

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY (DoDEA) PARENT ORGANIZATIONAL NAMES SINCE 1946



While DoDEA has had many names over the years and still has different names in our guiding legislation (DSS, USDESEA DoDDS, Section 6, DDESS), the school system today has, in fact, been a unified one since 1992 under one organization, DoDEA.

Overseas Schools

1992	Department of Defense Education Activity	(DoDEA)
1978	Department of Defense Dependents Schools	(DoDDS)
1976	Office of Overseas Dependents Education	(OODE)
1967	United States Dependents Schools, European Area	(USDESEA)
1964	Office of Dependents Schools	(ODS)
1956	57135 th School Group, Europe	(5713thSG)
1954	Dependents Schools Group Dependents Schools Group, Far East Command	(DSG)
1952	Dependents Education Organization	(DEO)
1948	Dependents Schools Division Dependents Schools Division, Far East Command	(DSD)
1946	Dependents School Service American Dependents School, Far East Army Forces Far East (AAFE) Dependents Schools	(DSS)

Parent/Supporting Organizations today

DoDEA

- ❖ Americas
- ❖ Europe
- ❖ Pacific

- ❖ (DDESS)

Authority: DoDDS
10 U.S.C. §2164:

Authority: DDESS
20 U.S.C. §§ 921-932

Domestic Schools

1994 ¹	DoD Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools	(DDESS)
1992 ²	Section 6 School (DoDEA)	(Section 6 Schools)
1981 ³	Section 6 Schools (DoD)	(Section 6 Schools)
1950 ⁴	Section 6 Schools (Office of Education)	(Section 6 Schools)

¹ Public Law No. 103-337 replaced Section 6 legislation which was repealed and renamed the school system the Department of Defense Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS). In 1994 DDESS and Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) were brought together under an umbrella agency, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

² DoD Dir. 1342.21 establishes Section 6 schools as an organizational element of DoDEA

³ The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (Public Law No. 97-35) transferred responsibility for the Section 6 schools to the Secretary of Defense. Centralized in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Personnel Support, Families and Education in 1990.

⁴ Federal consolidating the funding and operation of these installation-run schools under the authority of Section 6 of Public Law No. 81-874.