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MEMORANDUM FOR SUPERINTENDENTS, DoDDS-EUROPE  
PRINCIPALS, DoDDS-EUROPE

SUBJECT: Accelerated Withdrawal Due to PCS SY 2011-2012

The DoDEA provision for permitting the early withdrawal of students with full semester credit is based on careful consideration of the unique circumstances found in the DoDDS system. This policy recognizes that due to military necessity, families are occasionally required to move prior to the end of the school year and that children should not be penalized for this. The 20-day limit provides reasonable flexibility without compromising academic standards or placing the student in an untenable position in regard to mastery of curriculum content. This provision was never intended to apply to, or be extended for, the convenience of family travel, visits, or other discretionary reasons. The policy therefore requires that students present verification of the date of their sponsor's departure, i.e., Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or other official orders, to school officials in order to receive consideration for full academic credit. Students who withdraw prior to the 20-day limit receive a "withdrawal" grade rather than a final grade.

The accelerated withdrawal dates for SY 2011-2012 are as follows:

- Most DoDDS-E Schools: December 14, 2011 (First Semester) and May 17, 2012 (End of SY). Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to the accelerated withdrawal date.
- AFNORTH, Bahrain, Geilenkirchen, Kleine Brogel, and SHAPE Schools: See individual school calendars. Students must be in school all day on the last school day prior to the accelerated withdrawal date.

You should be confident of my complete support should you be questioned or challenged in the enforcement of this policy.

  
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