



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON DAEGU  
UNIT #15746  
APO AP 96218-5746

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Daegu Policy Letter #9, Attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences by Soldiers and Civilian Parents

1. Research findings indicate that parental involvement makes a positive contribution to children's educational achievement. Research into the educational paradigm suggest that students at all grade levels do better academic work and have more positive school attitudes, higher aspirations, and other positive behaviors if they have parents who are aware, knowledgeable, encouraging, and involved. The effects of parental participation are long lasting and involvement builds a foundation for future success. Specifically, parents' aspirations regarding their children's educational attainment and communication about school activities and studies have a positive effect on children's academic growth.
2. Most students at all levels – elementary, middle, and high school – want their Families to be more knowledgeable about their school lives. When parents come to school regularly, it reinforces the view in the child's mind that school and home are connected and that school is an integral part of the whole Family's life.
3. All military, DA civilian, contractor, or other personnel with children enrolled in the Daegu American School/Daegu High School are encouraged to become actively involved in school events. The school will function more efficiently and more effectively with parental involvement.
4. In support of these goals, the assigned place of duty for all Area IV Soldiers, irrespective of unit of assignment, shall be routine Parent-Teacher Conferences when regularly scheduled by Daegu American School and/or Daegu High School throughout the school year. Unit Commanders will ensure that their personnel are made available for such conferences and that they attend. Additionally, Unit Commanders are encouraged to grant their civilian employees administrative leave for the same purpose.
5. Soldiers, irrespective of unit of assignment, shall be granted time to attend other necessary school functions, including but not limited to the School Advisory Council meetings, the Installation Advisory Council meetings, student orientations, and other meetings designed to solicit parent input or to provide information to parents. Unit Commanders are also encouraged to grant administrative leave for these purposes. Commanders should consider passes and leave for Soldiers, or unpaid leave/liberal leave for DA civilian employees, to allow parents time to attend extracurricular events in which their child is a participant.

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6. The point of contact is the Deputy to the Garrison Commander or the Administrative Officer at DSN 768-8778.

  
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