

# How do I locate my School Liaison Officer?

You can find the School Liaison Officer for your service and location at the following link: <u>https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/</u> <u>schoolLiaisonOfficers.cfm</u> The DoDEA Regional Office Eligibility and Enrollment Coordinator DSN: 315.644-5878 From U.S.: 011-81-98-953-5878 pacificregistration@dodea.edu

## **DoDEA Pacific Points of Contact**

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DoDEA Pacific South District (Okinawa) DSN: 315.634-1204 From U. S.: 011-81-611-734-1204

DoDEA Pacific West District DSN 315.738-5922 From the U.S.: 011-82-2-7918-5922

Guam Field Office DSN 315.344-9578 or (671)344-9578

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# ARE YOU ON AN UNACOMMPANIED TOUR?

Thinking of Bringing the Family?

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#### Introduction

If you have received assignment orders to the Pacific region, planning early is in the best interest of your family, especially when it comes to school eligibility and both command and noncommand 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 Command Sponsorship? What is Eligibility?

Eligibility means the family member is on the Sponsor's official orders—often referred to as Command Sponsorship. This means all children on the Sponsor's orders are in a Space Required Category for education in DoDEA schools. Space Required Eligibility Category

- Space in school guaranteed (may be created or additional staff hired if needed)
- Tuition Free
- Early intervention and developmental services provided; Special Education services limited in some areas.

#### **Special Education Services**

**Enrollment in the Exceptional** Family Member Program (EFMP) is required. Special education and related services vary by location. Many locations have very limited supports and resources for different types of disabilities. Some types of medically related services (therapeutic, behavioral and mental health) are not available in the military nor local communities. Additional information about DoDEA's Special Education program is available at www.dodea.edu/curriculum/ specialedu/

## What is Non Command Sponsorship? What is Space Availability? How does Non-Command Sponsorship effect eligibility?

Non-Command Sponsorship means family members are not on the Sponsor's official permanent change of station (PCS) orders and may only attend DoDEA schools if space is available and the school can meet the educational needs of the child.

- Space Available Category (mainland Japan, Korea and Okinawa)
- Child may attend only if space is available at the school
- No guarantee of space available each year
- Space cannot be created
- Additional staff cannot be hired or additional services added

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### What is Space Availability? Who makes the decision?

The school reviews your registration request. The principal determines if there is space for your child in the school. The principal evaluates enrollment and instructional capacity at your child's grade level and any special services or unique needs/requirements. A determination will be made within a timely manner—typically five days during the regular school year. DoDEA Regulation 1030.1 provides additional information: https://www.dodea.edu/Offices/ PolicyAndLegislation/upload/DoDEA-Regulation-1030-1-Space-Available-Eligibility-Requirements-of-Minor-Dependents-in-Overseas-Areas.pdf

## How do I register my child for space availability?

You may pre-register your child via DoDEA's Online Registration System (DORS) at<u>www.dodea.</u> <u>edu/DORS/</u>. The website provides registration forms and additional eligibility information. The site is for registration only. It does not indicate space is available for your child. The principal will contact you regarding your application.

Note: For DoDEA Guam, dependent children must be on the sponsor's orders.

## What do I do if space is not available?

School Liaison Officers can provide information about other education options, e.g., home schooling and local private schools (including costs). They are the primary point of contact for all educational matters.