

Assessment

DoDEA monitors student progress through the use of standardized tests. Students take the Terra Nova Achievement Test, a norm-referenced test for students in grades 3 through 11. Every year, at every grade level tested, and in every subject area, DoDEA students score above the national average.

DoDEA 4th and 8th grade students also take the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), "the Nation's Report Card." DoDDS and DDESS student scores consistently rank at or near the top of the scale when compared with the scores of other participating states and jurisdictions.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 1998-2000 DoDEA's National Rankings by Subject, Test Year, Grade, and Ethnic Group

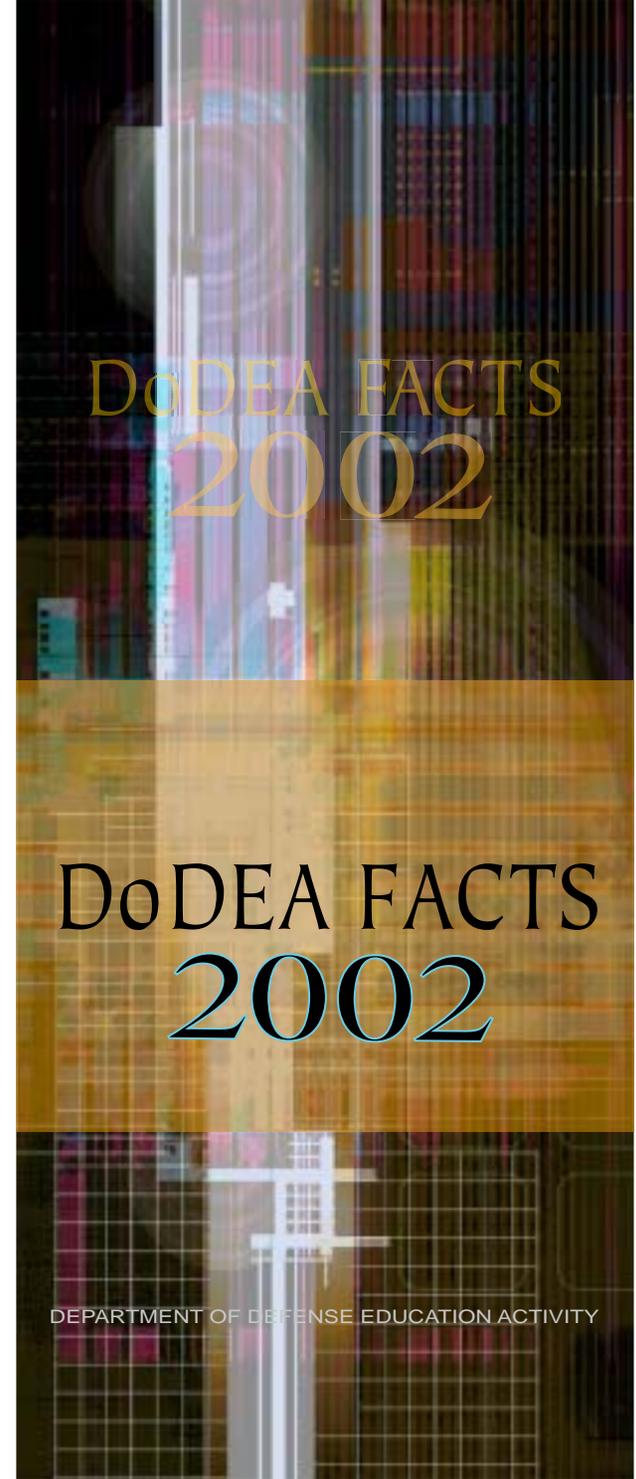
	1998 Reading		1998 Writing		2000 Math		2000 Science	
	4th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade
DoDDS (All)	5th	4th	2nd	8th	8th	8th	7th	4th
African American	1st	1st	2nd	4th	2nd	2nd	2nd	1st
Hispanic	1st	2nd	1st	4th	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd

	1998 Reading		1998 Writing		2000 Math		2000 Science	
	4th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade
DDESS (All)	7th	4th	1st	8th	8th	6th	4th	4th
African American	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	2nd
Hispanic	2nd	1st	1st	2nd	2nd	4th	1st	1st

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History

Shortly after the end of World War II, the United States military established schools for the children of its service men and women stationed in Europe and the Pacific. Schools for children of military members stationed at various bases in the United States were already well-established.

First administered by the military branches they served, the growing number of schools was soon transferred to civilian managers, then organized into two separate but parallel systems: the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) in the United States. In 1994 the two systems were brought together under an umbrella agency, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

DoDEA Today

DoDEA operates 224 public schools in 21 districts located in 14 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

All schools within DoDEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies. Approximately 8,800 teachers serve DoDEA's 106,000 students.

	DoDDS	DDESS
Districts	10	11
Schools	155	69
Teachers	6,221	2,614
Students	73,663	32,523

Locations of DoDEA Schools (School Year 2001-2002)

DoDDS	DDESS
Bahrain	Alabama
Belgium	Georgia
Cuba	Kentucky
England	New York
Germany	North Carolina
Greece	South Carolina
Iceland	Virginia
Italy	
Japan	Guam
Korea	Puerto Rico
The Netherlands	
Portugal	
Spain	
Turkey	



Organization

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is a civilian agency of the U.S. Department of Defense. It is headed by a director who oversees all agency functions from DoDEA headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

DoDEA's schools are divided into three areas, each of which is managed by an area director. Within each of these three areas, schools are organized into districts headed by superintendents.

Serving the Military Community

DoDEA's schools serve the children of military service members and Department of Defense civilian employees throughout the world. Children of enlisted military personnel represent 80 percent of the total enrollment in DoDEA schools.

Parent/Guardian Affiliation	DoDDS	DDESS
Army	35%	60%
Navy	14%	10%
Marine Corps	6%	16%
Air Force	32%	7%
National Guard	0%	1%
Civilian	12%	5%

Instructional Program

The DoDEA instructional program provides a comprehensive prekindergarten through 12th grade curriculum that is competitive with that of any school system in the United States.

DoDEA maintains a high school graduation rate of approximately 97%. The 3,066 graduating seniors in DoDEA's Class of 2001 earned more than \$28 million in scholarships and grants.