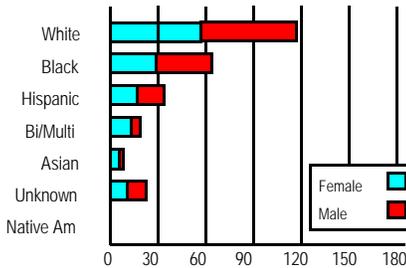




**Department of Defense Education Activity
Giessen Elementary School (K-6)
1999/00 School Profile
David Russell, Principal**

School Characteristics

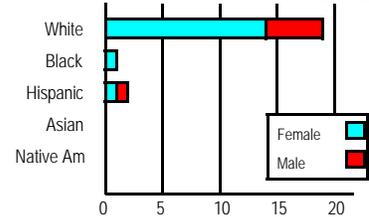
Student Enrollment - 265



Grade	#
K	60
1	41
2	43
3	43
4	27
5	28
6	23
Total	265

Sponsor Affiliation	
Marine	<.5%
Army	94%
Navy	<.5%
Air Force	<.5%
Coast Guard	<.5%
Non-US Military	<.5%
US Civilians	6%
Non-US Civilians	<.5%

Professional Staffing



School Staff	
Category	FTE
Administrators	1
Classroom Teachers	14
Special Education	2
Other Professionals	7

Special Programs			
Grade Offered	Program	#	%
PK-12	Special Education	38	14%
K-8	TAG	35	13%
K-12	ESL	41	15%
1	Reading Recovery	8	20%
7-12	AVID	N/A	
AP Courses Offered		N/A	
Students Taking AP Courses		N/A	N/A

Teacher Experience	
Years	Teachers
New	0
1-2	1
3-9	1
10-20	5
> 20	12

**Mobility Rate
39% Per Year**

Teacher Education	
Degree	% Teachers
BA/BS	24 %
MA/MS	76 %
Doctorate	0 %

Principal's Highlights

The Giessen Elementary School parents, teachers, and staff coordinated a total community effort for the improvement of student learning. The Home School Partnership was extended to include opportunities for Parents as Teachers. Our parents participate in computer training classes, and provide assistance to classroom teachers on a regular basis. Over 3,500 volunteer hours have been logged this year. The school has held ADHD parent support groups, PTSA programs, and special classroom events. Our parents plan, organize, and run our Science Day, Field Day, and Spirit Days. Our pre-school story hour and open library for the community is very successful. The integration of technology to include intra-school web pages and a school web site have facilitated learning for students as well communicating to parents. The writing assessment indicates continued growth with the use of the Alpha smarts and parental support in the lab. The latest math Terra Nova testing indicates a significant closure of the gap between all student groups within the school. We are always excited to celebrate the success of all.

**DoDEA Strategic Plan: School Improvement Implementation
School Year 99/00 Priorities**

Goal 3: Student Achievement And Citizenship
Benchmark 3.1: Increase Proficiency in Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies...
 The specific focus was writing across the curriculum to increase students' proficiency of writing skills; with an emphasis on mechanics and grammar. Although the four-point rubric continued to set the standard for each grade level, the grammatical and mechanics standards were given more consideration. The results of our assessments showed growth in all grades.

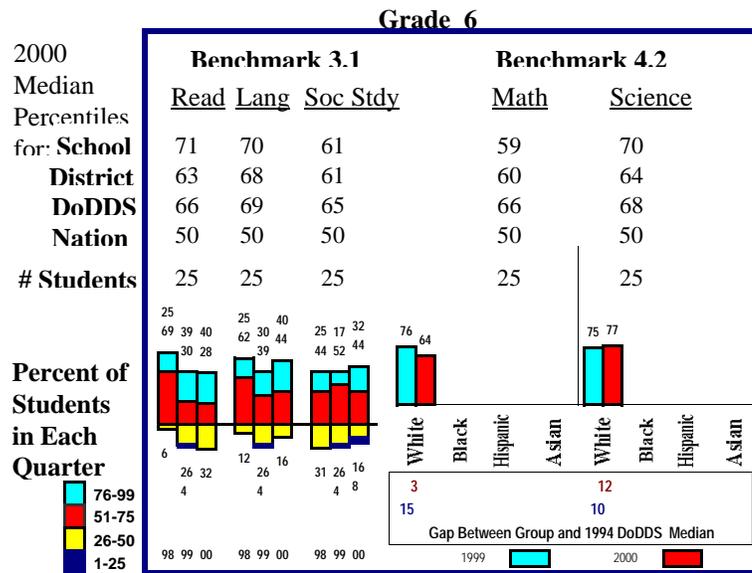
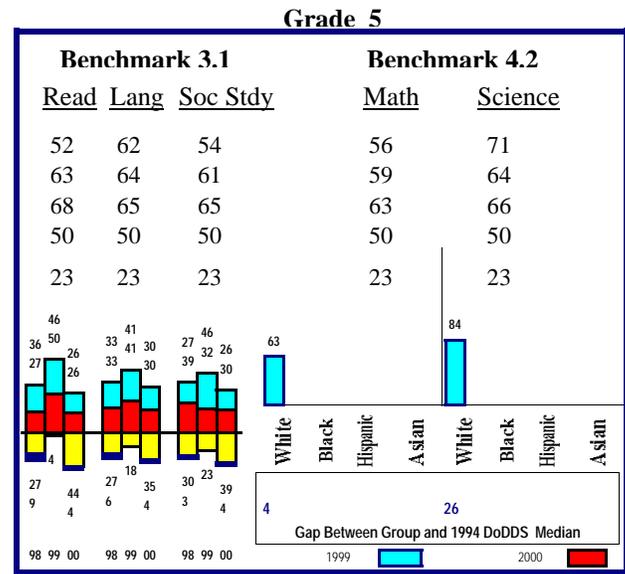
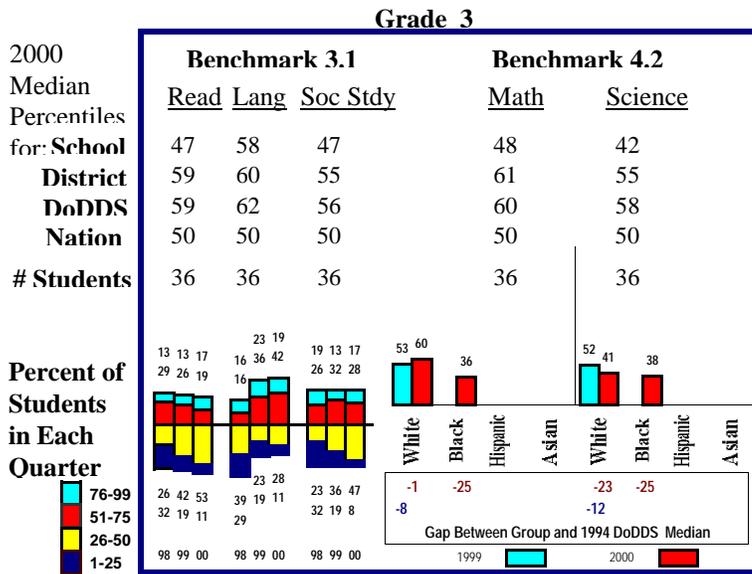
Goal 4: Math And Science Achievement
Benchmark 4.2: Narrow Achievement Gap between Racial/Ethnic/Gender Grps.
 To narrow the achievement between racial/ethnic/gender groups in math, we identified students we wanted to focus on. Emphasis was placed on communicating problem-solving strategies. Actively involved parents, the use of math journals, daily tune-ups, a school-wide Y2K project, and focus on the math standards in all grade levels were successful strategies to meet our goal.

Goal 10: Organizational Development
Benchmark 10.7: Effective Communication Sys. for all DoDEA constituencies...
 Giessen Elementary School is very strong in home-school communications. Parent newsletters go out on a monthly basis with each student and are also available on our web site. Ninety-four percent of our parents believe teachers are available when they need to speak with them.

Benchmark 10.8: Establish technology for teachers and administrators.....
 Our focus for this year was to utilize computers to enhance the academic curriculum through School/Student Web Pages. A school web page has been established, and class pages have been set up and utilized by 6 classrooms and 2 specialists. Our school newsletter is now available to parents on our web site, and a database of parental e-mail addresses is also available.

Customer Satisfaction Survey-Parent Results			
Major Category	School	District	DoDDS
Computer Technology	7.8	7.4	7.1
Communications/ Involvement	7.3	6.7	6.7
Child's Teacher(s)	8.2	7.4	7.3
Curriculum/Training	6.2	5.9	6.2
Overall Satisfaction	7.2	6.5	6.8
Rating Scale: 10(A); 7(B); 4(C); 1(D); 0(F)			

Goal 8: Parental Participation
Benchmark 8.1: Implement/Evaluate Multi-Tiered School-Home Partnership.....
 Our parents participate in computer training classes, and provide assistance to classroom teachers on a regular basis. Over 3,500 volunteer hours have been logged this year. The school has held ADHD parent support groups, PTSA programs, and special classroom events. Our pre-school story hour and open library for the community is very successful.



SAT Results					
	School	District	DoDDS	Nation	
% Participating	99	NA	59%	63%	43%
	00	NA	56%	64%	44%
Math Avg Score	99	NA	468	501	511
	00	NA	467	501	514
Verbal Avg Score	99	NA	496	506	505
	00	NA	486	505	505

Notes

Customer Satisfaction Survey: The Parent Satisfaction Ratings above are only a part of the full report available for each school, district, area, and system. This report provides indepth information on topics such as technology, curriculum, parent involvement/communication, school buses and other topics.

CTBS Test Results: A Percentile score indicates the % of students nationally who scored below that score. Quarter(s) are the four percentile ranges: 1-25th, 26-50th, 51-75th, and 76-99th. Gaps are the differences between the group median percentiles and the 1994 DoDDS baseline medians.

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DoDEA Writing Assessment								
Grade	Yr	Number Tested	Benchmark Criteria 75% => Proficient	Percent at Each Performance Level				
				Distinguished	Proficient	Apprentice	Novice/ Undeveloped	Not Scoreable
5	00	23	Met	9%	91%	0%	0%	0%
5	99	23	Met	4%	91%	4%	0%	0%
5	98	24	Met	4%	92%	4%	0%	0%