



## DoDEA Maximum Teacher to Student Ratios

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Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is the federal school system that organizes efforts to provide quality educational opportunities and services to military dependents around the globe who would otherwise not have access to a high-quality public education. DoDEA has a long and proud history of serving military families dating back to World War II.

Currently DoDEA schools have more than 66,000 military children enrolled in 160 schools located in 11 foreign countries, 7 states, and 2 territories. These students are taught by more than dedicated 8,000 teachers. DoDEA also provides support and resources to Local Educational Agencies throughout the United States that serve children of military families.

In order to preserve the excellence of DoDEA schools, Congress included language in the FY21 NDAA that prescribing maximum teacher to student ratios for DoDEA schools. DoDEA had been looking to eliminate nearly 300 secondary level educator positions prior to the FY21 NDAA. That language set the maximum teacher to student ratio for grades K-3 at 1:18 and the ratio for grades 3-12 at the average of the ratio across schools for the 2019-2020 school year, about 1:24. Unfortunately, as prescribed by the FY2021 NDAA, the maximum student to teacher ratio requirement expires this year.

**Endorsements:** NEA, Federal Education Association, American Federation of Teachers (AFT)