

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

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

### 2. Fiscal Year

2017

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Council on Dependents'  
Education

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

381

### 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

07/10/2014

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

07/10/2016

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Public Law 114-328

### 8c. Actual Term Date

12/23/2016

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

20 U.S.C. SEC. 929

### 13. Effective Date

11/01/1978

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

### 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

<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	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 costs of operating the ACDE have more than doubled since 1994.

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

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