

School Readiness

By the year 2000,
all children in America
will start school ready
to learn.



*DoDEA's vision
for early childhood educa-
tion is that, by the year 2000,
all of our learning environ-
ments, teacher training pro-
grams, equipment, and facilities
will be available and suited to
receive all of our preschool chil-
dren.*

Access to DDESS preschool programs was expanded for children of preschool age (3-4 year olds) from 1,978 children in the 1995-96 school year to 3,087 in school year 1996-97. Of that increase, 919 were the result of new DDESS programs. The remaining 190 were the result of increased enrollment in existing programs.

Access to DoDDS preschool programs was expanded for children of preschool age (3-4 year olds) from 500 children in the 1995-96 school year to 720 children in school year 1996-97. All increases were the result of newly established DoDDS preschool programs.

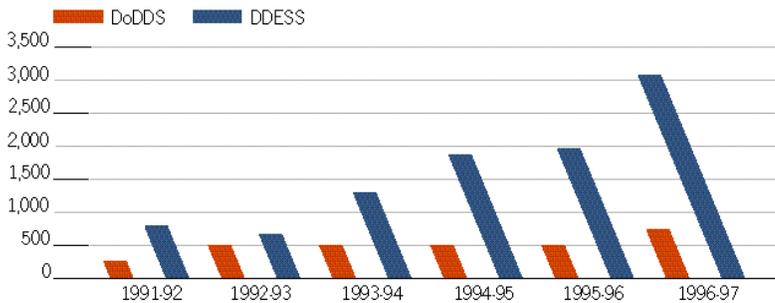
Students who completed DoDDS preschool programs demonstrated proficiency in readiness skills at the following rates: psychomotor-89%, social development-73%, approaches to learning-80%, language-92%, and cognition-79%.

In 100% of DoDDS and DDESS preschool programs, comprehensive medical screenings were conducted resulting in appropriate follow up care and education interventions for preschool children.

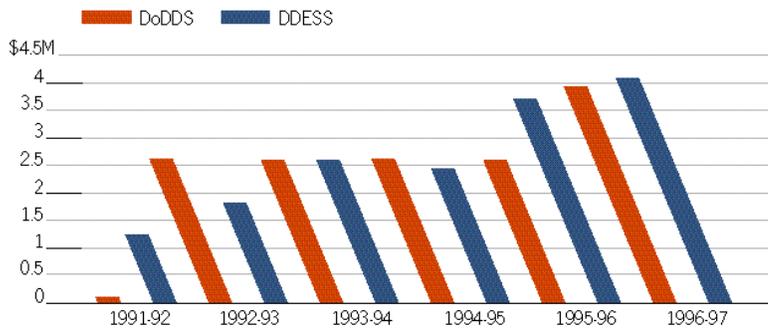
100% of DoDEA preschool programs have a comprehensive community-specific parent involvement program which has resulted in active parent involvement in their child's learning.

Goal

Preschool enrollment



Preschool program costs



The above charts exclude data for preschool children with disabilities. Program costs for DoDDS and DDESS include teacher salaries with benefits, supplies, and training. Differences in costs between DoDDS and DDESS are due primarily to variations in the average teacher salaries. DoDDS teacher salaries are inclusive of overseas living allowances and transportation costs. Other factors influencing differences in costs include pupil-to-teacher ratios and start up costs.

