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Parent Involvement

Research demonstrates that parent involvement is essential for student success. Although you may not become involved in all committees and support organizations in the school, we encourage the following activities for your parental support:

- Join the school parent/teacher association (PTA) and participate in meetings and activities.
- Have lunch at school with your child regularly.
- Volunteer in your child's classroom.
- Establish a daily study time at home (even when there's no homework).
- Participate in the Continuous School Improvement (CSI) efforts at your child's school.
- Keep informed of school events and activities by reading school newsletters and your child's classroom newsletter.
- Communicate frequently with your child's teacher.
- Prepare for and participate in parent-teacher conferences.
- Ensure your child has a well-balanced breakfast and comes to school with completed homework, lunch money and school supplies.

Resources

[Final DAC Meeting 2023](#)

Agendas & Meeting Minutes

[OES SAC Meeting Minutes 22 May 2023](#)

[OES SAC Meeting Minutes 20 Mar 2023](#)

[OES SAC Meeting Minutes 30 Jan 2023](#)

Visitors and Volunteers

This applies to:

All schools

Modification date

Fri, 06/23/2023 - 12:00

This policy is under review

Off

For the protection of students and staff, all visitors must report to the school's front office immediately upon arriving at the school. A visitor is any person (to include parents, sponsors, and legal guardians) not enrolled or assigned to the school requesting entry to the building.

Visitors must provide authorized identification to gain access to the DoDEA school. The visitor will be issued a visitor badge that must be displayed above the waist while on DoDEA school property. The school administrator has the final determination on visitors authorized to be at the school. While on DoDEA school property, visitors may go only to the approved area indicated as their destination when signing in at the school's front office. Any change to the designated location must be approved by the school's front office before the visitor can access a different location within the school. When leaving the school, visitors must sign out and return the visitor's badge to the school's front office.

Classroom Observations

Parents are welcome to visit the school and classrooms to observe the school's programs for brief periods of time that do not interfere with instruction. Approval by the school administrator is required for this type of visitation.

Related regulations

Be a Volunteer!

There are many opportunities for eager parents and community members to get involved and become a DoDEA school volunteer. Volunteers can assist in a variety of ways such as classroom and library assistance, tutoring and mentoring, office administration, playground and lunchroom monitoring, event setup, fundraising, etc. For safety and security reasons, all volunteers are encouraged to leave under-age siblings at home during volunteering activities. Interested parties can refer to their local School Volunteer Coordinator for specific visitation and/or volunteer opportunities.

Parent Teacher Organization / Parent Teacher Association

The PTO/PTA is a group of parents and teachers working for a better school environment by providing both financial and volunteer support for our school programs. The PTO/PTA are able to sponsor a variety of activities that may include book fairs, school pictures, monthly birthday celebrations for all children, the sale of school t-shirts or many other events. The PTO/PTA consists of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, there are several committee coordinator positions such as volunteer, spirit week, membership and box tops. If you are interested in volunteering, serving on the executive board, or being a committee coordinator, please contact the PTO/PTA.

PTO/PTA Objectives

The PTO/PTA is a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-sectarian organization. It cooperates with the school to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with the education of students or the mission of the school and does not seek to control school policies. Specific objectives include:

- Providing a medium for exchange of information among parents, teachers, and other interested groups.
- Encouraging and developing programs and activities, which serve to enhance the quality of student education.
- Identifying and promoting opportunities for students to secure the highest advantage in their academic, physical, and social growth.
- Encouraging and maintaining a working dialogue between members, the local educational school system, the local government, and the community at-large on matters affecting the general welfare and education of students.

Membership is open to all parents and legal guardians of students attending the school as well as school staff. Contact the school for membership information.

School Advisory Committees

This applies to:

Europe
Pacific

Modification date

This policy is under review

Off

DoDEA school administrators, in partnership with sponsors/family members, students, and military leaders, promote communication through the establishment of advisory committees to address issues (school initiatives, procedures and policies) locally. This is a system-wide way for parents to get involved in their child's local school. Consult your child's school to learn more about school advisory committees.

Related regulations

[1358.01: School Boards, Advisory Committees, and Dependents Education Council](#)

Staff Development Programs

OES is committed to the implementation of an on-going comprehensive staff development program. The purpose of this program is to achieve optimum effectiveness of the classroom learning environment and instructional services for the benefit of all students. Staff development opportunities, which are school-wide, will be held during normal working hours. Most of these sessions are open to the community and parents. Staff development trainings are a full duty day. Parents will be notified in advance of any changes in the school schedule to accommodate staff development. We invite you to participate in learning about our school improvement process!

DoDEA School Advisory Committees

Being a DoDEA school advisory committee member is a serious responsibility but one that offers significant rewards - including the opportunity to actively participate in the process of educating our children.

However, unlike the school advisory committees in the Local Education Authority (LEA), DoDEA school advisory committees act purely in an advisory capacity, providing input to the Superintendent and administrators in the areas of: school policies affecting students and parents, administrative procedures affecting students, and instructional and educational resources within the school. The DoDEA school district superintendent makes final decisions on matters affecting the school district.

Find out more about [DoDEA Pacific Region school advisory committees](#).

Contact Your SAC

SAC meetings are open to the public. Parents are welcome and encouraged to contact their local school to learn more.

What does the SAC address?

YES

- School policies & administrative procedures.
- Instructional programs.
- Allocation of resources.
- Student standards of conduct.
- Base-related topics that impact students.

NO

- Personnel practices or policies.
- Compensation.
- Employee grievance.
- Internal management of DoDEA.
- Fund Raising.

If you have topics you would like to be seen or addressed in the SAC Meetings, please send agenda topics to respective SAC email address.

Contact Our SAC

[Osan ES SAC POC](#)

Contact Our PTA/PTO

[Osan ES PTO POC](#)

Osan American ES offers many ways to stay involved with your child's education and our school. Below are some examples of ways you can get involved at OAES.

- New School Year Meet and Greet
- Fall Open House
- Chusok Celebrations (Korean Thanksgiving)
- Parent / Teacher Conferences (Fall - Spring)
- PTO Scholastic Book Fair
- STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- PTO Field Day

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