

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) 1998-2002
DoDEA’s National Rankings by Subject, Test, Year, Grade, and Ethnic Group**

	2002 Reading		1998 Writing	2000 Math		2000 Science	
	4th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade
DDESS (All)	4th	2nd	1st	8th	9th	6th	4th
African American	1st	2nd	1st	1st	1st	1st	2nd
Hispanic	2nd	1st	1st	2nd	4th	1st	1st

	2002 Reading		1998 Writing	2000 Math		2000 Science	
	4th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade	4th Grade	8th Grade
DoDDS (All)	5th	1st	2nd	8th	8th	7th	4th
African American	1st	1st	2nd	4th	2nd	2nd	1st
Hispanic	2nd	2nd	1st	4th	2nd	2nd	2nd



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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).

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 85 percent of the total enrollment in DoDEA schools.

Parent/Guardian Affiliation	DoDDS	DDESS
Army	35%	62%
Navy	15%	9%
Marine Corps	6%	15%
Air Force	29%	7%
Civilian	15%	6%

DODEA TODAY

DoDEA operates 222 public schools in 20 districts located in 13 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

All schools within DoDEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies. Approximately 8,785 teachers serve DoDEA's 102,600 students.

	DoDDS	DDESS
Districts	8	12
Schools	153	69
Teachers	6,185	2,600
Students	71,100	31,500

**Locations of DoDEA Schools
(School Year 2002-2003)**

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

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 3,102 graduating seniors in DoDEA's Class of 2002 earned more than \$35 million in scholarships and grants.

