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SUBJECT: Authority to Provide Financial Assistance for Education of Certain Defense
Dependents Overseas

- References:
- (a) Section 657 of Public Law 105-261, "Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1999," October 17, 1998
 - (b) DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," July 8, 1982
 - (c) Acting ASD (FMP) Directive-Type Memorandum, "Authority to Provide Financial Assistance for Education of Certain Defense Dependents Overseas," March 31, 1999 (hereby cancelled)

This directive-type memorandum supersedes the guidance in reference (c) which assigned responsibilities and prescribed procedures to implement reference (a). Reference (a) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to pay an educational allowance to defray the educational expense of certain overseas, space-required dependents, as defined in reference (b).

To be eligible for an allowance, the DoD sponsor must be assigned to an overseas area in which the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) does not operate a school, and must obtain approval for the allowance from the cognizant DoDDS approval authority prior to incurring any expense. The amount of the educational allowance normally will not exceed the "at post" rate authorized by the Department of State Standardized Regulations (DSSR) (Government Civilians in Foreign Areas), Sections 031.1 and 277.1, for the overseas location to which the DoD sponsor is assigned. DoDDS may pay the DSSR "away from post" rate only when a residential placement is both determined to be necessary and is authorized by the



cognizant DoDDS approval authority. The applicable allowance is inclusive of all allowable educational costs and travel (including that of residentially placed students) between the DoD sponsor's assignment and the school.

Allowable educational costs include the school's standard, publicly advertised tuition charges and matriculation fees. DoDDS is not authorized to fund the cost of duplicate registration and tuition fees, or other fees deemed excessive by the cognizant DoDDS approving authority. DoDDS may not fund the cost of personal expenses, including: clothing (uniforms and athletic equipment), laundry, meals (except when dormitory enrollment is authorized), transportation outside of the school's commuting area, student accident or health insurance, special courses not part of the curriculum of comparable tax-supported schools in the United States (with the exception of host-nation cultural programs), private tutoring, school or classroom decorations or parties, musical instruments, deposits and refundable payments, parent/teacher association fees, graduation gowns and caps, photographs, class banquets, yearbook fees, class rings, field trips that are not part of the curriculum or comparable tax-supported schools in the United States, or parent-or student-directed educational testing.

DoD sponsors may request that cognizant DoDDS approval authority approve certain additional expenses provided such requests are made in writing and approved before incurred. These expenses include: special education and related expenses required by a child's individual education plan, reasonable and economical public or private commuter transportation, extracurricular instruction in a foreign language (when such study began in the United States and the cognizant Deputy Director considers it essential to maintain foreign language proficiency, or the language is the language of the host nation and its study is mandatory at the school), some private remedial tutoring in basic skills, and remedial summer school attendance.

Sponsors requesting approval of additional expenses must furnish the approval authority all relevant educational records pertaining to the child. These include all enrollment data, transcripts, individual special education plans, documentation of pertinent school requirements (such as host nation foreign language instruction) and other records that establish the child's need for supplemental or remedial services. In addition, the sponsor must submit pertinent school data establishing the published or publicly offered fee schedules, and available elements of expenses that comprise the relevant tuition, fees or other items of expense, and the school calendar.

No allowance will be provided to defray the educational expenses of dependents of eligible sponsors stationed in overseas areas where local, tax-supported schools provide an educational program in the English language. Accordingly, sponsors are expected either to send their dependents to local public schools or to be personally responsible for their private school tuition. The only exception to this policy will be for those dependents whose DoD sponsors are either assigned to a Department of State activity or independently assigned as an exchange officer to a host nation program. In these cases, the DoD sponsor will be afforded the same educational allowance provided to Department of State employees, or to members of the host nation program to which the DoD sponsor is assigned or attached, up to the published DSSR rate.

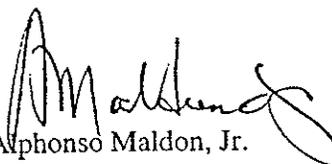
Parents or commanders may submit written requests to the cognizant DoDDS official for a review of the adequacy of the published DSSR rate when the applicable rate appears insufficient to cover expenses typically funded by tax-supported schools in the United States.

The cognizant DoDDS approval authorities for eligible children located within their respective geographical areas of responsibility are: the Office of the Deputy Director, DoDEA, for DoDDS-Europe; the Office of the Deputy Director, DoDEA, for DoDDS-Pacific; or DoD Education Activity Headquarters for Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. These offices will authorize DoDDS to pay the allowance directly to the school selected by the sponsor. The DoDDS is not required to certify non-DoD schools, but upon request from the DoD sponsor, the cognizant DoDDS officials may assist sponsors in identifying and selecting a suitable non-DoD school.

The appropriate points of contact are:

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This memorandum is effective immediately and shall be published in the Federal Register and incorporated into DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," July 8, 1982, within 90 days.


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