

## Education Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Our family has decided to voluntarily send our children from their DoDEA school. What is the educationally best course of action?**
  - The best educational option for students is to enroll your students in another school. To do this, you will need to withdraw your student from his/her current DoDEA school in Japan and re-enroll in a school at their safe haven.
- 2. What if our student is expecting to be returning within a short time to his/her DoDEA school?**
  - Regardless of the amount of time your student is away from their Japan DoDEA school, please enroll them in another school at their safe haven. This requires withdrawing from the DoDEA school, re-enrolling in another school, and repeating the process when the student returns to Japan.
- 3. What do we do with the textbooks, books, uniforms, musical instruments, and other DoDEA school property if we decide to voluntarily evacuate our student?**
  - The expectation is that all materials are returned to the DoDEA school before your student leaves, or as soon as possible thereafter.
- 4. What if we want to enroll our student in another DoDEA school?**
  - You will need to withdraw your student from their current DoDEA school and follow DoDEA enrollment eligibility guidelines for the next DoDEA school.
- 5. What if we have decided to home school our student during the absence from his/her DoDEA school?**
  - There are home schooling materials available at various websites to support families to home school their students. These materials often include teaching tips and rubrics that help evaluate students' work. Google *home school teaching* for specific websites.
  - Students moving between schools may be asked to produce evidence or artifacts that they have mastered DoDEA learning standards. These standards can be found for every subject and grade level at [www.DoDEA.edu](http://www.DoDEA.edu) . Under *Curriculum* both learning standards and support activities are listed.
- 6. If my student is currently enrolled in a DoDEA Virtual School course, may he/she continue with that course?**
  - Yes. If your student is currently enrolled, he/she may continue as a student in the DoDEA Virtual School.
- 7. May my student enroll in Virtual School courses if they have not already done so?**
  - This possibility is being investigated, but we have no definitive answer at this time.
- 8. If we decide to enroll our students in private or parochial schools will DoDEA cover the tuition expense?**
  - No. DoDEA will not support enrolling in private schools as a response to the current voluntary evacuation. Public Schools in every state provide FAPE, Free and Appropriate Public Education.

**9. My student intends to return to DoDEA schools. What resources are available to help him/her keep current with the coursework?**

- [www.tutor.com](http://www.tutor.com) is an excellent resource for students of military families. Currently this is not available for civilian families' students.
- Many DoDEA teachers have their course syllabi available on the DoDEA school intranet. Use your login and password to access. These syllabi often include assignments and due dates. Assignments may also be posted on Gradespeed or you may contact your student's teacher directly. Teacher emails are: first name.last name@pac.dodea.edu.

**10. How do I get my student's transcript or report card to enroll in another school?**

- Please request transcripts or report cards by contacting [Bobby.Cox@pac.DoDEA.edu](mailto:Bobby.Cox@pac.DoDEA.edu) for an **unofficial** record. Bobby Cox will forward your request to your student's school for an official record. Be sure you include the email or other mailing information where the records will be sent. Official transcripts are normally mailed directly to the receiving school, or are placed in sealed envelopes to hand carry to the receiving school.
- Verification is necessary to request transcripts. Please request the transcript or report card using the email you have on file at the DoDEA school. If this is NOT possible, please provide any of these for verification
  - i. Student's Social security number
  - ii. Student's date of birth
  - iii. Copy of student's voluntary evacuation orders
- Include an email or school contact information
- Elementary (K-6) students: contact your student's DoDEA school and request that records be sent to your child's new school. DoDEA school emails are: This is advisable regardless of how long your student is enrolled in the new school. Be sure to include the mailing information for the new school in your request.

email addresses for K-6 schools are:

- i. [www.arinn-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.arinn-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - ii. [www.byrd-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.byrd-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - iii. [www.cummings-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.cummings-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - iv. [www.ikego-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.ikego-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - v. [www.lanham-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.lanham-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - vi. [www.mendel-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.mendel-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - vii. [www.sollars-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.sollars-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - viii. [www.sullivans-es.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.sullivans-es.dodea.pac.edu)
  - ix. [www.ywes.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.ywes.dodea.pac.edu)
- Middle School (6-8) students: contact your student's DoDEA school and request that records be sent to your child's new school. This is advisable regardless of how long your student is enrolled in the new school. Be sure to include the mailing information for the new school in your request.

email addresses for 6-8 schools are:

- i. [www.edgren-hs.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.edgren-hs.dodea.pac.edu)
- ii. [www.yokosuka-ms.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.yokosuka-ms.dodea.pac.edu)
- iii. [www.yokota-ms.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.yokota-ms.dodea.pac.edu)
- iv. [www.zama-ms.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.zama-ms.dodea.pac.edu)

- High School (9-12) students: contact your student's DoDEA school and request that official transcripts be sent to your child's new school. This is advisable regardless of how long your student is enrolled in the new school. Be sure to include the mailing information for the new school in your request.

email addresses for 9-12 schools are:

- i. [www.edgren-hs.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.edgren-hs.dodea.pac.edu)
- ii. [www.kinnick-hs.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.kinnick-hs.dodea.pac.edu)
- iii. [www.yokota-hs.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.yokota-hs.dodea.pac.edu)
- iv. [www.zama-hs.dodea.pac.edu](http://www.zama-hs.dodea.pac.edu)

•

#### **11. My student is a high school student. How can I assure credit for this semester's courses?**

- The options available are contingent of whether the students plans to return to a DoDEA school this school year.
  - i. DoDEA schools are able to assign a withdrawal grade for the receiving school. Many schools will average this grade with the work the student will submit at his/her new school for a semester grade.
  - ii. Students may be eligible to receive "credit by exam" in DoDEA. This option may be possible if a student is currently taking a course (e.g., Japanese, Cisco, etc.) that may not be offered at the receiving school. To exercise this option, please contact your student's DoDEA school.
  - iii. If your student is currently enrolled, he/she may continue as a student in the DoDEA Virtual School.

#### **12. My student is a senior this year. What about his/her diploma?**

- i. If a non-DoDEA diploma is desired, this can be accomplished at many US public schools. 38 states have signed the Interstate Compact Agreement that recognizes the mobility of DoDEA students and accommodates graduation requirements to meet that reality and will work with your student if a Non-DoDEA diploma is desired
- ii. If a DoDEA diploma is desired, please contact your DoDEA school to determine options for completing classes needed to graduate. To exercise this option, please contact your student's DoDEA school. The receiving school will return the transcript to DoDEA in order to issue a DoDEA diploma.

#### **13. My student is taking AP courses. How is credit given for these courses?**

- Students may contact their DoDEA school or their receiving school to arrange for AP testing. The last date for making this request is April 8, 2011. Providing proof that the AP exam was taken is a requirement to get a weighted grade on the student's DoDEA transcript.
- If the receiving school administers the test, the test results will be processed through the receiving school and should be sent to the DODEA school to add to the transcript. The student indicates on the test form which school should receive the results.
- Whether the AP testing is taken at the receiving school or the DoDEA sending school, the student is supplied with test results.
- DoDEA schools must be notified if a student determines not to take the AP test for an AP course in which he/she is currently enrolled.

**14. If my senior student enrolls in another school and completes the graduation requirements, who issues the diploma?**

- The school that verifies that graduation requirements have been met issues the high school diploma. In this case, it is the new school.

**15. If my senior student earns a diploma at a different school, may she/he return to her/his DODEA school and walk with his peer graduating class?**

- If the student can verify that a diploma has been earned at another school, he/she may return to the DoDEA high school at family expense, and walk with his/her peers at the DoDEA graduation.

**16. My child is receiving Special Education support services. Will a new school continue these services?**

- Yes. Show the new school a copy of your students' most recent IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) and services will begin very soon after your child is enrolled in the new school.
- If you do not have a copy of your student's most recent IEP, please contact your DoDEA sending school or email [david.johansen@pac.DoDEA.edu](mailto:david.johansen@pac.DoDEA.edu). At the Pacific Area office. You will need to provide verification by using the email you have on file at the DoDEA school. If this is NOT possible, please provide any of these for verification
  - i. Student's Social security number
  - ii. Student's date of birth
  - iii. Copy of student's voluntary evacuation orders