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**Child Find**  
Is an ongoing special education process used by DoDEA and the military departments to actively seek and identify individuals

**Welcome Message**

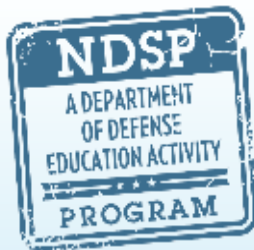
Welcome to the Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP). Receiving orders for an overseas assignment can be the beginning of an exciting adventure for a military or Department of Defense (DoD) civilian family. There are many important decisions that coincide with a transition to a location that is remote or in an area without the support normally associated with an overseas assignment on an installation. Choosing the educational option that will be most effective for your child will be one of the most critical decisions you will make.

**Purpose of the NDSP Website**

The purpose of this website is to provide NDSP families with specific information in an organized manner that will help them transition into NDSP as seamlessly as possible. At overseas/international locations where there is not a Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school, NDSP supports a variety of options for your children, ranging from public or private schools to homeschool programs. We encourage you to contact the NDSP Liaison responsible for your area of assignment as soon as possible for specific school information. Your receiving command can provide contact information for the NDSP Liaison. Additionally, NDSP has a team of education specialists who are available to provide transition and educational support and coordination for all students, including those with special needs.

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### At Post

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#### One Time Fees

1. Application, Admission/Registration/Enrollment,
2. Building/ Facility/Maintenance/Development/Enhancement/Capital
3. Entrance Exam/Evaluation/Assessment
4. Matriculation
5. Value Added Tax (VAT)
6. Security)

#### Annual Fees

1. Technology fees charged by the school, provided the fee does not include the ownership (lease to own or purchase) of any devices, especially personal, computing devices
2. Laboratory
3. Matriculation
4. Fees for group-instruction activities such as music, art, and physical education; if these fees are included in courses regularly offered in the curriculum of the school and included as part of the publically advertised rates
5. Costs or fees for course-required or end-of-year examinations/tests, consistent with U.S. public school requirements
6. Musical instrument rental fee required for course as part of school curriculum
7. Fees for ESL instruction provided by the school are paid in addition to the amount authorized in the education allowance

#### Tuition and Education Resources

1. Publically advertised tuition rates
2. Necessary elective courses offered by the school
3. Textbooks, or access to online textbooks, used as a standard work for the study of a particular subject and are required as part of the curriculum and supplies normally provided free of charge in public schools in the U.S.
4. Transcript conversion

#### Local Transportation

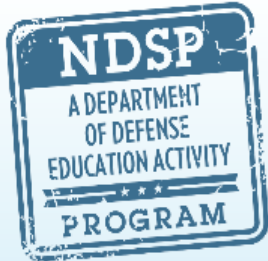
1. One daily round-trip ride from home/bus-stop to school and return, the distance from home to school must exceed one mile.
2. Transportation is provided or arranged by the school or, when due to exigent circumstances such as safety/force protection concerns, by the U.S. Government.
3. If neither school transportation nor U.S. Government transportation is available, sponsors may use commercial transportation or privately owned vehicle; sponsors may claim mileage reimbursement using the Defense Travel Management Office mileage rates outlined in the Joint Travel Regulations.
4. Sponsors electing to live outside the commuting area designated for the school shall arrange for alternate transportation for their children to the nearest point in the commuting area that is served by the school.
5. Transportation is provided in accordance with the student IEP or 504 accommodation plan.

#### Pre-Approved Supplemental Instruction

1. Foreign Language. The school provides its curriculum in a foreign language which the child does not know well enough to progress in the curriculum.
2. Gifted Education. The school does not offer a gifted or equivalent program and additional support is in academic content only.
3. Academic Support. The school requires additional instruction to enable the child to:
  - Enter a grade, remain in the same grade, complete a grade; or,
  - Successfully complete an academic course in order to progress to the next level in the sequence of courses.
5. Supplemental Coursework. Academic subjects generally offered by public schools in the U.S., such as U.S. history, civics, computer, American literature, English grammar, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate courses.

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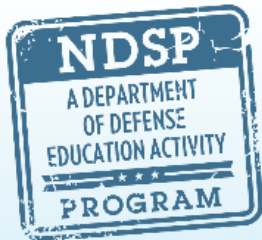
Allowable

Non-Allowable

- School meals
- School Uniforms
- Elective courses for dancing, horseback riding, sports or other specialized instruction
- Field trips/school excursions/camps/ regardless of whether the trips are predominately academic in nature or if participation is mandatory or voluntary
- After school activities
- Personal devices including, but not limited to, computing devices, internet, personal telephone, satellite or communications
- Magazine or newspaper subscriptions
- Admission to school events
- Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT); American College Testing (ACT); and Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)
- Fees for locker or towels
- Fees for museums, culture events, or performances
- Fees for graduation, yearbooks, parent-school organizations
- Fees for before and after school care
- Personal expenses
- Insurance
- Debentures that pay for shares of stock in the school which make either the employee or the U.S. Government a shareholder in the school
- Transfer fees charged by bank
- Postage fees

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5. Costs or fees for course-required or end-of-year examinations/tests, consistent with U.S. public school requirements
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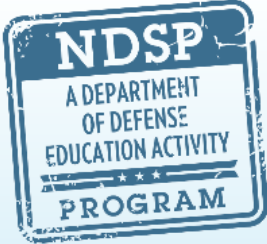
1. Publically advertised tuition rates
2. Required elective courses offered by the school
3. Textbooks, or access to online textbooks, used as a standard work for the study of a particular subject and required as part of the curriculum and supplies normally provided free of charge in public schools in the U.S
4. Room and board in private boarding school facilities

#### Transportation

1. Five-Day Boarding: Transportation to and from school on weekends and school breaks.
2. Full-Time Boarding: Transportation provided from duty station to the school/boarding facility at the beginning of the school year and at the end of the school year up to the limit of the education allowance set by the DSSR.

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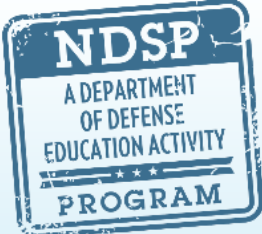
Allowable

Non-Allowable

- Transportation at school breaks
- School uniforms
- Field trips/school excursions/camps regardless of whether the trips are predominantly academic in nature or if participation is mandatory or voluntary.
- Personal devices including, but not limited to, computing devices, internet, personal telephone, satellite or communications
- Magazine or newspaper subscriptions
- Admission to school events
- PSAT/ACT/SAT associated costs
- Fees for locker or towels
- Fees for museums, culture events, or performances
- Fees for graduation, yearbooks, parent-school organizations.
- Personal expenses
- Insurance
- Debentures that pay for shares of stock in the school which make either the employee or the United States Government a shareholder in the school
- Supplemental instruction
- Transfer fees charged by bank
- Postage fees
- Private residential or non-dormitory facility

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#### Home-Based Education Option

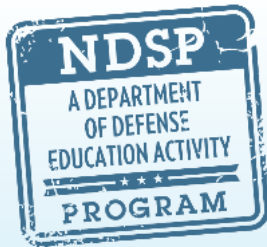
1. Tuition charges from a direct education/instructional provider associated with the educational program.
2. Home school curriculum and supplemental materials on a grade/age-appropriate basis
3. Supplies which are normally provided free of charge in U.S. public schools
4. Shipping costs or lesson postage associated with the educational program
5. Fees charged for access to libraries, recreation facilities or education-related curriculum activities.
6. Group lessons already established in the community
7. Grades K-8: 60 minutes a week for physical education (PE), music and art
8. Grades 9-12: 4 hours per week for PE, music and art
9. Fees charged for participation on athletic or extra-curricular teams which are normally free of charge in U.S. public schools
10. Fees for curriculum related internet services such as study program, library services, or supplemental distance learning courses
11. Fees for the rental of curriculum-related equipment such as musical instruments which would normally be provided free of charge in U.S. public schools
12. Fees for required testing materials and shipping costs by the authorized program.
13. Instructional curriculum guides

#### Virtual Education

1. Tuition charges from a direct education/instructional provider associated with the educational program.
2. Group lessons already established in the community
3. Fees charged for participation on athletic or extra-curricular teams which are normally free of charge in U.S. public schools.
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5. Fees for curriculum related internet services such as study program, library services or supplemental distance learning courses.
6. Fees for the rental of curriculum-related equipment such as musical instruments which would normally be provided free of charge in U.S. public schools.
7. Fees for required testing materials, shipping costs by the authorized program.
8. Shipping costs or lesson postage associated with the educational program

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#### Home Study/Private Instruction

- Purchase or rental of items which have broader use than the course of study such as computer equipment/accessories, telescopes, furniture/furnishings and other items not ordinarily provided free of charge by U.S. public schools.
- Training for parents in home study/private instruction
- Field trips/school excursions/camps regardless of whether the trips are predominantly academic in nature or if participation is mandatory or voluntary
- Any form of compensation to the parent (nanny/childcare or supervisory costs)
- Travel or transportation costs
- Personal services including, but not limited to, telephone, internet, satellite, cable or other communication services
- Fees for museums, culture events, or performances
- SAT/ACT/PSAT associated costs
- Private lessons (core or elective subjects)
- Membership in gymnasiums, cultural clubs, spas or other private clubs
- Supplies that are normally purchased by parents (pens, papers, markers, pencils)
- Non-course specific materials, such as software programs, reading materials, and reference materials
- Religious materials for instruction, unless religion is a subset of the instruction.
- Transfer Fees charged by bank
- Third party service provider fees (umbrella school/cover schools not providing direct instruction, course, or accredited virtual education)
- Supplemental instruction