



*Student Focused... Partnership Driven*

## Academic Equivalents

SPAIN		U.S.
1° INFANTIL	3 years old	
2° INFANTIL	4 years old	
3° INFANTIL	5 years old	KINDERGARTEN
1° PRIMARIA	6 years old	1 <sup>st</sup> grade ELEMENTARY
2° PRIMARIA	7 years old	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade ELEMENTARY
3° PRIMARIA	8 years old	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade ELEMENTARY
4° PRIMARIA	9 years old	4 <sup>th</sup> grade ELEMENTARY
5° PRIMARIA	10 years old	5 <sup>th</sup> grade ELEMENTARY
6° PRIMARIA	11 years old	6 <sup>TH</sup> grade MIDDLE
1° SECUNDARIA	12 years old	7 <sup>th</sup> grade MIDDLE
2° SECUNDARIA	13 years old	8 <sup>TH</sup> grade MIDDLE
3° SECUNDARIA	14 years old	9 <sup>th</sup> grade HIGH SCHOOL
4° SECUNDARIA	15 years old	10 <sup>th</sup> grade HIGH SCHOOL
1° BACHILLERATO	16 years old	11 <sup>th</sup> grade HIGH SCHOOL
2° BACHILLERATO	17 years old	12 <sup>th</sup> grade HIGH SCHOOL
UNIVERSIDAD	18-22 years old	COLLEGE

# Educational Options at Morón Air Base

## Pre-K and Kindergarten

- For children aged 0 to 3 years old, the available options include:

### 1. Local Day Cares:

- Local day cares in the area are in high demand. Therefore, it is highly encouraged to register your child during the enrollment period, which takes place from April 1st through April 30th, to secure a spot.
- Hours of operation: 0730 – 1700, with limited attendance of no more than eight hours a day per child.
- Additional services provided include before-care, lunch, and nap time.
- Cost: 320€ per month (including lunch) or 250€ per month (excluding lunch).

### 2. Base Home Care Providers.

- For children aged 3 to 5 years old, the educational options are as follows:

### 1. Local Schools:

- Public and publicly funded private ("concertado") schools in the area are in high demand. Therefore, it is highly encouraged to register your child during the enrollment period, which takes place from March 1st through March 31st, to secure a spot in these schools.
- School hours: 0900 – 1400
- Additional services (not offered in all schools): before-care, lunch, extracurricular activities, and transportation.

- Tuition is free. School supplies and books are purchased by families.

## **2. Private Schools:**

- Applications for enrollment are accepted at any time, and admission depends on availability.
- School hours: 0930 – 1300/ 1500 – 1700
- Additional services: before-care, lunch, extracurricular activities, and transportation.
- Costs vary depending on the school, approximately 500€ per month.
- Additional educational costs such as enrollment fees, deposits, uniforms, and school supplies are covered by families.

✚ Pre-K services are not offered in any form on base for children in the age group of 3 to 5 years old.

# **Elementary/ Middle School**

## **1. Sevilla Elementary/Middle School (SE/MS)**

- DoDEA school located at Morón Air Base.
- The school has four multi-grade general education classrooms (kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, fourth and fifth grade, and sixth and seventh and eighth grade) and five special classes (Host Nation, Art Enrichment, Health and Exercise, Technology, and Music Counseling)
- School hours are as follows:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 0830 – 1500  
Thursday (Early release for students): 830 – 1345
- Age requirements: Student must be 5 or 6 years of age by September 1st of the enrolling year for entrance into kindergarten and first grade, respectively.

- After-school clubs may change periodically depending on the time of year. These clubs typically start at 1500 and finish by 1530/1600.
- SE/MS students do not have a school lunch program, and they are encouraged to bring food from home. Parents can arrange for their children to have a hot lunch delivered to the school through the base dining facility (DFAC).
- Enrollment can be done online at <https://dodeasis.myfollett.com/aspen/logon.do> or in person.

## **2. Local Schools:**

- Public and publicly funded private ("concertado") schools in the area are in high demand. Therefore, it is highly encouraged to register your child during the enrollment period, which takes place from March 1st through March 31st, to secure a spot in these schools.
- School hours: 0900 – 1400 or 0930 – 1300/ 1500 – 1700 with a lunch break.
- Additional services (not offered in all schools): before-care, lunch, extracurricular activities, and transportation.
- Tuition is free. School supplies and books are purchased by families.

## **3. Private Schools:**

- Applications for enrollment are accepted at any time, and admission depends on availability.
- School hours: 0930 – 1300/ 1500 – 1700
- Additional services: before-care, lunch, extracurricular activities, and transportation.
- Costs vary depending on the school, approximately 500€ per month.
- Additional educational costs such as enrollment fees, deposits, uniforms, and school supplies are covered by families.

#### **4. Homeschooling:**

- Homeschooling is generally not authorized in Spain, as is the case in most of Europe. However, there is an exception for U.S. military families stationed in Spain under the SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) agreement. This exception may allow these families to participate in homeschooling.
- There is a homeschool support group called “Rota Area Homeschool Families” on Facebook. Families can reach out to this group for guidance, advice, and support regarding homeschooling in the area.
- In some cases, students who are homeschooled may still have the option to be enrolled at Sevilla Elementary/Middle School (SE/MS) and have access to certain school resources.
- For more information, please feel free to contact directly at 34-95-584-8464 or [principalsevillaems@dodea.edu](mailto:principalsevillaems@dodea.edu)

## **High School**

#### **1. David Glasgow Farragut High School:**

- DoDEA school is located at Naval Station Rota, which is approximately 115.1 kilometers (71 miles) away from Morón Air Base.
- Students commuting to this school typically ride the bus for 90 minutes in the morning and an additional 90 minutes in the afternoon, totaling an average of approximately 3 hours of daily commute time.
- All credits earned at this school are transferred to a U.S. school. This ensures that students' academic progress is recognized and can be seamlessly integrated if they transition to a different school in the future.

#### **2. Local High Schools:**

- Spanish high school education may not be aligned with U.S. standards and benchmarks. Families should be prepared for potential differences in the curriculum and educational system.

- Families are responsible for transferring their student's transcripts.
- DoDEA does not provide financial assistance for high school education in Spain. Therefore, the costs associated with high school education are the sole responsibility of the families.

### **3. Homeschooling:**

- Homeschooling is generally not authorized in Spain, as is the case in most of Europe. However, there is an exception for U.S. military families stationed in Spain under the SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) agreement. This exception may allow these families to participate in homeschooling.
- There is a homeschool support group called "Rota Area Homeschool Families" on Facebook. Families can reach out to this group for guidance, advice, and support regarding homeschooling in the area.
- In some cases, students who are homeschooled may still have the option to be enrolled at Rota DGF High School and have access to certain school resources.
- For more information, please feel free to contact directly at 34-95-682-4444 or [RotaMHSRegistrar@dodea.edu](mailto:RotaMHSRegistrar@dodea.edu)

## **Important information to consider before PCS**

- Before making a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move to Morón Air Base, there are several important factors to consider:
  - ✚ Morón AB is a small Geographically Separated Unit (GSU) with no Child and Youth Program (CYP) services (Child Development Center (CDC), School Age Care (SAC), or Youth Programs).
  - ✚ If you are a single parent or dual military with school-age children, you may need to re-evaluate your volunteer status for this assignment and/or accompanied status.
  - ✚ Extracurricular activities and summer/winter camps are offered in the local area. Transportation services are not included.
  - ✚ Spanish education may not be aligned with U.S. standards and benchmarks. Parents are responsible for transferring the student's transcripts.
  - ✚ SE/MS cannot currently support students on IEP or with any special needs.

# Education in Spain

- In Spain, education is mandatory for children between the ages of six and sixteen. This means that children must be enrolled in a school or educational program during this period.
- The school year in Spain typically begins in the first week of September and ends in the last week of June.
- The hours of operation for schools in Spain can vary, but a common schedule is from 0900 to 1400 with a half-hour break for lunch. This schedule may vary depending on the specific school.
- Lessons in Spanish schools are usually divided into teaching periods of 45 minutes each. Students typically have multiple subjects throughout the day.
- The regional government's Ipasen App is a common platform for direct parent-teacher communication in Spain. It allows parents to stay informed about their child's progress and school-related information.
- Please note that the Spanish education system may have differences compared to education systems in other countries, so it's essential to become familiar with the specific requirements and procedures if you plan to enroll your child in a Spanish school.

## Types of School

- Public Schools: Public schools offer free education to students, and their curriculum is typically determined by the Ministry of Education. These schools are open to all students, and admission is based on residence within the school's catchment area.
- Publicly Funded Private Schools: Publicly funded private schools, also known as "concertados," receive government funding in exchange for signing education agreements with the local education authority. These schools may charge fees, but they are usually more affordable than fully private schools.
- Private Schools: Private schools in Spain are fully independent and privately funded. They have more autonomy in setting their curriculum and admission criteria. These schools often offer a wider range of educational programs and extracurricular activities. However, they typically charge tuition fees.



## Admission and Enrollment Procedures for Public Schools and Publicly Funded Private Schools

- Public and publicly funded private ("concertado") schools in the area are in high demand. Therefore, it is highly encouraged to register your child during the enrollment period to secure a spot in these schools.
- The documentation typically needed for enrollment may include:
  - Copy of the child's birth certificate and passport
  - Copy of the parents' passports
  - Child's vaccination records
  - Proof of residence

## Admission and Enrollment Procedures for Private Schools

- Private schools typically set their own admission criteria, which can vary from one school to another. These criteria may include academic assessments, interviews, and other factors that the school deems pertinent.
- Families applying to private schools are often required to provide their child's educational records, including transcripts and school reports, if applicable. These records help the school assess the student's academic background.
- Many private schools may require students to take an admission test as part of the enrollment process to evaluate the student's readiness for the school's curriculum.
- Private school options in the area:
  - Bilingual School "Highlands Sevilla" (40 min. away from Morón Air Base). This school is accredited by the Spanish curriculum.
  - Trilingual Spanish - English – French School "Laude El Altillo" (67 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by WASC (Western Association of School and College).
  - British International Boarding School "Sage College" (72 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the British Curriculum (English National Curriculum).
  - Bilingual School "Colegio Internacional Europa" (56 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the Spanish Curriculum.
  - British International School "St. George" (67 min. away from Morón Air Base). Accredited by the British Curriculum (English National Curriculum)

The School Liaison Program Office is ready and able to offer assistance and support as you prepare for your upcoming move.



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