

FAQ's

- **Where do I find the School Liaison Officer?**

Your School Liaison Officer, SLO, is located in Bldg 503, Youth Services Building (across from the Carrefour) on SHAPE. DSN: 423-5789, Commercial: 0032-65-44-5789.

- **How do I obtain a school calendar and when does school start/finish?**

The School Calendars are available on the school websites: Elementary School: www.shap-es.eu.dodea.edu
Middle and High School: www.shap-hs.eu.dodea.edu. Schools usually start late August and end late June.

- **What are the Graduation Requirements for the school district?**

Graduation requirements for 2007 and 2008 and beyond can be found at: http://www.dodea.edu/foia/iod/pdf/2000_1.pdf

- **Is there a Gifted Program in the school district?**

Students in grades 2-6, who meet the DODEA criteria, may be enrolled in the gifted education program at SHAPE American Elementary School. Teachers, parents, or students may nominate a student for the Gifted Education program. A group of teachers and an administrator make up the committee that places students in the gifted program. First grade students, who are advanced readers, may enter the Upstairs Reading Program. Resource classes may be offered in order to provide differentiation for students receiving gifted services.
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For the gifted Program for students in grades 7th -12th, please contact the coordinator Keith McKenzie at Keith.McKenzie@eu.dodea.edu.

- **What school will my child (ren) attend?**

Your children will attend the SHAPE International School, for more information go to: <http://www.nato.int/shape/community/school/index.htm>

- **What are the start and dismissal times of the local schools?**

Each school section follows their own schedule, please check individual school websites. Most schools start between 8:50 and 9:00 and dismiss between 15:30 and 15:40. The Belgian School section has the same schedule except for Wednesday; dismissal time is then 12:00.

- **What holidays do the local schools observe?**

SHAPE International schools follow the SHAPE holiday schedule. This means that most days when the school is not in session are Belgian Holidays. The school is in session on Federal Holidays such as Thanksgiving (½ Day), Martin Luther King Birthday, etc. Please check the school's website for more information on holidays and school breaks.

Elementary School: www.shap-es.eu.dodea.edu or High School: www.shap-hs.eu.dodea.edu

- **What type of Special Education programs does the school district have?**

Parents may contact the school regarding Special Education concerns. Additionally, if interested in information regarding services offered in the school, please contact Ms. Jennifer Baldwin.

- **What type of state testing do students participate in?**

Each spring students in grades 3-6 participate in the Terra Nova - published by McGraw Hill.

MS and HS participate in different tests over the course of the school year, see attached testing calendar.



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- **What bus will my child (ren) ride?**

Located in Bldg 710, DSN: 423-4013

- **What age can my child (ren) start Kindergarten?**

US kindergarten students must reach age 5 by October 31st. SHAPE has other kindergarten options available, the UK section and the BE section both offer KG choices for SHAPE. For more information, please check the SHAPE International School Site @ <http://www.nato.int/shape/community/school/index.htm>

- **What private schools are located in the SHAPE area?**

For more information on the school system in Belgium please check: <http://www.answers.com/topic/education-in-belgium> and <http://www.fulbright.be/Index.htm>

International School, St John's International School it is located in Waterloo about 45 minutes away from SHAPE, for more information please check their website: www.stjohns.be

International School Brussels, for more info please go to: www.isb.be

- **What types of Pre-school Programs are in the SHAPE area?**

The Belgian Kindergarten Section of the SHAPE International School offers Kindergarten for all children from 2 ½ to 6 Years of age, please check their website for all information: <http://www.nato.int/shape/community/school/index.htm>

- **What information is needed to register my child in the school districts?**

ITEMS NEEDED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

1. Parent's valid US Identification Card (SHAPE ID for foreign military parents)
2. Orders assigning sponsor and dependents to SHAPE + Amendments to Orders. If dependents are not listed on orders, another form will be used to determine dependency.
3. Any other documents, as listed on DSE Form 910-R.
4. Proof of child's birth date (provide copy of passport/birth certificate).
5. Passport number, place of issue, expiration date.
6. Child's Social Security Number (statement must be signed by sponsor if SSN not available at time of registration)
7. Eight Euro per child for mandatory insurance premium

8. Children's immunization records
9. Report card from previous school / records from previous school

Please check the school's website for downloadable registration packages and forms.

Elementary School: www.shap-es.eu.dodea.edu/

High School: www.shap-hs.eu.dodea.edu/curriculum/registration.htm

- **What resources are there available for home schooling?**

SHAPE has a Christian Home School support group,
www.freewebs.com/shapehomeschool/index.htm

Home schoolers may participate in various programs at parents' requests. The school library and standardized testing are at their disposal. Home schooling parents should contact one of the school counselors to discuss options.

- **What resources are available to help High School students and parents to prepare for college?**

DODEA High Schools are currently using Six Year Plans from 7th grade forward, the plans can be found at http://www.dodea.edu/HSi/year_plan.htm, the school counselors are available for help with this great tool.

The complete Guide to College Financing and Admissions are available at your school or through the School Liaison Office.

- **Does the HS school offer Driver's Ed?**

The Shape HS does not offer driver's Ed, however they will accept driver's education from an accredited institution and post the grade and credit to our transcript as an elective credit.