

# HOMESCHOOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## Opportunities for Homeschool Students:

Students who are enrolled as auxiliary homeschool students are able to participate in after-school clubs, music, athletics, and other extracurricular and interscholastic programs provided by their zoned school. Each school maintains their own list of available programs, events, and activities. For a complete list, please contact your zoned school. For the full instruction for DoDEA's Homeschool program please visit: [www.dodea.edu/offices/office-dodea-policy/regulation/home-school-students-change-1](http://www.dodea.edu/offices/office-dodea-policy/regulation/home-school-students-change-1)

## Educational Opportunities for Homeschool Students

Eligible homeschool students may have access to a variety of educational resources and support services offered through DoDEA. These include:

- Course enrollment: The ability to enroll in individual courses alongside DoDEA students. (Note: Due to scheduling variables and the interdisciplinary nature of elementary school, it may not be feasible to enroll eligible home-school students in an individual class for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Special Education Services: Support for students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), as outlined in their plan.
- Multilingual Learner (ML) Support
- 504 Accommodation: Support consistent with applicable issuances.
- Gifted Education Services: Programs designed to meet the needs of gifted learners.
- Access to these services is determined by current DoDEA policies. To learn more about eligibility and enrollment procedures, please contact your zoned school.

## Expectations for Homeschool Students Taking DoDEA Courses

If your homeschool student enrolls in one or more courses at a DoDEA (Department of Defense Education Activity) school, or participates in DoDEA interscholastic activities, they are expected to fully comply with all DoDEA policies. This includes:

- Registration: Following all DoDEA registration procedures.
- Attendance: Meeting DoDEA attendance requirements.
- Grading: Adhering to DoDEA grading policies
- Conduct: Following the DoDEA student code of conduct.

## Access to DoDEA Facilities for Homeschool Students

Eligible Homeschool students may be able to use DoDEA facilities outside of regular school hours, specifically when those facilities are already in use for school-sponsored programs or activities.

Please note: DoDEA facilities are not available during summer breaks or on official school holidays/non-instructional days.

To learn more about specific facility availability and non-instructional hours, please contact your zoned school principal.

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## Facility Reservations for Homeschool Groups

Homeschool groups may request to reserve DoDEA facilities— such as gymnasiums or cafeterias— for meetings or ceremonies held on non-school days. However, all facility use is subject to approval and at the discretion of the school principals. To be considered, requests must meet the following requirements:

- Installation Approval: The homeschool group must be approved by the relevant military installation.
- Written Request: A formal request must be submitted in writing to the zoned school.
- Advanced Notice: Requests must be submitted at least ninety (90) days before the event date.

## Resources Available to Homeschool Students

DoDEA offers some resources to eligible homeschool students to support their education. Specifically, students may request available textbooks and workbooks that align with the DoDEA curriculum. Please note the following items are typically the responsibility of the homeschooling family and are not provided by DoDEA:

- Student laptops
- Consumable materials (e.g., paper, pencils)
- Musical instruments
- Science kits
- Other supplied typically purchased by parents

## Finding the DoDEA Curriculum Guide

As a homeschooling parent, you may find it helpful to reference the curricula used in DoDEA schools. A comprehensive overview of DoDEA courses offered by grade level is available on the DoDEA website: <https://www.dodea.edu/education/curriculum-and-instruction>. To confirm the specific courses available at your local school, we encourage you to contact your zoned school.

## Funding for Homeschool Student Access to Services

DoDEA schools do not receive additional funding to cover the costs associated with homeschool students utilizing auxiliary services (such as specialized programs or extracurricular activities).

## GED Testing through DoDEA

DoDEA schools do not administer General Educational Development (GED) tests.

## Eligibility for Homeschool Services

Homeschool students requesting services must meet the same eligibility requirements as dependents enrolled in DoDEA schools. Please note that a homeschool student's enrollment category will determine whether auxiliary services and extracurricular fees apply. For more information regarding eligibility, please visit: <https://www.dodea.edu/offices/office-dodea-policy/regulation/eligibility-and-enrollment-requirements-dodea-schools-o> or contact your zoned school.