

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Council on Dependents' Education

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Defense	2017
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Council on Dependents' Education	381

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	07/10/2014	07/10/2016	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Public Law 114-328	12/23/2016

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Yes	Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
20 U.S.C. SEC. 929	11/01/1978	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

**Current Next
FY FY**

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council uses formal advisory committee meetings, webinars, web conferences, working groups, and other methods to accomplish its goals, consistent with the requirements of the FACA. The ACDE does not have subcommittees. The ACDE did not meet in FY 2015 as there was not a quorum for members to meet.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

The Council membership is Co-Chaired by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee; the Secretary of Education or his/her designee. In addition the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education have one representative that serves on the Council. The DoDEA Director serves as Executive Secretary of the Council. Public Law 112-90 outlines that the members shall include 1) representatives of professional employee organizations; 2) school administrators; 3) parents of dependents enrolled in the Defense dependents' education system, and; 4) one student enrolled in such a system. Every effort is made to ensure that the membership of DoD federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee's function.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council is required to meet at least twice annually, it does not specify in the statute that this within the fiscal or calendar year. The ACDE did not meet in FY 2014 as there was not a quorum for members to meet. A membership package was submitted in December 2013 for membership appointments and to date appointments have not been made, and therefore there is not a quorum to convene the council. DoDEA fulfills the originally intended oversight responsibilities of ACDE and has moved beyond it with a formal collaborative relationship with the Department of Education (ED) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Both ED and CCSSO provide guidance and support on DoDEA's educational programs and oversight responsibilities. There is no valid rationale for why DoDEA should still have a federal advisory committee providing

recommendations on curriculum and other areas, especially when the recommendations are generally complimentary and have not impacted any changes with respect to the operation of these schools. In addition, the costs of operating the ACDE have more than doubled since 1994.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The ACDE, established in 1978 by Public Law 95-561, Education Amendments of 1978, was enacted 30 years ago to ensure DoD effectively operated this overseas school system since DoD was not an educational entity. The defense dependents' education system and the defense domestic elementary and secondary schools (located on installations in the United States) are operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). The DoDEA worldwide schools are recognized as some of the best compared to public schools in the United States. DoDEA, as the parent organization for both the DoD K-12 overseas and domestic school systems, performs an oversight function for these systems not present when the ACDE was established. DoDEA fulfills the originally intended oversight responsibilities of ACDE and has moved beyond it with a formal collaborative relationship with the Department of Education (ED) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). Both ED and CCSSO provide guidance and support on DoDEA's educational programs and oversight responsibilities. There is no valid rationale for why DoDEA should still have a federal advisory committee providing recommendations on curriculum and other areas, especially when the recommendations are generally complimentary and have not impacted any changes with respect to the operation of these schools. In addition, the

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20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

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Designated Federal Officer

Kathleen M. Facon Chief, Educational Partnership

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine

- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

56

Number of Recommendations Comments

This committee was created in 1978 (34 years ago) to provide recommendations on general policies for operation of the defense dependents' education system with respect to curriculum selection, administration, and operation of the system; and to provide information 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 DoD dependents' education system.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The Council reports to the Director for recommendations involving the DoD dependents' education system that are within the Director's purview. All matters outside the Director's purview shall be reported to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Education, or the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (hereafter referred to as "the Under Secretary"), as appropriate. The Under Secretary or the Director, as appropriate, may act upon the Council's advice and recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Addition, modification, or removal of educational programs for students.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

The ACDE public web site address is: <http://acde.dodea.edu/>