



## DR. BETH STEPHENS

Dr. Beth Stephens served as Director of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (now Department of Defense Education Activity) from 1982 – 1986

Dr. Stephens was a native of Texas and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1942, her Master's Degree in Educational Psychology (Special Education) in 1958, and her Doctorate in Education Psychology (Special Education) in 1964 from the University of Texas. Other education was received from Columbia University, Tulane University, Peabody College, and the University of Geneva (Switzerland).

Prior to serving as Director of DoDDS, Dr. Stephens served as a professor of special education at the University of Texas in Dallas. There, she supervised the professional staff, taught students, and was the principal investigator for numerous research, demonstration, and training projects. She conducted original

research which addressed educational psychology and cognitive development strategies for educating the learning disabled, early learning, and the correlation of personality and success.

Dr. Stephens participated in state and national level planning of educational programs and served as a member of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. She received a great deal of recognition throughout her career as a professional educator, evidenced by her listings in "Who's Who in the East," "Who's Who in American Women," "Leaders in Education," "American Men of Science," and "Who's Who in the Southwest."