



**DoDEA
Non-DoD Schools
Program**

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NDSP Mission

To provide Educational guidance and Financial assistance to eligible DoD sponsors assigned to foreign locations and to ensure that Educational assistance will support the transition of students to public schools in the United States.



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Our Foot Print...In North and South America

- Currently support is provided through three regional offices:
 - DoDDS-Europe (Europe, Africa, Asia-to the border of Pakistan and India)
 - DoDDS-Pacific (Pacific, Asia, Australia, All Island Countries in the Pacific and Indian Oceans)
 - DDESS-Americas (North, South and Central Americas)

**Andros Island
(Bahamas)
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dom Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador**

**Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Trinidad
Uruguay
Venezuela**



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Eligibility...our foundations

- 20 USC Chapter 25A
“Overseas Defense Dependents’ Education”
- DoDEA Regulation 1342.13,
“Eligibility Requirements for Education of Elementary &
Secondary School Age Dependents in Overseas Areas,”
September 20, 2006
- DoDEA Regulation 1035.1, “Use of Non-DoD Schools,”
August 14, 2003
- Department of State Standardized Regulation (DSSR)



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Our Customers.....Eligibility Requirements

DoDEA 1035.1 E2.15

“Sponsor”

A qualified DoD sponsor, eligible for space-required, tuition-free enrollment of eligible dependents in a DoD school

- A military service member serving on active duty and stationed overseas on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders **or** a DoD civilian employee employed on a full-time basis, stationed overseas (citizen or a national of the US)

- Authorized to transport dependents to or from an overseas area at government expense and is provided an allowance for living quarters in that area.



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Our Customers...Eligibility Requirements

- DoDEA 1035.1 E2.6 “Dependent”

- Is a child, stepchild, adopted child, or ward of a DoD Sponsor, and is eligible for other command sponsorship services (e.g., hospital, commissary, postal service privileges, installation access

and

- Has not completed secondary school and who will reach his or her 5th but not 21st birthday by September 1 of the current school year:

or

- Has disabilities, and is between 3 and 5 years of age by September 1 of the current school year may be enrolled in a DoD or no-DoD educational program until the age of 22.

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Age Changes for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Current Entrance Age Policy:

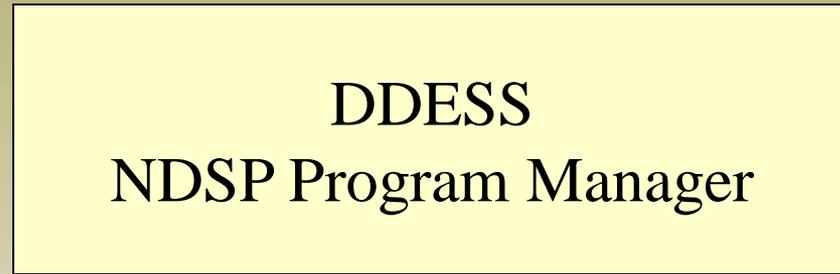
- Northern Hemisphere School Year
(August – June): **five** years old
(Kindergarten), **six** years old (First Grade) on or before **September 1st** of the enrolling school year
- Southern Hemisphere School Year
(March - December): **five** years old
(Kindergarten), **six** years old (First Grade) on or before **February 1st** of the enrolling school year.





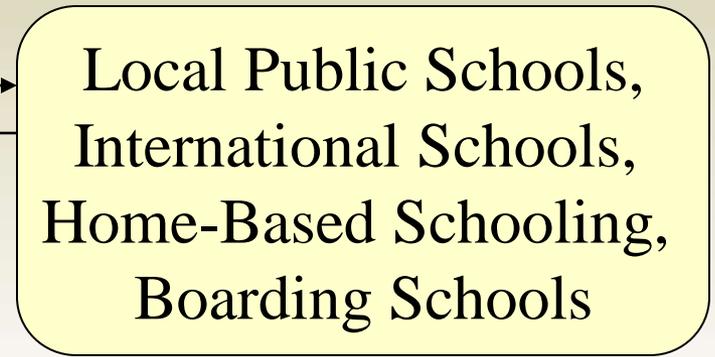
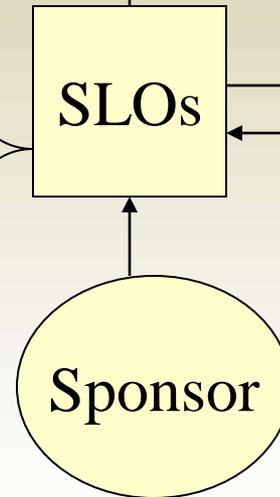
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Who is serving you.



School Liaison Officers:

- Cornerstone to program
- Review and validate applications/documentation
- Track status of incoming/outgoing students
- Assist in rectifying payment anomalies or enrollment issues





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Why Change

NDSP Program Growth has doubled in 5 years

- From \$26.7M in FY 05 to \$54.2M in FY11
- DoDEA not resourced for program growth, increases are out of hide
- Working FY11 Service and Agency reimbursement program

Consolidating 3 regional offices at Headquarters with regional assistance for:

Education Evaluation
Special Education Support
Program Reach-Back

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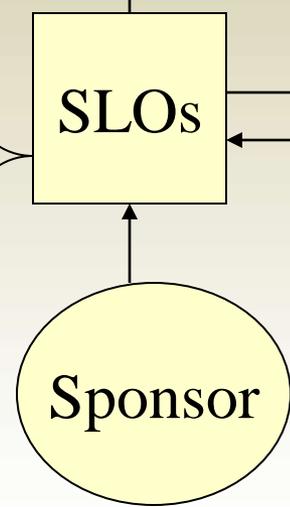
Who is serving you effective 1 Oct 09.



HQ DoDEA Program
Management with DDESS
Assistance

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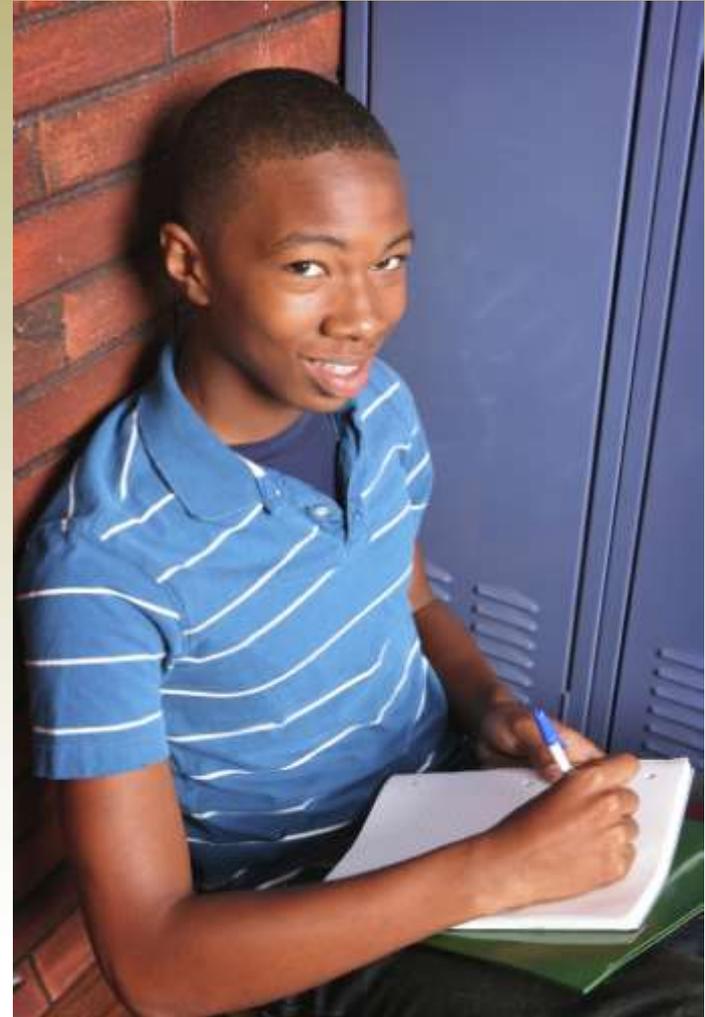


Local Public Schools,
International Schools,
Home-Based Schooling,
Boarding Schools

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Home Study/Private Instruction Program

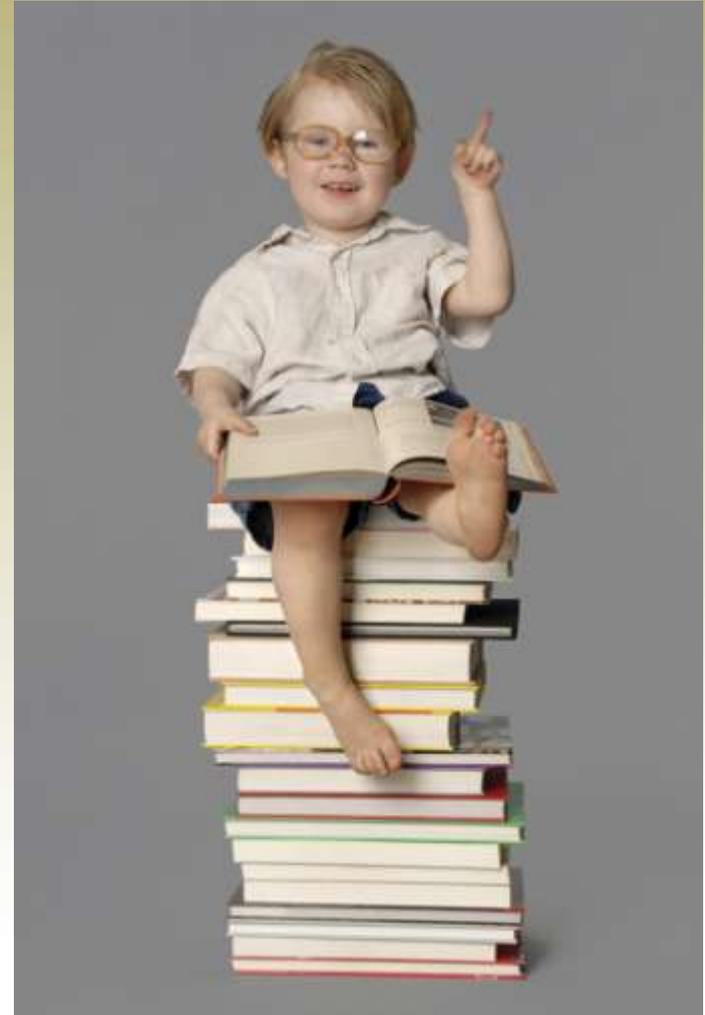
- While the law does not discuss home study/private instruction, it is in the best interest of the U.S. Government to ensure students in a home study/private instruction course in a foreign area are able to reintegrate into a public education when they return to the United States.
- Sponsors must be aware of allowable and non-allowable home schooling expenses – and, when in doubt, they must inquire before incurring any costs for which they are uncertain.



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Home Study/Private Instruction Program

- Religious, partisan, sectarian or denominational materials may not be purchased with money provided by the NDSP.
- In lieu of the “school at post” rate (DSSR), funding is limited up to \$5,700 each school year for grades K-8 and up to \$7,700 in grades 9-12 or as specified by the DSSR; however, if the local school is certified as appropriate by the US Department of State, reimbursement is limited to the school at post rate if it is lower than the home-based educational program/private instruction.





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Home Study/Private Instruction Program

- If home study/private instruction is the selected educational method, the following must be presented by the parent along with a completed NDSP application package for approval:
 - (a) Receipts for enrollment of the child in a recognized home study course (such as the Calvert School for K-8 or the University of Nebraska for grades 9-12), or
 - (b) Guidelines and verification that the parent is participating in and complying with the home schooling requirements of a selected location. This location can be the parent's state of residence, another relevant state, territory, possession or country.
 - (c) Any compliance testing and service fees are reimbursable subject to the home study/private instruction allowance rate maximum.



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Special Education Services

DoD Instruction 1315.19

- Services and sponsors must ensure dependent screenings for the purpose of identifying special needs.....Military and Civilian!
 - EFMP Screening prior to departure of Tour
 - EFMP Screening for any Consecutive Tour

Always refer to NDSP Administrators

- Sponsor identifies child as having special needs
- School suspects child may require special need services
- Child is/was on an IEP or 504 at previous school



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Special Education Services

The Realities of Living in a Foreign Location with a Special Needs Child

- International Schools are not mandated to comply with IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).
- Some locations offer resource services.
- Some locations will honor an IEP (Individualized Education Plan).
- Most special services are supplemented through tutoring.



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Special Education Services

Actions to Take:

- If a special need is suspected, contact an NDSP Administrator and DoDEA will assist parents, school administrators, etc., in:
 - Developing an assessment plan based on the suspected disability
 - Coordinating permission to and arrangements for assessment/evaluation
 - Establishing NDSP Special Education Eligibility that authorizes additional funding for required services



Non-DoD Schools Program Funding Documentation

Necessary documents for new student enrollment:

- Completed NDSP Application Package
 - DoDEA Form 610
 - Eligibility Verification
 - Request for Transportation Reimbursement
- Sponsor's Assignment Orders
- School Published Fee Schedule
- School Published Calendar
- Funds Request Sheet (in USD)
- Invoices/Bills
- Transportation Contract (*if applicable*)

Necessary documents for returning student enrollment:

- Funds Request Sheet (in USD)
- Invoices/Bills
- Transportation Contract (*if applicable*)
- Sponsor's Extension if DEROS expired prior to the start of the new school year
- School Published Fee Schedule
- School Published Calendar



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More Information

- Email:
NDSP.Americas@am.dodea.edu
HQ.Non-DoD Schools Program

Indicate in email subject line:

- Monetary inquiries or
- Educational inquiries

- Telephone numbers
 - Monetary inquiries:
 - ✓ 678.364.6689 DDESS
 - Educational inquiries
 - ✓ 678.364.8033 DDESS
 - ✓ 703.588-3206 HQ

- Website:
www.am.dodea.edu/NDSP/index.htm

- DSSR Rate Adjustment Requests:
- POC: Ms. Audrey Thurman
 - Email: ThurmanAE@state.gov
 - Tele # 202.261.8717

Note: The Department of State (DoS) Office of Allowances establishes DSSR Education Allowance rates which are used as the NDSP funding caps. Due to annual tuition increases for the base schools, a request for an adjustment to the established DSSR Education Allowance may be required.



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Questions, Comments, Concerns?