



## EDUCATION FOR COMMAND-SPONSORED DEPENDENTS

**\*\*\*DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY (DODEA) DOES NOT OPERATE ANY SCHOOLS AT NSA SOUDA BAY.\*\*\***

**Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP):** The NDSP is a program within DoDEA. The purpose of NDSP is to provide educational support and financial assistance to offset costs of education and to facilitate educational continuity in international locations where there is no DoDEA school. NDSP does not approve, endorse, or certify schools.

You may choose the educational setting that best meets your child's needs. You must select an educational option that will allow your child to easily transition to the next grade when you return to the U.S.

Eligibility and approval for the enrollment of an eligible minor dependent of a DoD sponsor must be obtained from the NDSP office prior to enrolling a child in a non-DoD school. If you are new to the NDSP, visit their [website](#). They have a specific process to be eligible for funding, which is outlined in the mandatory NDSP Sponsor Orientation.

**Department of State Standardized Regulations (Educational Allowances):** Learn about your DSSR Education Allowance for Souda Bay, Greece, at the U.S. Department of State [Allowances for Transitions](#) website.

**Academic Support:** Academic support may be provided under specific circumstances. Students must meet certain criteria to be eligible for the different types of supplemental support. Funding for all academic support must be pre-approved by the NDSP Education Specialist for your region. Email the NDSP Education Specialist, Europe, at: [NDSP.education.europe@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:NDSP.education.europe@eu.dodea.edu)

A few examples include:

- The student is in danger of failing and needs support to successfully complete an academic course and progress to the next level.
- The school requires additional instruction to enable the child to enter a grade, remain in the same grade, or complete a grade in the school.
- The support is used as pre-referral intervention/Response to Intervention (RTI) for students who are suspected of having special education needs.
- When the child's first language is not English, and instruction is in English (only when the school does not have an English as a second language teacher).

- When a student is attending school where the language of instruction is other than English. This foreign language is typically in the form of tutoring.
- U.S. - related coursework - such as U.S. history, American literature, Advanced Placement courses.
- Summer School - may be approved on a case-by-case basis in those instances where it is mandatory to make up instructional time lost due to evacuation, Permanent Change of Station move, differences in the inclusive dates of the school year, or other unforeseen emergency situations.
- Gifted education services (for students meeting DoDEA gifted criteria) - may include costs for the school's Gifted and Talented program and/or additional materials/courses to address educational needs.

**Non-English-Speaking Schools:** Enrollment in a non-English speaking school requires more steps than enrollment in an English-speaking school. Families choosing an option where the language of instruction is not English may not be eligible for supplemental support for their children. Contact <mailto:ndsp.education.europe@eu.dodea.edu> if you have specific questions. Their eligibility team and Education Specialist will reach out to you with the additional forms to complete once you have registered.

**Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP):** This is a DoD enrollment program that works with DoDEA to provide educational services worldwide to U.S. military families with special needs. An official overseas screening conducted by the responsible Educational Specialist is mandatory for all DoD eligible dependents with special needs, civilian or military, prior to arriving at the NDSP site. An overseas screening can be called different things in each branch of the DoD, i.e. a Family Member Travel Screening or Family Determination Inquiry, etc.

Contact your EFMP coordinator or human resource office to initiate the overseas screening or contact [ndsp.education.europe@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:ndsp.education.europe@eu.dodea.edu) for assistance. It is highly recommended that the student have recent (within six months) educational evaluations and an updated Individual Education Plan (IEP) prior to the screening and for families to hand-carry all documents to their new school.

#### **Education Options for NSA Souda Bay:**

**Theodoropoulos School, K to 12:** <http://theodoropoulou.gr/?lang=en>

The Language of instruction is English, and they utilize the Bridgeway Curriculum. As for the Modern Greek (elective subject), they concentrate mainly on everyday speaking skills.

Homework assignments are limited, since most of the work is done in class. There is also regular interaction between the international students and their Greek peers, in the form of field trips, projects and electives (P.E., Art, Music, Computers). For more information, contact the SLO.

**Mavromatakis-Mitera Private School, Pre-K to 6th:** <http://www.mmschool.gr/en/>

Mavromatakis – Mitera Primary School has a bilingual curriculum for the ages of 3 to 12 taught according to the bilingual education model “50-50” which means the lesson is conducted by two teachers, a Greek-speaking teacher and an English-speaking teacher. They share their lesson equally, following the tried and tested Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) methodology. This means that all subjects are taught in both languages, helping the students "express themselves" in both of the languages (mother tongue and second language) and to use them in a communicative dimension. Speaking a foreign language presupposes its acquisition and comprehension, thus the students expressing themselves is made possible. The result of this program so far has been quite encouraging for the future.

The Calvert Education Curriculum has been used to teach English to the English-speaking students (from the U.S.) since 2014. The books offered by this online service are integrated in the teaching of the rest of the courses (Science, Math, History, and Geography) of the Greek curriculum, thus creating a mixed bilingual educational model for the rest of the students as well. Calvert Education Services is accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

However, we will try to keep the students embodied in Greek classes for half of the day. This is the best way to make them feel equal, help them create friendships and bond with each other.

**Home School or Virtual School:** Find more information about this option at [DoDEA's Home Study/Private Instruction website](#).

**Boarding School:** This option is open to students from 6th to 12th grade. Contact headquarters at [ndsp.management@hq.dodea.edu](mailto:ndsp.management@hq.dodea.edu) to confirm enrollment eligibility.

**School Liaison Officer (SLO):** Please email Mr. Chris McKibbin ([christopher.mckibbin@dodea.edu](mailto:christopher.mckibbin@dodea.edu)) for additional questions specific to NSA Souda Bay.