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DODEA STUDENTS NEAR THE 2006 ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS
Spring 2005 Standardized Test Results Released

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) today announced the organization’s 2005 standardized test results for the TerraNova 2nd Edition. In 2002, DoDEA students were tested using the TerraNova 2nd Edition for the first time to establish TerraNova baseline results for the system so student achievement could be compared from one year to the next. DoDEA has successfully used the 2001–2006 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) to raise education standards and advance students to higher levels of achievement. From 2002–2005, DoDEA has made significant gains by increasing the percent of students in the “Above the Standard” and “At the Standard” levels by 1, 2 and 4 points in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. DoDEA has also been successful in decreasing the percent of students whose scores are in the “Below the Standard” level by 1 point in Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. DoDEA has met the 2006 goal in Language Arts by reducing the percentage of students in the “Below the Standard” performance level to 8% or less.

DoDEA Students Continue to Score Well

The standardized test provides DoDEA results that can be compared to a sample group of students across the nation. The 2005 test results show that DoDEA students’ average scores remain substantially higher 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). Thirty-seven (37) of the 45 subtest scores were 10-20 points above the national average than the 50th percentile ; six (6) subtest scores were 21-27 points higher than national average; and two (2) subtest scores were 9 points higher.

The following table provides a comprehensive picture of DoDEA 2005 TerraNova results compared with the national average which is at the 50th percentile for all subjects and all grade levels.

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DoDEA SYSTEM
All Students In Grades 3 - 11
2005 TerraNova Median National Percentiles
The National Average Is 50

GRADE	Number Test-takers	READING	LANGUAGE ARTS	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
		MNP	MNP	MNP	MNP	MNP
3	8421	59	64	66	66	63
4	7940	62	64	62	59	66
5	7638	67	67	63	60	64
6	7293	65	64	66	63	65
7	6481	63	70	64	63	63
8	5759	68	67	67	64	65
9	5144	74	68	70	71	67
10	4376	72	75	73	68	69
11	3606	77	70	69	68	68

The 2001-2006 CSP renews and refines the organization’s commitment to helping all students succeed by monitoring and measuring student progress through standardized tests. In addition, the CSP requires the reporting of student data by the percentage of students within each national percentile quarter to ensure a more accurate assessment of the academic achievement of all students. The 2001-2006 CSP has set the following high and challenging goals:

Seventy-five percent of all students will perform in the top two national percentile quarters on a standardized, norm-referenced assessment (At and Above the Standard performance levels). Fewer than 8 percent will perform at the bottom quarter level (Below the Standard performance level).

The following table provides a broad picture of the 2002-05 distribution of DoDEA students’ test scores compared to the nation’s students. The results show that the increase needed in the percentage of DoDEA students scoring in the “Above the Standard” and “At the Standard” performance levels is quite small, ranging from 4% to 8%.

Department of Defense Education Activity
2002-05 TerraNova
Percentage of Students in the “Above” and “At the Standard” Performance Levels
The National “Above” and “At the Standard” Average Is 50%

	Nation	2002	2003	2004	2005	3 Year Change	DoDEA 2006 Goal	Increase Needed to Meet 2006 Goal
Reading Total	50%	70	70	70	71	+1	75%	4%
Language Total	50%	69	70	71	71	+2	75%	4%
Mathematics Total	50%	66	67	68	68	+2	75%	7%
Science Total	50%	63	65	66	67	+4	75%	8%
Social Studies	50%	67	68	68	68	+1	75%	7%

The following table provides a display of the 2002-05 distribution of DoDEA students' test scores in the "Below the Standard" performance level. The results show that DoDEA students have met the 2006 goal in Language Arts and are very near the 2006 goal in all other subject areas.

**Department of Defense Education Activity
2002-05 TerraNova
Percentage of Students in the "Below the Standard" Performance Level
The National "Below the Standard" Level Is To 25%**

	Nation	2002	2003	2004	2005	2 Year Change	DoDEA 2006 Goal	Decrease Needed to Meet 2006 Goal
Reading Total	25%	9	9	9	9	0	8%	1%
Language Total	25%	9	9	8	8	-1	8%	MET
Mathematics Total	25%	11	11	10	10	-1	8%	2%
Science Total	25%	11	10	10	10	-1	8%	2%
Social Studies	25%	9	9	9	9	0	8%	1%

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.

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