

# DoDEA - *Pacific* (comprised of DoDDS Pacific/DDESS Guam)



*Inspiring & preparing  
our students for success in a  
global environment.*

## Area Overview

DoDEA-Pacific operates four districts (Guam, Japan, Korea, and Okinawa), 47 schools, and 24,000 students affiliated with 18 military installations within the Pacific. Like many schools in the United States, DoDEA-Pacific schools are accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).



DoDEA-Pacific Schools are geographically dispersed over 1.2 million square miles throughout the Pacific Theater. In addition to a rigorous core curriculum, DoDEA-Pacific Schools offer a wide array of electives including distance learning and professional technical career courses.



Scholastic and athletic programs at each school are similar to those found in stateside school districts. DoDEA-Pacific also sponsors 22 Far East Activities to encourage student participation in festivals, symposiums, and competitions to showcase their creative, academic, and athletic talents.

As a result of the geographic spread, students experience a unique blend of the local Far East culture, customs, and traditions. Schools host many cultural events and activities annually with their local communities, including programs focusing on the visual and performing arts, music, and educational exchanges involving students, curriculum, and instruction. These examples of collaboration

and cooperation between faculty members, families, service members, and the community result in a myriad of cultural activities that provide students with experiences they will remember for a lifetime.



## Enrollment by Grade Level for DoDEA-Pacific

Grade Level	PK	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12
No. Enrolled	1864	2411	2253	2083	2173	1973	1899	1787	1670	1596	1503	1259	1118	939



### Ms. Diana Ohman, Director of DoDEA - Pacific

She joined DoDEA in 1999 as the Director of schools in Europe, after serving four years as Wyoming's Secretary of State and de facto Lieutenant Governor.

In addition to having more than 19 years' experience as an educator, school principal, and special education director in several school districts throughout Wyoming, Ms. Ohman served as the state's Superintendent of Public Instruction, supervising 49 school districts with 100,000 students and 7,000 teachers.

### Area Highlights

**Ryukyu Middle School**, located in the Okinawa District, opened its doors to over 600 students on Kadena Air Base in October 2008. Ryukyu MS is the largest middle school in the Pacific. The \$47 million, 20-acre campus includes modern classrooms, a 400-meter track, 25-meter pool, and football and soccer fields.

**DoDEA Pacific officials** are closely involved in tour normalization planning for U.S. service members and their families stationed in South Korea. Plans call for transitioning current 12-month unaccompanied tours by U.S. service members to 24-month accompanied tours in support of changing mission requirements.

**At Osan Air Base in South Korea, Osan Middle School**, scheduled to open on time in August 2009, was built to accommodate 350 students. The \$17.5 million project features state-of-the-art labs, comprehensive athletic facilities, a dedicated television production room, and a parking structure for 380 vehicles. A \$2.5 million, 2-story addition of 8 classrooms and teacher space to Osan High School was also completed in 2009, and a \$1.5 million, 7,450 square foot music facility was built to serve both Osan MS and HS.

**At the Yongsan complex in Seoul**, 6 classrooms were added over the summer to accommodate up to 150 more elementary school students. At Camp Humphreys, located about an hour south of Seoul near Pyeongtaek, 3 classrooms were added and the middle school was relocated to a larger building. Camp Humphrey's is also home to the new DoDEA Virtual School Pacific Hub scheduled to begin hosting distance learning courses in the fall of 2009.



# District Profiles



## Guam District

### 2009 Highlights Include:

- The Guam High School Panthers football team participated in two tournaments – the Guam Interscholastic Football League and the Far East Class AA playoffs.
- Several Guam district students enjoyed national recognition by competing in the 2009 National History Day Competition in College Park, Md., and the 2009 National Geographic Bee held in Washington, D.C.

### Schools

- Andersen Elementary School
- Andersen Middle School
- Guam High School
- McCool Elementary/Middle School



## Japan District

### 2009 Highlights Include:

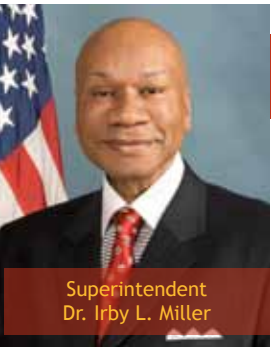
- The Nihon Matsuri Japanese Cultural Day at Yokota West Elementary School, the JaPandAsia (Japan and Asia) at Mendel Elementary School and the Japan Day at Edgren High School highlighted the partnership between DoDEA schools, the U.S. military, and their counterparts in the Japanese community. These annual programs are examples of the cultural exchanges that strengthen the bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan.
- A Kinnick High School student was named as a semi-finalist in the Presidential Scholars Program.
- Another Kinnick High School student won first place and a \$1,500 scholarship in the Pacific Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. She went on to compete against other state winners for additional scholarships at the National Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Students from M.C. Perry High School took the gold medal in all three categories of marksmanship, physical training, and drills during the Far East Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Competition.

### Schools

- Arnn Elementary School
- Byrd Elementary School
- Cummings Elementary School
- Darby Elementary School
- Edgren High School
- EJ King High School
- Ikego Elementary School
- Joan K. Mendel Elementary School
- Kinnick High School
- Lanham Elementary School
- MC Perry Elementary School
- MC Perry High School
- Sasebo Elementary School
- Sollars Elementary School
- Sullivans Elementary School
- Yokosuka Middle School
- Yokota High School
- Yokota Middle School
- Yokota West Elementary School
- Zama American High School
- Zama American Middle School



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## Korea District

### 2009 Highlights Include:

- A Seoul American Middle School student joined three top-scoring “mathletes” from DoDEA’s schools in Europe, and competed as a member of DoDEA’s worldwide MATHCOUNTS team at the 2009 National MATHCOUNTS Finals in Orlando, Fla.
- Two Osan High School seniors were awarded scholarships to play men’s volleyball for Mount Olive College in North Carolina. Mount Olive College has one of only 39 men’s college volleyball programs currently active in the United States.
- All schools in the Korea District have developed and implemented plans that support partnership and student transitions, including the “Student-to-Student” program that provides student-led welcome and support activities to approximately 30 percent of students in DoDEA schools that move between schools each year.

### Schools

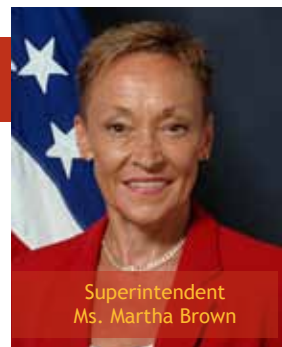
- CT Joy Elementary School
- Daegu American School
- Humphreys American Elementary School
- Osan American Elementary School
- Osan American High School
- Osan Middle School
- Seoul American Elementary School
- Seoul American High School
- Seoul American Middle School



*Handsome Lad by Chris, Grade 5*



## Okinawa District



Superintendent  
Ms. Martha Brown

### 2009 Highlights Include:

- 200 Elementary students from the Okinawa District participated in a Japanese “Soroban” – also called abacus – competition. The contest marked the 10-year anniversary of the DoDEA Pacific partnership with the League for Soroban Education of Japan and is a specific example of the cultural enrichment available in DoDEA schools.
- The Kadena High School Panther Football team won the Far East Football title.
- Okinawa District welcomed over 8000 visitors throughout the school year to include cultural exchanges with more than 20 local schools, various sports games with several local high schools, and teacher exchange programs with local Japanese educators and government officials.
- During World Math Day in March, DoDEA Okinawa students outperformed their peers from 200 countries by taking top honors in three categories: Top Overall, Top Elementary and Top Middle.

### Schools

- Amelia Earhart Intermediate School
- Bechtel Elementary School
- Bob Hope Primary School
- Kadena Elementary School
- Kadena High School
- Kadena Middle School
- Killin Elementary School
- Kinser Elementary School
- Kubasaki High School
- Lester Middle School
- Ryukyu Middle School
- Stearley Heights Elementary School
- Zukeran Elementary School



**DoDEA-Pacific Student & Family  
Service Affiliations**

Army	19%
Marine Corps	18%
Navy	29%
Air Force	29%
National Guard & Coast Guard	< 1%
DoD Civilian	4%