



Family Liaison Office

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Education Information Resources in the Department of State

Offices that serve as education resources for Foreign Service families are the Family Liaison Office, the Office of Overseas Schools, the Overseas Briefing Center, the Employee Consultation Service, the Office of Allowances, and the American Foreign Service Association (for scholarships).

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<http://www.state.gov/www/flo/>

FLO's Education and Youth Officer provides information and counsel to families and Community Liaison Office Coordinators on the following: education options at posts overseas, U.S. boarding schools, international day and boarding schools, Washington area public and private schools, correspondence courses (K - adult), the college admissions process, financial aid, standardized educational testing, children with special educational needs, and summer programs. Working with the Overseas Briefing Center and the Office of Overseas Schools, FLO's Education Officer presents seminars on educating the Foreign Service child. The officer also works with Around

the World in A Lifetime (AWAL), the Foreign Service teen group, and Globe Trotters, the pre-teen group, through the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF).

Education Options for Foreign Service Family Members, published by FLO, contains information on all stages of education from birth through adult learning, in the Washington area and abroad.

OFFICE OF OVERSEAS SCHOOLS (A/OPR/OS)

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The Office of Overseas Schools (A/OPR/OS) is staffed with regional education officers, each assigned oversight of a geographic

region, who are well-informed about schools attended by U.S. government school-age children.

Families are encouraged to contact the appropriate Regional Education Officer to discuss educational options at post.

East Asia and Canada:
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A/OPR/OS publishes fact sheets and a directory of overseas schools assisted by the Department of State. It also maintains a resource center with information such as yearbooks, newsletters, school profiles, curriculums, and a few videotapes from schools normally attended by U.S. government dependents. It publishes on CD-ROM and hard copy the *Summary School Information Form*, giving detailed information on course offerings, special programs, programs for children with special needs, extracurricular activities, and graduation requirements. The CD-ROM packet is distributed to all posts worldwide. In Washington

the CD-ROM can be viewed at: the Department of State in A/OPR/OS, FLO, OBC, and the FS Lounge; at the Agency for International Development; at the Department of Agriculture; at the Department of Commerce, and at the Drug Enforcement Agency. Fact sheets can be viewed on both the Intranet at <http://aopros.a.state.gov> and the Internet at http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/

EMPLOYEE CONSULTATION SERVICE (M/MED/ECS)

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The Employee Consultation Service has three staff psychiatric social workers, Anne Weiss, Anne Reese, and Flora Bryant. They offer consultation, evaluation, and referral services to families of U.S. government employees assigned to diplomatic posts abroad who have school-aged children with learning, emotional, or other disabilities. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may schedule an appointment.

AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Associates of American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW) and the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) provide merit-based scholarships to high school seniors for their freshman year in college. AFSA also provides need-based financial aid for undergraduates.

**OVERSEAS BRIEFING CENTER
(M/FSI/OBC)**

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<http://fsiweb.fsi.state.gov/obc/>

OBC keeps files on post schools including handbooks, newsletters, personal comments, and yearbooks. They have slides or videotapes for some schools. No appointment is necessary.

**OFFICE OF ALLOWANCES
(A/OPR/ALS)**

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http://www.state.gov/www/perdiems/allowances_index.html

The Office of Allowances can answer specific questions on schooling allowances, this office calculates allowances for each post, sets special education and supplemental education allowances. Many questions can be answered by phone or email.