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DoDEA STUDENTS SCORE SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGES IN 2001

Spring 2001 TerraNova Test Results Released

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) today announced the 2001 TerraNova standardized test results for the organization. The 2001 test results show that DoDEA students' average scores were significantly higher (7 or more points) than the national average (50th percentile) in all subject areas (Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science) at all grade levels tested (3-11). Forty-two of the 45 subtest scores were 13 or more points above the national average; eight subtest scores were 20 or more points higher than the nation.

The 2001 test results show that DoDEA students' scores have continued to improve. Of the 45 subtest scores, twenty-one show an increase; fifteen subtest scores showed no change; and only nine scores decreased. The comparison of 2000 to 2001 DoDEA scores continues to highlight the steady improvement or maintenance of high scores in 36 subtests and very small decreases in only nine subtests. All subtest averages were in the 60's or 70's, except for one score at grade three (Social Studies remained at 57).

DoDEA is comprised of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS), serving dependents of military and civilian employees in foreign countries, and the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), serving military dependents in the United States and her territories. The 2001 spring test marked the fourth time that all DoDEA students in grades 3-11 were tested using the same test, TerraNova, Multiple Assessments, the updated version of CTBS/4.

The following tables display the 2001 test performance for DoDEA students compared to the national averages (the 50th percentile).

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2001 TerraNova Median National Percentile (MNP)
DoDEA Scores Compared to National Averages**

TerraNova 2001	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average
	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5	
Reading Total	64	+14	69	+19	69	+19
Language Total	66	+16	67	+17	63	+13
Mathematics Total	64	+14	65	+15	63	+13
Science Total	60	+10	65	+15	67	+17
Social Studies	57	+7	67	+17	65	+15

TerraNova 2001	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average
	Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
Reading Total	65	+15	70	+20	66	+16
Language Total	69	+19	66	+16	69	+19
Mathematics Total	66	+16	65	+15	67	+17
Science Total	67	+17	62	+12	67	+17
Social Studies	64	+14	65	+15	66	+16

TerraNova 2001	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average	DoDEA MNP	Compared to National Average
	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11	
Reading Total	70	+20	72	+22	69	+19
Language Total	71	+21	72	+22	68	+18
Mathematics Total	66	+16	72	+22	67	+17
Science Total	63	+13	71	+21	68	+18
Social Studies	66	+16	72	+22	68	+18

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The following tables provide a comprehensive picture of 2000 and 2001 test performance for DoDEA students.

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TerraNova Median National Percentile
2000 and 2001 - DoDEA**

	Grade 3			Grade 4			Grade 5		
	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change
Reading Total	61	64	+3	66	69	+3	67	69	+2
Language Total	63	66	+3	64	67	+3	64	63	-1
Mathematics Total	61	64	+3	64	65	+1	63	63	0
Science Total	60	60	0	64	65	+1	66	67	+1
Social Studies	57	57	0	66	67	+1	64	65	+1

	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8		
	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change
Reading Total	65	65	0	71	70	-1	63	66	+3
Language Total	68	69	+1	66	66	0	68	69	+1
Mathematics Total	65	66	+1	65	65	0	62	67	+5
Science Total	67	67	0	64	62	-2	66	67	+1
Social Studies	65	64	-1	68	65	-3	66	66	0

	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11		
	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change	2000	2001	Change
Reading Total	70	70	0	71	72	+1	69	69	0
Language Total	70	71	+1	72	72	0	68	68	0
Mathematics Total	66	66	0	72	72	0	67	67	0
Science Total	65	63	-2	70	71	+1	65	68	+3
Social Studies	69	66	-3	74	72	-2	69	68	-1

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