

The DoDEA Gifted Education Program was designed to purposefully connect services for eligible students with standards-based curriculum and instruction. Seven out of the ten service options are to be provided within the general classroom, and resource sessions are no longer focused on general enrichment. In the DoDEA model, resource sessions are an option schools can select to extend classroom instruction in targeted academic areas for students with significant corresponding strengths.

Enrichment encompasses all the school- and community-sponsored activities that complement the total instructional program:

“Schools and communities should recognize their responsibility to provide enriching experiences for all students. Such experiences may include before- and after-school activities, clubs, special events, mentorships, contests, exhibitions, performances, internships, publications, and other extensions of curriculum.”

Schools offer many enrichment opportunities throughout the year, including:

- Academic contests/competitions
- Interest groups and clubs
- Leadership activities
- Seminars
- Special events and opportunities
- Study groups and E-learning

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Items in italics are from the official Gifted Education Program Guide. More information is available on the DoDEA website: <http://www.dodea.edu/curriculum/giftedEduc.cfm>

Enrichment in the DoDEA Gifted Education Program for K-12 Students



SCHOOLS SELECT TWO OR MORE OPTIONS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

1. *Regular classroom/ course with differentiation of instruction (K-12)*
2. *Regular classroom/ course with cluster grouping and differentiation (K-12)*
3. *Within regular classroom/ course with grade acceleration of specific content (K-12)*
4. *Resource sessions outside the classroom (ES only)*
5. *Interdisciplinary courses (MS & HS only)*
6. *Advanced Placement/honors courses (HS only)*
7. *Grade acceleration for specific content (K-12)*
8. *Grade acceleration (K-12) The student is referred to the Grade Level Placement Committee*
9. ***ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (K-12) Curricular and co-curricular activities provide additional support for gifted learners. Such activities are often part of the enrichment opportunities offered to all students.***
10. *Individualized services (K-12) Specifically designed to meet individual needs, i.e., mentorship, counseling, guided independent study, SPED/ESL support, etc.*

“All students benefit from enriching activities and educational experiences that recognize their strengths.”

STATE LEVEL ACADEMIC & FINE ARTS ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A variety of activities and competitions are funded by districts. In addition, the Europe Area Office sponsors a number of state-level programs to enhance classroom instruction and provide students with opportunities to apply their skills in real-world contexts:

Academic Games
 Berlin Seminar for Seniors
Creative Connections Fine Arts Symposium
 Drama Fest
 Drill Team
 Future Business Leaders of America
 Future Educators Association
 Honors Music Festival
 International Student Leadership Institute
 Jazz Seminar
 Junior Leadership Seminar
 Junior Science & Humanities Symposium
 Lingua Fest
 Math Counts
 Model United States Senate
Showcase Anthology of K-12 Student Art and Literature

After school activities/athletics for elementary and middle school students are provided by the Youth Services organizations in each community.

ATHLETICS

The Athletics Program is an integral part of the total learning experience, helping students grow physically, mentally, and socially. Participating schools work to promote the educational significance of "interscholastic" athletics. A wide variety of athletic options is available to allow each student to excel in his/her areas of talent.