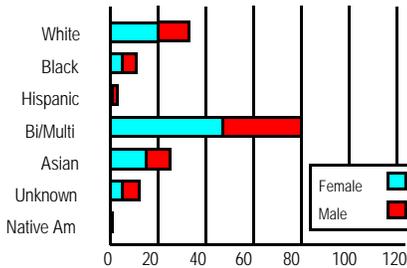




**Department of Defense Education Activity
Richard E. Byrd Elementary School (PK-6)
1999/00 School Profile
Thomas Whitaker, Principal**

School Characteristics

Student Enrollment - 165



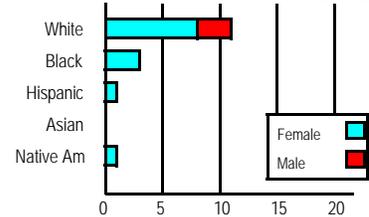
Grade	#
PreK	19
K	22
1	30
2	13
3	11
4	28
5	24
6	18
Total	165

Sponsor Affiliation	
Marine	<.5%
Army	1%
Navy	82%
Air Force	<.5%
Coast Guard	<.5%
Non-US Military	<.5%
US Civilians	16%
Non-US Civilians	<.5%

Teacher Experience	
Years	Teachers
New	0
1-2	1
3-9	6
10-20	2
> 20	8

**Mobility Rate
29% Per Year**

Professional Staffing



School Staff	
Category	FTE
Administrators	1
Classroom Teachers	10
Special Education	2
Other Professionals	4

Teacher Education	
Degree	% Teachers
BA/BS	25 %
MA/MS	75 %
Doctorate	0 %

Principal's Highlights

Richard E. Byrd Elementary School is a Pre-K through sixth grade school of about 175 students. It is located in the Negishi Housing Area near the center of Yokohama, 30 miles south of Tokyo. Negishi is a small housing area attached to "Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY)", a large U.S. Navy Base about one hour drive south of Yokohama. Most of our students live on base and walk to school.

Byrd School enjoys active parent and volunteer participation in school programs as well as in the School Improvement process. We have an extremely active and supportive Parent Teacher Organization. In addition to the popular parent-teacher organized Family Reading Night, Math Night, and annual camp out. Parents and other volunteers are involved with children at school in the classrooms, extra-curricular activities, and other teacher and support roles. Faculty and PTO efforts result in creating a true community school atmosphere.

**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...
At Byrd School we held competitive activities to increase interest in reading. Classes posted tails on kites to list books read, parents were surveyed to determine the amount of reading to their children, and surveys were done to determine individual reading done outside home. Performance scores were noticeably higher on 99-00 SY Terra Nova from 98-99 SY.

Goal 4: Math And Science Achievement
Benchmark 4.2: Narrow Achievement Gap between Racial/Ethnic/Gender Grps.
Through careful analysis of the Terra Nova test results we identified those students not served by special classes and also not performing at their peer level of achievement and have studied ways to raise their performance levels in all areas, particularly reading comprehension.

Goal 10: Organizational Development
Benchmark 10.7: Effective Communication Sys. for all DoDEA constituencies...
The community is involved with our School Improvement Plan in improving reading comprehension. Various requests were made of the parents to implement the SIP. Surveys were sent out to determine how many minutes of parent to child reading occurs, and how many books are checked out per child. The school and the community work together to improve

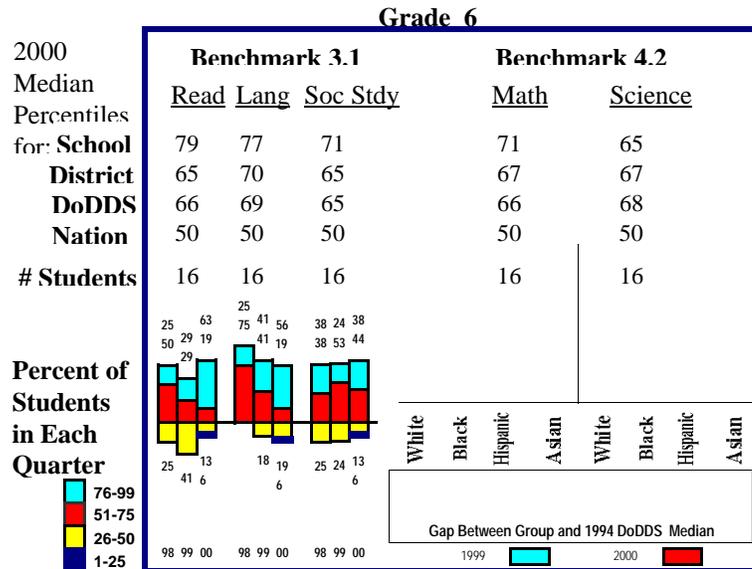
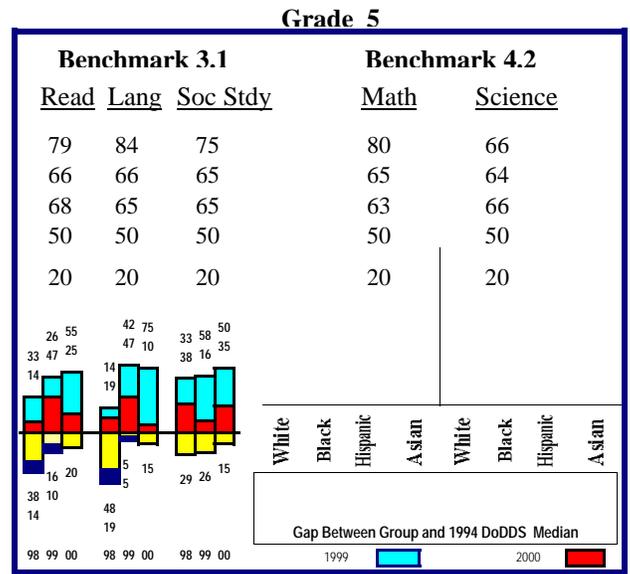
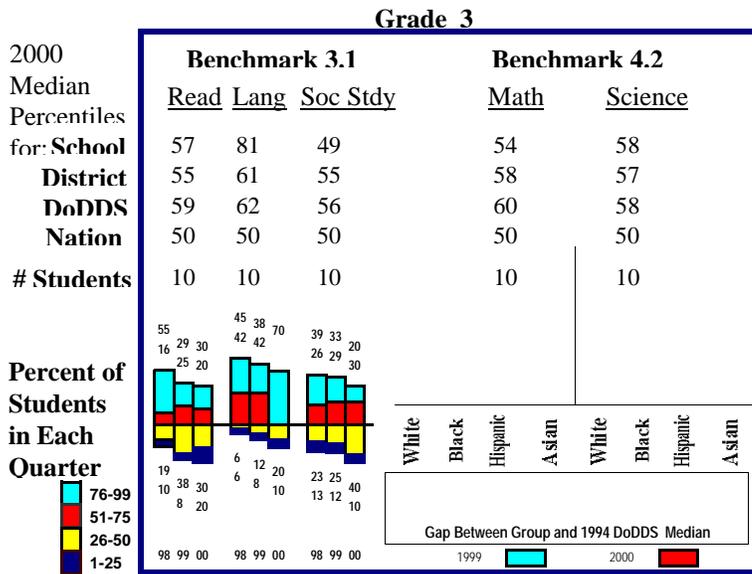
Benchmark 10.8: Establish technology for teachers and administrators.....
Additional computers were received so that there are several in each classroom, the computer lab in the Information Center, and special classrooms. The AT and ET schedule provides us teaching and technical assistance nearly everyday. Several teacher training events were offered. All systems have Internet access.

Customer Satisfaction Survey-Parent Results			
Major Category	School	District	DoDDS
Computer Technology	8.1	6.8	7.1
Communications/ Involvement	7.9	6.8	6.7
Child's Teacher(s)	8.1	7.3	7.3
Curriculum/Training	7.3	6.4	6.2
Overall Satisfaction	7.9	6.9	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.....

Byrd Elementary is fortunate to have a very supportive community and PTO who are constantly willing to support our program. We recently set up a web site which helps the community know what programs are being offered. Weekly newsletters are sent home sharing calendar events and news about the school.



SAT Results					
	School	District	DoDDS	Nation	
% Participating	99	NA	52%	63%	43%
	00	NA	58%	64%	44%
Math Avg Score	99	NA	496	501	511
	00	NA	491	501	514
Verbal Avg Score	99	NA	493	506	505
	00	NA	491	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					Percent at Each Performance Level				
Grade	Yr	Number Tested	Benchmark Criteria	Distinguished	Proficient	Apprentice	Novice/ Undeveloped	Not Scoreable	
			75% => Proficient						
5	00	20	Met	35%	65%	0%	0%	0%	
5	99	18	Met	28%	72%	0%	0%	0%	
5	98	20	Met	40%	60%	0%	0%	0%	