



# DoDEA Education Partnership and Resources

## Evaluation Technical Assistance Center (ETAC)

### **Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)**

World Language Advancement & Readiness Program Grant

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# Session Overview

- About DoDEA
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# About DoDEA



**160** schools



approximately **69,000**  
PK-12 military-connected students

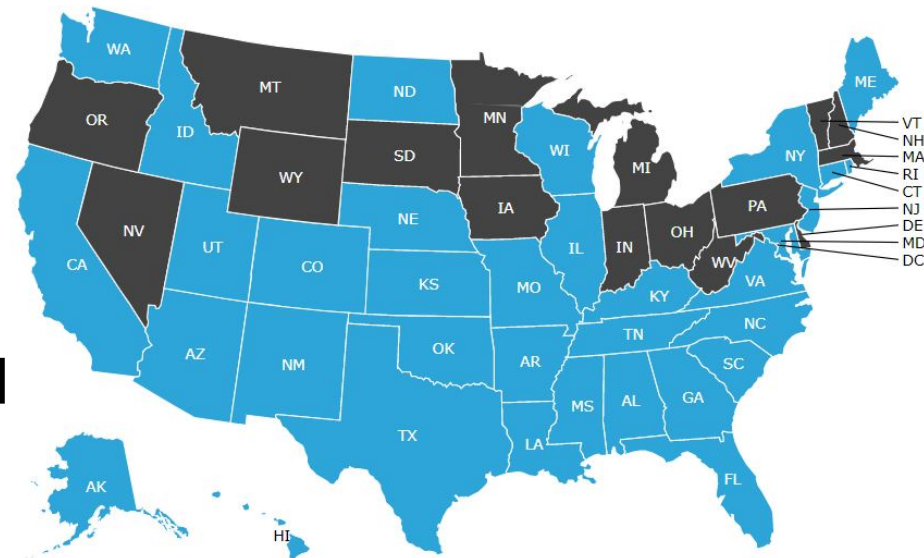


Attend non-  
DODEA schools



# DoDEA Partnership Grant Program

- **Influence educational outcomes**
- **Strengthen community partnerships**
- **Meet needs of the highly mobile military-connected students**
- **Support the local community**



\*All grants are subject to a rigorous evaluation to ensure program efficiency and effectiveness.

\* Grantee states are in blue.



# 2021 World Language Announcement

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=331931>

- Close: May 7, 2021 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time
- Things to Consider: “Related Documents” Tab
  - **Eligibility:**
    - Eligible school(s) must have a 10 percent or greater military-connected student enrollment for school year (SY) 2019-20.
    - Eligible school(s) must be a part of a LEA which currently hosts a unit of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) in one of their local high schools.
  - **Objective:** *“the establishment, improvement, or expansion of world language programs targeting elementary and secondary students”*
  - **Funding:** Ceiling: \$3M and Floor: \$500K
  - **Period of Performance:** September 30, 2021 to May 31, 2026



# Award Process

- Merit Review
  - Conducted by 3<sup>rd</sup> party reviewers with qualifications and experience in grant application reviews
- Risk Assessment
  - Includes past performance and SAM eligibility
- Award notifications will be made by September 30<sup>th</sup>; however, technical assistance with prospective awardees may be made prior to award



# Format for Project Narrative

- Use the **exact section headings**
  - Located in Section V.B(2) “Application and Submission Instructions” (e.g., II. Needs Assessment or III. Project Goals)
  - Application template Word document located on [dodeagrants.org](http://dodeagrants.org) homepage
- 20-page maximum
  - Use Appendix A-B, and D in narrative as templates
  - These Appendix items do not count against the 20-page limit
- Ensure evidence is included for each indicator
- Upload on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) with required forms



# Submission

- Applications **can only** be submitted through <https://grants.gov/>
  - For access to complete application instructions: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/apply-for-grants.html>
  - No applications will be considered via email or after the deadline.
  - Submit all required federal forms **AND** project narrative on grants.gov for consideration.





# Frequently Asked Questions

- Below are a few scenarios/application ideas:
  - **Establish** language learning opportunities to students in eligible elementary school.
  - **Improve** current grade 9-12 language program offerings.
  - **Expand** dual language immersion programs.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Where can I find the approved language listing?
  - **APPENDIX C: *Foreign languages identified on the DoD Strategic Language List.***
  - American Sign Language (ASL) is also included as an option.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- How much funding can one district receive?
  - **Section III.A. “Funding Amount and Period of Performance”:** *Each individual award will be for a minimum of \$500,000.00 and may be up to a maximum of \$3,000,000, for a period of up to five (5) years.*
  - Only ONE application will be awarded per district.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the definition of “military-connected students”?
  - **Section IV.A “Eligible Applicants”** : *For the purposes of this announcement, a military-connected student is defined as an elementary or secondary school student who is: (i) a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces; (ii) a dependent of a civilian employee of the Department of Defense; or (iii) a dependent of a person who is not a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of the Department of Defense but who is employed on Federal property.*



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Are all the schools in the applying LEA eligible?
  - **NO.** Only the schools that meet the eligibility requirement (Section IV.A) are considered for funding. LEAs can elect to target all eligible schools in their district or only focus on a particular grade level or school.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Who can apply for this opportunity?
  - DoDEA's authority is to share resources with public schools; therefore, **only US Public Schools are eligible to apply for this opportunity.** Applicants can consider working with higher education or organizations to provide applicable services to meet strategies and initiatives of this award (e.g., professional development, etc.).
  - Only ONE application will be awarded per district.



# Frequently Asked Questions

- Will there be any other opportunities for world languages available?
  - DoDEA will be instructed **by Congress** if any further world languages opportunities will become available.



# For additional information ...

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