Non-DoD Schools Program
Family Budget Planning Tool Guide

Please note, this is an estimation of costs to help parents get an idea of an approximate amount of money they may be responsible for – DoDEA /NDSP is not bound by the estimation worksheet.
Congratulations on your upcoming overseas tour! This is an exciting time for your family. The key to a successful tour is being prepared and shaping your expectations. This is a tool that will help you “Know Before you Go!”

Part of being prepared is getting all of the information you need to make informed decisions.

This PPT we will walk you through a tool to help you understand the costs that are reimbursable through NDSP, and what costs you may bear as the sponsor. It is important that you go through the NDSP Online Orientation https://content.dodea.edu/VS/pd/ndsp/ndsp_orientation/index.html prior to completing Family Planning Budget Tool.
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1. Enter your child’s name First name, last name

2. Enter the Sponsor’s name First name, last name.

3. Enter the Service and rank of the Sponsor.
4. Enter the location of the post/installation that is listed on your orders. (please note that your NDSP education allowance is based on where you are assigned, not where you live.)

5. Use Google maps or any other mapping application to find the nearest major city to your post.
6. Enter the name of the school your child will attend.

7. Enter the type of school (home school, online virtual school, public school, private day school, private boarding school)
8. DSSR Education Allowance Rate:
   - Click on the link “find my DSSR education allowance”
   - This will open the Department of State Standardized Regulations Search by country webpage.
   - If you are using Home Study/Private Instruction, the rate is $10,600 for grades K-8 and $18,200 for grades 9-12.
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8. DSSR Education Allowance con’t:

– Find the country where your post is located

Country: AFGHANISTAN

– Find the closest city to your post

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8. DSSR Education Allowance con’t:

- Find the closest city to your post

- In the row of the post city, click on VIEW in the Education Allowance column.
Understanding the DSSR

• When the At Post and the Away from Post rate are the same amount, it means that there are adequate schools available.

• If the Away from Post rate is higher, that means that there is not an adequate school at location. You use the Away from Post Rate if your child will be attending boarding school.

• Please note that Boarding school in NDSP is only an option for 6-12th grades.

### Education Allowance In U.S. Dollars (DSSR 270)

**NETHERLANDS: Amsterdam**
Rates Effective: 09/23/2012

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Understanding the DSSR

- Location of duty station (not where you choose to live)

- Each grade level has a DSSR.

- The Away from Post rate is used when you choose to use a boarding school. It is best to check with the NDSP Liaison or NDSP HQ when you are unsure of which rate to use.

- Remember that the sum of all annual costs must be at or below the DSSR. Anything above that amount is the responsibility of the sponsor.
8. DSSR Education Allowance con’t:
   - Find your child’s grade
   - Enter this amount here on the budget worksheet
9. One time fees

- One time fees are separate for schools AT POST because they do not count against your DSSR. The fees listed here are all covered by NDSP. If you come across a different fee, please check with NDSP to see if it is covered. Your school may/may not have all of the fees listed, or may include fees that are not listed. If the child is homeschooled or attending a boarding school, the fees in this column (e.g. application and registration fees) count against the DSSR allowance rate and will need to be entered in the into the expense amount in the “other” field.

- Enter all of the fees for your school.
10. Expenses

- Listed here you will find the most common expenses. If the school you have chosen does not break down the costs of tuition to show the fees, you must ask for an itemized fee schedule. NDSP will not pay an invoice if the tuition and fees are not broken down.

- Enter all of the fees for your school. If the block is blacked out, that means it is not covered by NDSP and you need to put that expense in the “MY COST” column.
11. Totals

- The NDSP total is the estimated amount that NDSP will pay.
- The middle column shows how much of the DSSR is left, or if you have exceeded the DSSR.
- If the child is homeschooling or in a boarding school, you will need to be aware that the One Time Fees (e.g. application/registration fees) are part of an Expense Amt. Enter these amounts in the “other” column.
- The “My Cost” column will show an APPROXIMATE amount of money the sponsor will be responsible for.
- If there are Expenses over the DSSR Allowance are added to your cost total.
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There are several locations that utilize a different DSSR.

– For Volkel: use Belgium, Kleine Brogel rate
– Pfullendorf, Germany: use Germany Other rate
– If your location is not listed
– United Kingdom: The following locations utilize the LONDON rate:
  • Cheltenham
  • Innsworth
  • Fairford
  • Northwood
  • High Wycombe
  • Bristol
  • Loudwater
  • London
  • Chattenden
  • Feltham
  • Edison House
  • Blenheim Crescent
  • Welford
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