



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

References: (a) Title 10, United States Code

- (b) [DoD Directive 1342.6](#), "Department of Defense Dependents Schools," October 13, 1992
- (c) Section 6 of Public Law 81-874, September 30, 1950, as amended (20 U.S.C. 241)
- (d) Section 505(c) of Public Law 97-35, "Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981," August 13, 1981 (20 U.S.C. 241 note)
- (e) through (j), see enclosure 1

## 1. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense under reference (a), this Directive establishes the DoDEA with responsibilities, functions, authorities, and relationships as outlined below.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD); the Military Departments; the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff; the Unified and Specified Commands; the Office of the Inspector General, Department of Defense; the Defense Agencies; and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as the "DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard.

### 3. MISSION

The mission of the DoDEA is to:

3.1. Advise and act for the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (ASD(FM&P)) on all matters relative to the DoD Dependents Schools (DoDDS), Section 6 Schools, and Continuing and Post-Secondary Education (CAPSE) programs.

3.2. Formulate and develop policies, guidelines, and standards for the management of defense education activities and programs.

3.3. Plan, direct, coordinate, and manage the education programs for eligible dependents of U.S. military personnel and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense stationed overseas in accordance with DoD Directive 1342.6 (reference (b)).

3.4. Plan, direct, coordinate, and manage the education programs for eligible dependents of U.S. military and civilian personnel stationed in areas prescribed in Pub. L. No. 81-874, Section 6, as amended (reference (c)); in accordance with Pub. L. No. 97-35, Section 505(c) (reference (d)); and DoD Directive 1342.16 (reference (e)).

3.5. Plan, direct, coordinate, and oversee the programs and services for continuing adult and post-secondary education for U.S. military personnel.

### 4. ORGANIZATION

The DoDEA is established as a DoD Field Activity under the authority, direction, and control of the ASD(FM&P). It shall consist of:

4.1. A Director, who shall be known as the Director of Education.

4.2. The DoDDS which, under DoD Directive 1342.6 (reference (b)), provides a free public education of high quality from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve for eligible minor dependents of U.S. military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense stationed overseas; a free, appropriate education for such minor dependents with disabilities, ages 3 through 21; and a community college program for eligible students in Panama.

4.3. The DoD Section 6 Schools Office which, under DoD Directive 1342.21 (reference (f)), provides a free public education for dependent children of U.S. military personnel and Federally employed civilian personnel when those children are eligible for an education in DoD Section 6 Schools under Pub. L. No. 81-874, Section 6, as amended; Pub. L. No. 97-35, Section 505(c); and DoD Directive 1342.16 (references (c), (d), and (e)),

respectively). Such free public education arrangements shall be made by the Secretary of Defense either with a local educational agency or with the Head of a Federal Department or Agency, consistent with Pub. L. No. 81-874, Section 6(d), as amended (reference (c)).

4.4. The Office of CAPSE which, under DoD Directive 1322.8 (reference (g)), provides overall policy guidance and periodic review of voluntary education programs for military personnel, including the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support. The Office of CAPSE monitors the basic and/or functional skills programs conducted within DoD for military personnel and partnerships in education; provides support within DoD for implementation of the President's goals for adult literacy; and provides policy guidance and oversight of Tuition Assistance Programs for military personnel, consistent with DoD Directive 1322.8 (reference (g)).

4.5. Other subordinate elements as are established by the Director, within the resources assigned by the ASD(FM&P).

## 5. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

5.1. The Director of Education shall:

5.1.1. Serve as the principal staff advisor to the ASD(FM&P) on the DoDDS, Section 6 Schools, and CAPSE programs.

5.1.2. Organize, manage, and direct the DoDEA, its subordinate elements, and all assigned resources.

5.1.3. Establish subordinate offices necessary to fulfill assigned missions.

5.1.4. Supervise, administer, implement, and evaluate the policies and procedures for the DoDDS, the Section 6 Schools, and the CAPSE programs.

5.1.5. Enter into agreements with the Military Services or other U.S. Government entities, as required, for the effective performance of the responsibilities assigned in this Directive.

5.1.6. Supervise and administer DoDEA financial management activities.

5.1.7. Develop, for issuance by the ASD(FM&P), such policy or technical guidance, regulations, and instructions as are required to effectively administer and manage the education programs established under this Directive.

5.1.8. Provide DoDEA representation at meetings and deliberations of educational panels and advisory groups.

5.1.9. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the ASD(FM&P).

5.2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) shall:

5.2.1. Recommend to the Secretary of Defense policies and resources for the administration of the DoDDS, Section 6 Schools, and CAPSE programs.

5.2.2. Exercise direction, authority, and control over the DoDEA.

5.3. The Comptroller of the Department of Defense shall provide technical advice and support to the Director for Education on budget and financial management activities of the DoDEA.

5.4. The General Counsel of the Department of Defense shall provide legal advice on the implementation of this Directive.

5.5. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide such facilities, logistic, and administrative support as are required for the effective operation of the DoDDS, Section 6 Schools, and CAPSE programs. Reimbursements for goods and services shall be made in accordance with DoD Instruction 4000.19 and DoD Directive 1400.16 (references (h) and (i)).

## 6. RELATIONSHIPS

6.1. In the performance of assigned duties, the Director of Education shall:

6.1.1. Exchange information and advice and coordinate actions with DoD Components having collateral or related functions.

6.1.2. Use established facilities and services in the Department of Defense and other Government Agencies, whenever practical, to achieve maximum efficiency and economy of operations.

6.1.3. Consult and coordinate with other Government and non-governmental agencies on matters related to the mission of the DoDEA.

6.2. All DoD Components shall coordinate with the Director of Education, as appropriate, on matters affecting the mission and operation of the DoDEA.

## 7. AUTHORITIES

The Director of Education is specifically delegated authority to:

7.1. Execute the responsibilities and functions described in section 5., above.

7.2. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance, consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 7750.5 (reference (j)), as deemed necessary.

7.3. Communicate directly with appropriate representatives of the DoD Components and other Governmental and non-governmental agencies on matters related to the DoDDS, Section 6 Schools, and CAPSE programs.

## 8. ADMINISTRATION

8.1. The Director of Education shall be a civilian selected by the ASD(FM&P).

8.2. Administrative support to the DoDEA shall be provided by DoD Components.

8.3. The DoDEA shall be authorized such personnel, facilities, funds, and other resources as the Secretary of Defense deems necessary.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.



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Enclosures - 1

E1. References, continued

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REFERENCES, continued

- (e) [DoD Directive 1342.16](#), "Provision of Free Public Education for Eligible Dependent Children Pursuant to Section 6, Public Law 81-874, as amended," October 16, 1987
- (f) [DoD Directive 1342.21](#), "Department of Defense Section 6 Schools," October 13, 1992
- (g) [DoD Directive 1322.8](#), "Voluntary Education Programs for Military Personnel," July 23, 1987
- (h) [DoD Instruction 4000.19](#), "Interservice, Interdepartmental, and Interagency Support," April 15, 1992
- (i) [DoD Directive 1400.16](#), "Inter-departmental Civilian Personnel Administration Support," October 30, 1970
- (j) DoD Directive 7750.5, "Management and Control of Information Requirements," August 7, 1986