



# Fact Sheet

The Department of Defense is committed to ensuring that all children of military families are provided a world class education that prepares them to be successful in their careers, leading contributors in their communities and productive citizens in the 21st century.

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is the umbrella organization that unites efforts to provide quality educational opportunities and services to military dependents around the globe. DoDEA plans, directs, coordinates, and manages the education programs for Department of Defense (DoD) dependents who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality public education. DoDEA has a long and proud history of serving military families at locations around the globe.

- DoDEA is primarily responsible for operating the DoD elementary and secondary school system, ensuring the students that attend DoDEA schools remain on track towards being ready for college or a career upon high school graduation.
- DoDEA also arranges and financially supports educational requirements for eligible dependents not able to attend a DoDEA school (overseas and in four U.S. locations).
- We are globally positioned, operating 160 accredited schools in 8 districts located in 11 foreign countries, 7 states, Guam, and Puerto Rico (includes the DoDEA Virtual School).

## A Unique School System

- One of two Federally operated elementary / secondary school systems
- Globally dispersed – 3 Regions, 8 Districts, 160 schools
- HQ fulfills various roles:
  - » DoDEA is a DoD Field Activity aligned under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).
  - » Dual responsibility for the equivalent of a State Department of Education and a Public School District.
  - » 29 different school configurations serving 66,000+ students.

## Strategic Landscape

- National movement to improve student readiness to meet the higher demands of today's colleges and careers
- Mobile student-base
- DoD efforts to improve auditability, accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency
- Military-connected student readiness: positively influenced by parental employment / emphasis on education, housing, medical care
- Partners with and supports U.S. public school districts with a military-connected student population of 5% or more



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## Focus on Continuous Improvement

DoDEA's mission is sustained, maintained and guided by the DoDEA Blueprint for Continuous Improvement, which serves as the foundation for all planning within DoDEA and directs our collective energies and resources as we strive to realize our vision. <https://www.dodea.edu/Blueprint/index.cfm>

## DoDEA's Vision statement

*Vision:* Excellence in Education for Every Student, Every Day, Everywhere

*Mission:* Educate, Engage, and Empower military-connected students to succeed in a dynamic world.

*Core Values:*

- Student Centered: Students are at the heart of all we do.
- Excellence: We strive to exceed expectations in all we do.
- Continuous Improvement: Our organization, its systems, and processes will be continually reexamined and improved.
- Diversity: We honor the uniqueness of each individual and embrace diverse beliefs and backgrounds. We respect differences and create inclusive environments which contribute to a better society for all.
- Individual Potential: Individuals develop within an environment that nurtures intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and creative growth.
- Lifelong Learning: Learning is an active process of discovery where we cultivate curiosity, perseverance, and the desire to learn.
- Shared Responsibility: Partnerships among families, students, staff, and community members are characterized by mutual commitment and collaborative effort that enrich the lives of our students.
- Trust: We value relationships based on integrity, mutual respect, and open two-way communication. We cultivate a safe and risk-free culture that encourages and inspires innovation.

## DoDEA Schools Scored Best in the U.S. on Nation's Report Card\*

Fourth and eighth-grade students attending Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools led the nation in scoring on the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Reading Assessment and 4th Grade Mathematics Assessment. DoDEA ranked second in the 2019 NAEP 8th Grade Mathematics Assessment. This year's fourth and eighth-grade student performance builds on DoDEA's strong showing in 2017 on the NAEP Reading and Mathematics Assessments.

DoDEA students' average scale scores ranged from 10 to 18 percentage points higher than corresponding national average scores, and mostly increased while national average scores mostly decreased.

*\* The 2021 NAEP was postponed until 2022. The NAEP was not administered in 2020.*

## For more information, visit:

DoDEA -- [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu)

Partnership and Outreach -- [www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu](http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu)

Facebook -- [www.facebook.com/dodea.edu](https://www.facebook.com/dodea.edu)

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