



**What is the timeline for a decision regarding space available in my child's school?**

The principal will inform you within two weeks after all the registration forms are submitted.

**Will the command relocate me if DoDEA cannot provide education for my unaccompanied children?**

A Service member's chain of command is responsible for all decisions regarding command sponsorship.

**Where do I register my child?**

The DoDEA Online Registration System (DORS) provides access to information on eligibility, forms and registration. Please visit: <https://www.dodea.edu/DORS/>

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**ARE YOU ON AN  
UNACOMPANIED  
TOUR?**

**Thinking of Bringing the Family?**

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## Introduction

If you received assignment orders to Japan, planning early is in the best interest of your family, especially when it comes to school eligibility and both command and non-command sponsorship. DoDEA works closely with the Services to carefully plan, budget, and staff for the projected population of command sponsored students in each location.

## What is the difference between Command and Non-Command Sponsorships

Command sponsored family members on an accompanied tour are authorized transportation at U.S. Government's expense and are entitled to station allowances at the "with family" rate. Command Sponsored dependents are allowed to accompany the active duty member which entitles

the family members to access base facilities including DoDEA schools in a space required/tuition free status.

Non-command sponsored family members on an unaccompanied tour are not authorized transportation. The military member elects to transport the family at his/her own expense. School-age children who are not command-sponsored are eligible to attend a DoDEA school only if space is available. The principal determines capacity and whether or not the school can meet any unique needs for any space available children. The school cannot create space, hire additional staff or provide services not currently available for non-command sponsored students. Enrollment in future school years is not guaranteed and always subject to space availability.

## Who is responsible for explaining command sponsorship to military members?

The Services and military commands publish detailed information on command sponsorship. Servicemembers are responsible for thoroughly researching command sponsorship programs, allowances, and entitlements as well as the implications for choices related to the sponsorship status.

## Who is responsible for educating my children if I fund the move to Japan without command sponsorship?

Your child's education has to be a key factor in every relocation decision for military families. Service members are responsible for any costs regarding the education of your children without command sponsorship. Non-command sponsored children may only attend DoDEA schools on a space available basis.

It is not advisable to assume that there will be space for non-command sponsored children or that your command will ensure enrollment of your child/ren in a DoDEA school. In Japan, most DoDEA schools are at full capacity with space required, command-sponsored children. We love our mission of educating all military connected students. However, our first responsibility is to the families that have been sponsored and funded by the command.

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## What is space availability? Who makes the decision?

The Principal and District Superintendent determines capacity and whether or not the school can provide for any unique needs for your child. Their decisions are final. The school cannot create space, hire additional staff or provide services not currently available for your child. School Liaison Officers (SLO), who work for the commands, can provide information on off-post education options when space is not available.

## What is the average private school tuition in Japan? Who pays it?

Service members are personally responsible for the tuition and associated costs. Schools (English-speaking) outside the gate are expensive. Prices range from \$10,000 to over \$25,000 paid from your own pocket. Costs varies by school and grade level. Your School Liaison Officer can provide specific information by school.