

ALL ABOUT DODDS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT SCHOOLS
RAF MENWITH HILL, UK



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WHAT IS DODDS?

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools - Europe (DoDDS-E) is part of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). DoDDS-Europe operates 82 schools within five districts throughout Europe. DoDDS-Europe serves over 35,000 school-age children of active duty military and civilian employees.

Like many schools in the United States, Department of Defense (DoD) schools in Europe are accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement ([NCA CASI](#)). DoDDS' mission is to provide exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD IN A DODDS-EUROPE SCHOOL?

School registration is an annual requirement by DoD Regulation to determine continued eligibility for school enrollment. You can pre-register your child online with the [DoDDS Europe Online Registration System](#). You will still be required to visit the school to sign documents, but having pre-registered will save you time because the data you entered online will be used to populate the forms. You can also fully register directly with the school(s) once you arrive on station. You need 3 items to complete registration:

1. Shot records
 - a. More information at <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment/immunizations.php>
2. Sponsor's orders
3. Recent school records

MENWITH HILL SCHOOL

SCHOOL	GRADE LEVELS	LOCATION	DSN	REGISTRAR
Menwith Hill	Grades K-12	RAF Menwith Hill	262-7778	Kehaulani Shuart
http://www.mhil-ehs.eu.dodea.edu/				

AT WHAT AGE DO CHILDREN START SCHOOL?

Children must be 5 years old by September 1st in order to enroll in DoDDS Kindergarten.

Sure Start is an option for children 4 years of age by September 1st of the current school year. Children qualify for Sure Start based on family dynamics that may put the child “at risk.” Some of these factors include: rank (E-1 – E-4 or GS-1 – GS-4 first priority), single parent household, one or both parents speak a language other than English as their primary language, parent is on remote assignment (TDY) 3 months or more, 4 or more children close in age living in the home, child is from a dual military family, or child has sibling with an identified disability.

HOW DOES THE BUS SYSTEM WORK?

The Menwith Hill Elementary/High School Transportation Office can be reached at (DSN) 262-7778 or (CIV) 01423-777778, ext. 244. Hours are 0830 to 1130

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND DODDS-EUROPE SCHOOLS?

Eligibility for enrollment in DoDEA's overseas school system is determined through categories.

Category 1

- A student is the dependent of a service member or DoD civilian and is on official orders placing them overseas and receiving housing allowance. Space-required, tuition-free.
- FMS or MAP- A student is the dependent of a person who is either in Foreign Military Sales (FMS) or the Military Assistance Program (MAP). Space-required, tuition-paying.
- DoD Contractor- A student is the dependent of a DoD Contractor. Space-created, tuition paying.

Category 2

- Federally Connected- A student is the dependent of a person who is a U.S. Government Agency Employee other than DoD. Space-available, tuition-paying.

Category 3

- Non-Command Sponsored- A student is the dependent of a service member or DoD civilian and is not on official orders, or on a special waiver category. Space-available, tuition-free.

Category 4

- Non-Federally Connected- A student is the dependent of a person who is not in any of the above categories. Space-available, tuition-paying.

Visit <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment/eligibility.php> for more information on enrollment eligibility and tuition rates.

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON DODDS' PERFORMANCE?

Visit <https://webapps.dodea.edu/SRC/> to look up Annual School Report Cards for RAF Menwith Hill School

WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE DO?

School Liaison Officers provide a continuing resource for parents and students in DoDDS Europe school and military communities. The role of the School Liaison Officer is to connect parents and students with information, resources and people. If you have a question about your school, child youth services, or PCSing your School Liaison Officer is your transition expert.

The SLO works with community members, military and civilian organizations, school staff, parents and students. They meet with internal and external customers to help them make sense of processes and connections that can often be overwhelming. Get to know the SLO wherever your family is stationed. When questions arise they will be glad to assist you and help resolve issues in your community. You MHS School Liaison officer is Mr Mark Gagnon, DSN: 262-7345.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE DODDS CURRICULUM?

DoDDS Europe offers K-12 educational programs in core areas of Reading/English/ Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science, as well as Assistive Technology, AVID, CSP/NCA/PD, Early Childhood, Education Program Assistance, Educational Technology, Fine Arts, Foreign Languages/Host Nation/ESL, Gifted Education and Advanced Placement, Health Education, Information Centers, JASON Project, JROTC, Musical Instrument Repair, Physical Education/Athletics, Professional Technical Studies, and Special Education. Student academic, fine arts and athletic activities supplement the basic curriculum. More detailed curriculum standards can be found online at www.dodea.edu/curriculum.

WHERE CAN I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

The best source of information on DoDDS in your area is to call the School Liaison Office and to speak with the school(s) directly. Below are some helpful websites.

- DoDDS-Europe
 - <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/>
- Isle's District Office
 - <http://www.isle-dso.eu.dodea.edu/>
- School Bus Office
 - <http://www.isle-dso.eu.dodea.edu/trans/>
- Sure Start Applications
 - http://www.eu.dodea.edu/news/0910/100416a_sureStart.php
- Virtual School
 - <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/education/virtualSchool.php>
- Enrollment and Eligibility FAQ
 - <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment/faqs.php>
- Military Child Education Coalition
 - <http://www.militarychild.org/>