

As you and your family prepare for your assignment to a remote location in Europe without U.S. Army garrison support here are a few things to consider:

Educational Differences and NDSP Services

As you prepare for your move to remote locations in Europe, please be aware of significant differences in the educational experiences offered by International Baccalaureate (IB) program private schools and Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools. IB program schools emphasize a global, inquiry-based curriculum and are not inferior to DoDEA schools. However, the IB program may not be advisable for high school students in their final two years, as its rigorous, specialized requirements may not align with students' existing educational goals. The alternatives listed below should be carefully considered.

For those eligible, the Non-DoD Schools Program (NDSP) provides various services to support your children's education, including:

- Tutoring: Assistance to bridge any educational gaps.
- Boarding School: Financial support for students in areas without schooling options.
- Home Schooling: Reimbursement for approved curriculums and materials.
- Travel funding and more depending on the circumstances.

We strongly encourage you to contact your NDSP representative for tailored advice. These representatives have visited most schools in your area, met personally with parents, and addressed concerns by developing Courses of Action (COAs) to solve them. They are intimately aware of the challenges students and parents face at each location and can guide you to the best educational solution for your family.