

Department of Defense Dependent Schools

(As of Nov. 25, 2008)

Q1. Where do I find the School Liaison Officer?

A1. The school Liaison Officer is located in Hainerberg Housing, Building 7790, Room 33 (ACS Building). Mil 335-5129 civ (0611) 4080 129

Q2. How do I obtain a school calendar and when does school finish?

A2. The 2008/09 school year ends June 11, 2009.

DoDEA calendar <http://www.dodea.edu/calendar/eucurrentcalendar.htm>.

Q3. What are the Graduation Requirements for the school district?

A3. Graduation requirements for students graduating in 2008 is 24 credits; 26 credits for students graduating in 2009. As of 2007, all students must have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 to graduate. See the Wiesbaden High School parent/student hand book or visit <http://www.wies-hs.eu.dodea.edu/> for specific requirements.

Q4. Is there a Gifted Program in the school district?

A4. Numerous programs for students with special skills and abilities are available. Please contact school counselors for specific information.

Q5. What school will my child(ren) attend?

A5. All Wiesbaden middle- and high school-age students attend Wiesbaden Middle School or Wiesbaden High School. Middle school aged students attend Wiesbaden Middle School. Elementary aged students attend Hainerberg Elementary or Aukamm Elementary School; Students whose sponsors reside in the Aukamm Housing area attend school at Aukamm Elementary.

Q6. What are the start and dismissal times of the local schools?

A6. Wiesbaden High School, 7:55 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Wiesbaden Middle School, 8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Hainerberg Elementary School, 8:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.
Aukamm Elementary School, 8:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Q7. What type of Special Education programs does the school district have?

A7. DoDDS schools special education services are directed by both federal regulations and Department of Defense Instruction guidance. All disabilities fall into five disability categories identified by the law that the Case Study Committee will review during the evaluation process to determine if your child is eligible for special education.

Category A: Physical Impairment

Category B: Emotional Impairment

Category C: Communication Impairment

Category D: Learning Impairment

Category E: Developmental Delay

Q8. What type of state testing do students participate in?

A8. DoDDS students take Terra Nova testing annually for grades 3-11.

Q9. What age can my child(ren) start Kindergarten?

A9. Students may start Kindergarten if they are 5 years old by Oct. 31 of the school year.

Q10. What private schools are located in the Wiesbaden area?

A10. Numerous German public and private schools are available in the Wiesbaden area. Instruction is in German. Additional information on this option may be obtained from the Town Hall of each community.

Q11. What types of Preschool Programs are in the Wiesbaden area?

A11. A Sure Start preschool program, similar to Head Start in the USA, is available for some students who are 4 years old by Sept. 1 of the school year. Part-day preschool services are available through Child and Youth Services.

Q12. What information is needed to register my child in the school district?

A12. Sponsors Orders, Immunization Records, Birth Certificate, Passport, ID Card, Social Security Card, Transcript, School Record, Last Year Report Card and a Sports physical evaluation record, signed by a physician (valid for one year). Sports physical examination may be coordinated with the medical clinic.

Q13. What resources are there available for home schooling?

A13. The Department of Defense Education Activity policy neither encourages nor discourages home schooling. DoDEA however does recognize that home schooling is a sponsor's right and that home schooling can be a legitimate alternative form of education for the sponsor's dependents. Things to know regarding DoDEA Home Schooling policy: DoDEA schools, Child and Youth Services, and other community resources provide services for sponsors choosing to home school their minor dependents. Specified auxiliary services with DoDEA such as music, sports, extracurricular and inter scholastic activities are available within existing regulations and policies. Numerous home school organizations and resources are available on the internet. Contact the USAG Wiesbaden School Liaison Officer for additional information on this or any other school question.