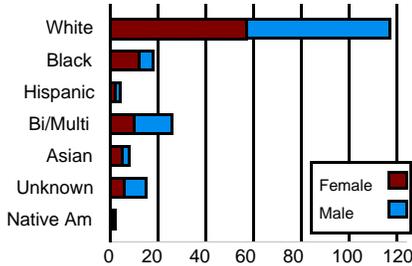




**Department of Defense Education Activity  
Gaeta Elementary/Junior High School (PK-8)  
1995/96 School Profile  
Robert Kirkpatrick, Principal**

**School Characteristics**

**Student Enrollment - 189**



**Special Programs**

Grade Offered	Program	#	%
PK-12	Special Education	11	6%
K-8	TAG	27	14%
K-12	ESL	0	0%
1	Reading Recovery	N/A	N/A
7-12	AVID	N/A	
AP Courses Offered		N/A	
Students Taking AP Courses		N/A	N/A

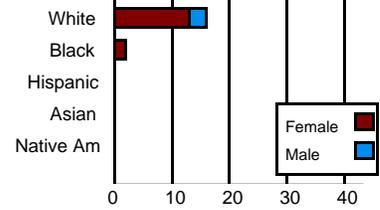
Grade	#
PreK	1
K	23
1	28
2	20
3	27
4	23
5	21
6	17
7	16
8	13
Total	189

Mobility Rate  
27% Per Year

Sponsor's Affiliation	
Marine	2%
Army	1%
Navy	93%
Air Force	1%
Coast Guard	<.5%
Non-US Military	<.5%
US Civilians	4%
Non-US Civilians	<.5%

Teacher Experience	
Years	Teachers
New	
1-3	
4-6	
7-10	
> 10	

**Professional Staffing**



**School Staff**

Category	FTE
Administrators	1
Classroom Teachers	9
Special Education	1
Other Professionals	3.5

**Teacher Education**

Degree	% Teachers
BA/BS	17%
MA/MS	83%
Doctorate	0%

**Principal's Highlights**

Gaeta ES has been serving the educational needs of the dependents of COMSIXTHFLEET and the Flag Ship since 1976. During that time programs have been expanded and the quality of education has steadily risen. For the past three years the scores for each grade level tested on the CTBS have been significantly above the national average.

This community and this school hold high expectations for students. Currently, 35% to 40% of eligible students earn the honor roll recognition. Gaeta American School is making rapid progress in the application of technology to learning. Students are learning skills that place them equal to or ahead of their parents, most of whom are college graduates.

Currently we are striving to become the model for DoDEA in our "school and partnership program." In the initiation of our School Improvement Program we were careful to gain active participation from students, parents, military community friends, and teachers. From this strong beginning has come the foundation of strong school/home/command support.

This school is a community of happy, self motivated learners who are actively engaged in reaching for high standards. Study trips, drama, music, counseling, Italian language, computer literacy, and festivals enrich our curriculum. GAETA KIDS ARE GREAT LEARNERS AND PEOPLE.

**DoDEA Strategic Plan: School Improvement Implementation  
School Year 95/96 Priorities**

**Goal 3: Student Achievement And Citizenship**

**Benchmark 3.1: Increase Proficiency in Reading, Lang Arts, and Soc. Studies.....**  
Currently we have initiated a "writing across the curriculum" program that has the full support of all of the instructional staff. For the first time, students are frequently writing in mathematics, science, and social studies, in addition to language arts classes. Our staff development plan includes Writers' Workshop training for all instructors.

**Goal 4: Math And Science Achievement**

**Benchmark 4.2: Narrow Achievement Gap between Racial/Ethnic/Gender Grps.....**  
1995 CTBS scores indicated a narrow gap between minority and majority pop scores. Faculty adopted a plan based on the TESA model for reducing ethnic and gender inequities. Currently, we have initiated a "tutoring" program sponsored by special interest groups to assist with this achievement goal. Test Ready materials and cooperative learning are having a positive impact.

**Goal 8: Parental Participation**

**Benchmark 8.1: Implement/Evaluate Multi-Tiered School-Home Partnership.....**  
An informal survey revealed that a small percentage of parents perform an enormous amount of volunteer work. Another 30% of the parents volunteer a small amount of time and the rest are rather disconnected from the mainstream of events at school. Plans are underway through the SIP and SAC combined program, to organize a "volunteer center" at the school.

**Goal 10: Organizational Development**

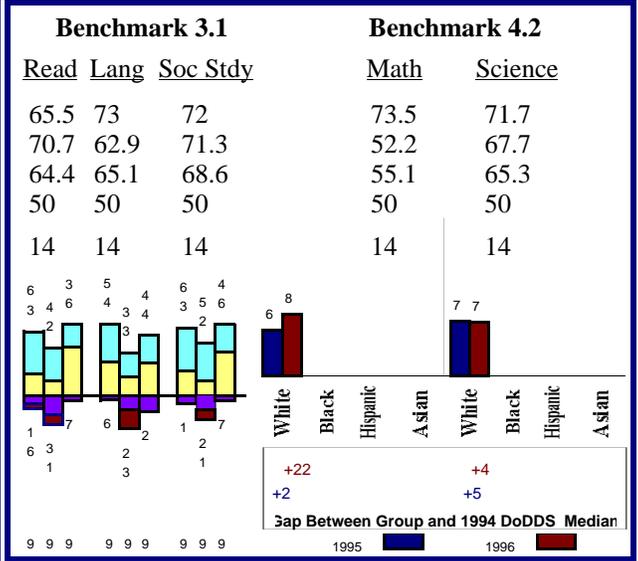
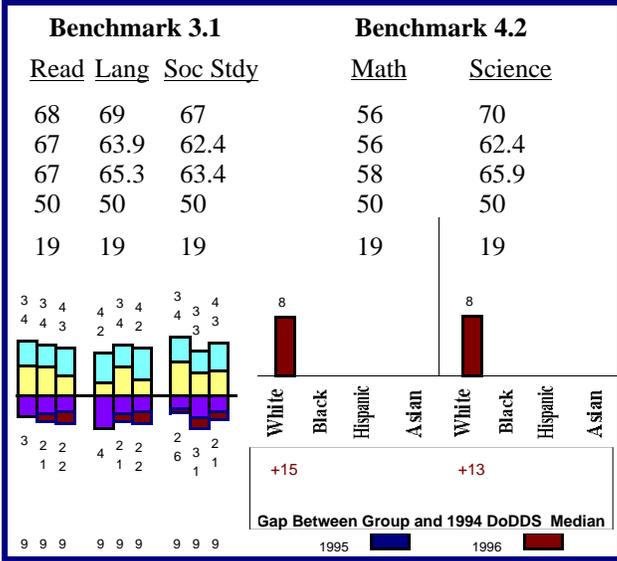
**Benchmark 10.7: Effective Communication Sys. for all DoDEA constituencies.....**  
This year we initiated an informational program from the FAST model. "Success Packets" for minority parents were periodically mailed and small discussion groups were held. An Internet connection between the school and the Flag Ship has been established. Teacher newsletters, a video yearbook, e-mail, Parent Newsletters, and PTSA curriculum presentations provided.

Report Card from DoDDS Parents			
Overall Quality	A/B	C	D/F
Language Arts	67%	22%	9%
Math	64%	21%	11%
Science	47%	28%	13%
Social Studies	63%	19%	8%
School Communications	43%	21%	19%

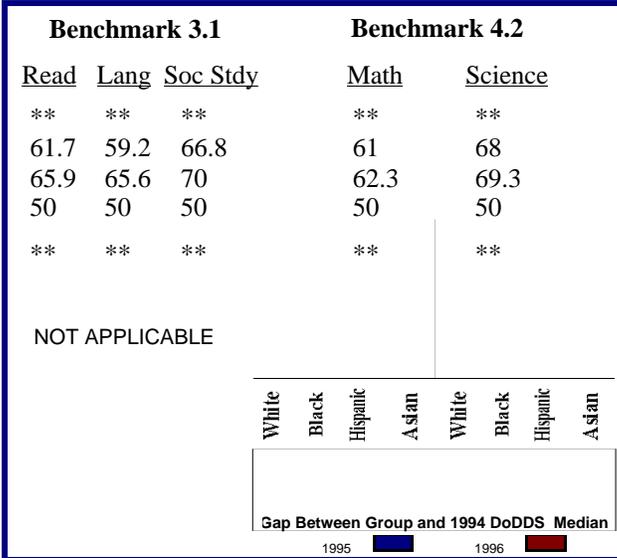
**Benchmark 10.8: Establish Technology for teachers and administrators**  
 In a short time we have come a long way in our technological development. Recently, we were able to network the school. Internet service was added to our media center. Through staff development and providing intimate contact daily with technology, we will increase staff competencies in this area.

**CTBS Test Results**

1996  
 Median  
 Percentiles  
 for: **School**  
**District**  
**DoDDS**  
**Nation**  
 # Students  
 Percent of  
 Students  
 in Each  
 Quarter



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SAT Results					
		School	District	DoDDS	Nation
% Participating	1994	N/A	71%	66%	42%
	1995	N/A	73%	64%	41%
Math Avg Score	1994	N/A	458	472	479
	1995	N/A	488	480	482
Verbal Avg Score	1994	N/A	441	430	423
	1995	N/A	440	435	428

**Notes**

**Mobility Rate** is defined as the % of students who enter or withdraw from a school during the year relative to the enrollment.

**SAT Results:** Because of the way the College Board reports this data, the % Participating is generally overestimated.

**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	Mean Scale Score	Percent at Each Performance Level					
				Distinguished	Proficient	Apprentice	Novice/ Undeveloped	Not Scoreable	
5	9	13	764.2	31%	31%	39%	0%	0%	
5	9	17	731.5	24%	41%	18%	18	0%	
5	9	18	753.8	33%	61%	6%	0%	0%	
8	9								
8	9	13	799.1	46%	31%	8%	15	0%	
8	9	8	*	38%	25%	38%	0%	0%	