indicators including preparation, participation, affordability, completion, finance, and workforce.

LAUNCH

Develop collaborative solutions to regional problems and opportunities

- » Take on projects, issues and opportunities that are too big for one state to do alone, working jointly to improve higher education and to strengthen the Midwest region.
- » Convene and connect higher education leaders to navigate timely and critical issues facing higher education, such as FAFSA, distance education delivery, and tuition reciprocity.
- » Help Midwestern states navigate accreditation standards to meet the significant increase in demand for dual and concurrent enrollment.

SAVE

Drive cost savings & business solutions

- » Leverage the combined technology needs of higher education institutions in member states to reach favorable agreements with technology vendors that result in tremendous time and cost savings.
- » Explore opportunities to serve risk management needs.
- » Offer affordable solutions that improve student well-being.