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POLICY MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Enrollment of Dependents of Fallen Military Members in DDESS

References: (a) Section 2164 of title 10, United States Code  
(b) Section 2103 of title 5, United States Code  
(c) DoD Instruction 1342.26, "Eligibility Requirements for Minor Dependents to Attend Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS), March 4, 1997

It is the policy of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) that dependents of Fallen Military Members be provided an extended level of support as they transition from Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) to a Local Educational Agency school district. The policy amplifies the discretion already provided in References (a) through (c); however, it limits the period of time for continued enrollment while not living in Government quarters.

Research has proven student transition is best achieved with consistency and transferring students at the normal school transition point. A normal school transition point is either between elementary school and middle school or middle school and high school. For the fallen military member dependents, this ease of transition may require the student to remain in DDESS schools until the next school transition point.

The continued enrollment of dependents of Fallen Military Members in a DDESS school shall be as follows:

Living on the Installation: As long as the family remains in Government quarters, the student may continue attendance in a DDESS school.

Living off the Installation: If the family moves out of Government quarters before the end of the school year and the student is enrolled in a DDESS school, the student may continue to the end of the school year without any special permission required.

Re-enrollment for the next school year is limited as follows:

- 1) Students may continue until they complete the grade where they would normally transition to the next school level (example: At Ft. Campbell, Lincoln Elementary is grades K-5, Wasson Middle School is grades 6-8, and Ft. Campbell High School is grades 9-12. At Ft. Campbell, the transition grades would be after the completion of grades 5 or 8).
- 2) The family shall assume all transportation costs of shuttling the student from off-installation to the school and back.
- 3) Students must meet all other requirements (e.g., agree to student conduct standards, Internet agreements).

Re-enrollment requires a parental request with command endorsement to the respective school principal. The school will then forward the request to DDESS Headquarters. Final approval is limited to the Director, DoDEA.



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