

Department of Defense Schools
Recognized Rigorous Secondary School Programs of Study

The eligibility options for a student graduating from a Department of Defense secondary school during the 2005 or 2006 calendar years are:

- ***A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative.*** This program of study requires passing grades in the following:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
 - Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
 - Three years of social studies; and
 - One year of a foreign language.

- ***Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores.*** This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.

- ***Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) requirements.*** This program requires:
 - Four years of English;
 - Three years of math (two courses must be earned in course work that includes algebra and geometry);
 - Three years of science (all courses must include a laboratory component);
 - Three years of social studies;
 - Two years of foreign language (two years in the same second foreign language);
 - One year of career education (courses must relate to: industrial technology; computer technology; business education; automotive technology; graphic communications; electricity/electronics; JROTC; school to work transition; family and consumer sciences, instruction in child care; clothing construction; culinary arts; and/or cosmetology);
 - One year of fine arts (courses must relate to: visual arts, music, theater, dance, and/or humanities);
 - One year of physical education;
 - One-half of a year of health; and
 - One year of computer technology and/or computer science.