



FIRST STEPS for a Successful Transition

- F**amiliarize yourself with the host nation education system.
- I**nvestigate your education entitlements and school options.
- R**each out to families that already live at that location.
- S**hape your mindset and expectations of a foreign educational experience prior to moving—you can't always compare overseas schools to U.S. public schools.
- T**alk to your children about the move and what to expect.

RESOURCE LINKS

NDSP

www.dodea.edu/ndsp

Department of State Office of Overseas Schools

www.state.gov/m/a/os/

DSSR Education Allowance Rates

http://aoprals.state.gov/Web920/location.asp?menu_id=95

DoDEA Virtual High School

<http://virtual-hs.dodea.edu/>

Military One Source

www.militaryonesource.mil

Education Associations - International Schools Associations, Regional Accrediting Associations, and Professional Associations.

www.state.gov/m/a/os/36326.htm



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Transferring Overseas?

Receiving orders for an overseas assignment can be the beginning of an exciting adventure for a military family. There are many important decisions that coincide with a transition to a location that is remote, or in an area without the support normally associated with an overseas assignment on an installation. Choosing the educational option that will be most effective for your child will be one of the most critical decisions you'll make.

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) offers support to families in areas where there isn't a DoD school within a commuting distance through the Non DoD Schools Program (NDSP). The program provides financial assistance to defray the costs of education in overseas locations. Additionally, NDSP has a team of specialists to provide transition and educational support and coordination for all students to include those with special needs.

NDSP supports a variety of options for school-aged children depending on the sponsor's permanent duty station and billet. Options can include home school programs, online or virtual schools (to include the DoDEA Virtual High School) host nation public schools, private day schools and boarding schools.

To make sure you "Know Before You Go," visit the NDSP website at www.dodea.edu/ndsp

WHO is eligible for the program?

Enrollment eligibility for dependents of DoD personnel assigned to an overseas area is governed by the provisions of DoDEA Regulation 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Elementary and Secondary School-age Dependents in Overseas Areas," February 29, 2008, as amended. Generally, if a child would be eligible to attend a DoD school overseas, eligibility will apply for the NDSP. Please visit www.dodea.edu/ndsp to learn more.

WHERE do you start?

1. When you receive assignment orders to an overseas location where there is no DoD school, contact the NDSP Liaison or education point of contact (POC) at your gaining command/new location or the NDSP Instructional Systems Specialist (ISS) for the area. The NDSP Liaisons and ISSs can provide information on available schooling options and the authorized Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) Education Allowance for the location.
2. Gather information about the educational options available. Visit our website and talk with your NDSP Liaison. Then decide which option is best for your family.

3. Enroll in NDSP by registering online. The link is provided at: www.dodea.edu/ndsp

NOTE: Students who have special education needs should contact the Area NDSP Education Office. NDSP also has ISSs in foreign areas to provide support. All students with special needs must be screened through the Service's Exceptional Family Member Program.

**Parents electing to enroll their dependents in a home study program should refer to the Home Based Education information on the NDSP website.*

4. NDSP will process the enrollment through the NDSP Student Online Registration system and send an email notification to the NDSP Liaison/POC and sponsor upon finalizing the enrollment.
5. After you have received the email notification with approval from NDSP, you can proceed with completing the application to the school listed in the email.

Approval for the enrollment of an eligible minor dependent of a DoD sponsor must be obtained from DoDEA NDSP office prior to enrolling a child in a non-DoD school.

