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## Tuition Waiver Granted

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA—School-age dependents of local-hire, non-appropriated fund (NAF), full-time employees in overseas areas will soon be eligible on a space-available, tuition-free basis for enrollment in Department of Defense schools. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Charles S. Abell, granted the waiver on August 2, 2001, to be effective beginning in the School Year 2002-2003.

As a result of the waiver, dependents of appropriated fund (APF) full-time, local-hire employees and NAF full-time, local-hire employees will have equal enrollment priority. Priority for enrollment in the category of space-available, tuition-free, will be (1) non-Command sponsored Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard dependents; and (2) APF and NAF full-time, local-hire employees. Spaces for dependents of APF and NAF full-time, local-hire employees will be assigned based on the date the sponsor was hired in the current overseas location.

In School Year 2000-2001, the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) had a total of 2,071 space-available, tuition-free spaces/enrollments; all of these spaces were filled. The number of space-available, tuition-free spaces fluctuates by school and grade each year, depending upon space-required, tuition-free and space-available, tuition-paying enrollments. There are no guarantees of tuition-free enrollment for space-available students from year-to-year.

The new waiver will be published in the Federal Register and will be reflected in the next revision of DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," dated July 8, 1982, as amended.

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