

# CHARTER

## Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

### 1. Authority

a. Section 929 of the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 921-932, authorizes the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE).

b. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., appendix 2, §9 as amended, sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

### 2. Official Designation

Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

### 3. Objectives and Scope

The Council advises the Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), on improvements to achieve and maintain a high quality public educational program through secondary school for minor dependents in overseas areas.

### 4. Time Required to Carry Out the Purpose of the Council

See paragraph 11., below.

### 5. Officials to Whom the Council Reports

The Council reports to the Secretary of Defense through the Director, DoDEA.

### 6. Agency Responsible for Providing Support Services

The Department of Defense provides support services to the Council.

### 7. Functions of the Council

The Council:

a. Recommends to the Director, DoDEA, general policies for operation of the Defense dependents' education system with respect to curriculum selection, administration, and operation of the system.

b. Provides information to the Director, DoDEA, from other Federal agencies concerned with primary and secondary education with respect to education programs and practices which such agencies have found to be effective and which should be considered for inclusion in the Defense dependents' education system.

c. Performs such other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense.

## 8. Structure

a. The Council is composed of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education or his/her respective designees, and a representative of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall jointly appoint 12 persons who have demonstrated an interest in the field of primary or secondary education and who shall include representatives of professional employee organizations, school administrators, parents of dependents enrolled in the Defense dependents' education system and 1 student enrolled in such system. Personnel meeting these requirements will, to the extent practicable, include 5 distinguished educators from outside the Defense department, 2 flag officers from the theatre level military commands, and 2 parents of dependents enrolled in the Defense dependents' education system. Individuals appointed to the Council from professional employee organizations shall be individuals designated by those organizations.

b. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education, or their designees, shall serve as cochairpersons of the Council.

c. The Director, DoDEA, shall be the Executive Secretary of the Council.

d. The term of office of each member of the Council appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall be 3 years, except that--

(1) of the members first appointed, 4 shall serve for a term of 1 year, 4 shall serve for a term of 2 years, and 4 shall serve for a term of 3 years, as determined jointly by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education at the time of their appointment, and

(2) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his/her predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

(3) no member appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education shall serve more than 2 full terms on the Council.

## 9. Estimated Annual Operating Cost

The estimated annual operating cost for the Council is approximately \$200,000. This is the direct cost for operating the Council, including per diem and travel for all members and compensation at the daily equivalent for level IV of the Executive Schedule, including travel

time, for Council members who are not in the full-time employ of the United States. The cost of staff support, provided by the Department of Defense Education Activity, is excluded.

10. Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Council shall meet at least 2 times each year.

11. Termination Date

Section 929(e) of the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978 provides that the Council shall continue in existence until terminated by law. The charter will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed.

12. Date Charter is Filed:

February 21, 2004

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