MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT

Annual Return on Investment

(July 2025–June 2026)

MHEC member states earn a significant rate of return on their $115,000 annual commitment through cost savings contracts and programs, reciprocity agreements for distance education, program dividends, and grants and scholarships.

Member States	Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA) Savings [1]	Technology Savings [2]	Student Health [3]	Capacity Building	FY26 Innovation Grant Distribution	Total Savings	Annual ROI Per Capita
Illinois	$18,390,274	$7,104,905	$586,493	$54,059	$125,000	$26,260,731	$2.05
Indiana	$12,103,744	$3,027,622	-	$66,874	-	$15,198,240	$2.24
Iowa	$9,210,987	$403,193	-	$35,016	-	$9,649,197	$3.02
Kansas	$4,603,837	$1,588,788	$164,506	$33,992	-	$6,391,123	$2.18
Michigan	$14,250,598	$3,576,485	$12,526	$65,063	$125,000	$18,029,671	$1.79
Minnesota	$11,596,850	$1,557,695	-	$51,342	-	$13,205,887	$2.31
Missouri	$11,647,712	$2,196,632	-	$57,284	-	$13,901,628	$2.26
Nebraska	$3,399,821	$801,126	$157,931	$55,961	-	$4,414,838	$2.25
North Dakota	$1,819,933	$107,379	$32,765	$36,178	$152,500	$2,148,755	$2.76
Ohio	$19,753,442	$2,964,209	$808,360	$30,935	-	$23,556,946	$2.00
South Dakota [4]	-	$283,982	-	$12,149	$62,500	$358,631	$0.40
Wisconsin	$6,252,131	$1,655,129	-	$99,316	$125,000	$8,131,576	$1.38
GRAND TOTAL	**$113,029,329**	**$25,267,146**	**$1,762,581**	**$598,167**	**$590,000**	**$141,247,223**	

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning in 2026, each member state has been eligible for a **Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to $250,000 over two years** from MHEC to advance innovative ideas wand solutions in higher education in their states.

The Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) has helped students and families save millions of dollars by making it more affordable for non-resident students to attend out-of-state colleges and universities. **Last year, students in eight states (IN, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, WI) saved a collective $8,308,507.**

1. As of FY25, M-SARA savings are based on the NCHEMS' methodology as explained in *An Institutional Cost Savings Study of SARA Participation: Technical Report* located on the NC-SARA website. See nc-sara.org/sara-cost-savings.
2. CampusGuard, Connection, Dell EMC, Dell Technologies, HP Enterprise, HP Inc., Infosec, Lenovo, Lenovo Global, Oracle, Parchment, Presidio, SAS, and Xerox.
3. Estimate of what participating institutions saved for 26-27 based on MHEC contract program growth incentive.
4. Non-participating state for 2025-26.