

**2011 Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)
Grant Program**

**LEA Name: School District of Clay County
Project Title: Promoting Academic and Social Success in a Mobile Society (PASS)**

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Total Funds Awarded: \$2,295,000

Military Installations Served: Name(s): NAS Jacksonville and Camp Blanding Florida National Guard Training Base

Grant Grade Levels/Program Area(s):

Target School Groups	Grades	# of Schools	Enrollment, SY 09-10			Percentage of Military
			Military	Other	Total	
Target elementary schools	K-6	11	1603	7354	8957	17.9%
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LEA Totals	K-12	40	3998	31362	35360	11.3%



Donna Wethington, Supervisor

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Clay County, home to over 5000 military families, was recently awarded a \$2.295 million grant from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Educational Partnership. Fifty six grants throughout the nation were awarded for the FY 2011 grant cycle and the School District of Clay County was one of those awarded.

Through the grant, Clay County will launch Project PASS: Promoting Academic and Social Success to improve K-12 student academic performance in Science and foster social emotional learning in the 11 targeted elementary schools who have a military dependent student population or 15% or higher. Based on the needs assessment from the targeted elementary schools the two program areas to be addressed in the grant are (1) K-12 Academic Program, with the goal to prepare teachers in integrating STEM content across grades and disciplines in promoting effective and relevant instruction and (2) Support, with the goal to ease the challenges that military dependent students face due to transitions and deployments. While the aim of the program is to enhance the education of military students, funds may be used to raise student achievement for all students at the schools.

Academic Program strategies will include student instruction using evidenced-based science curricula and student interventions using research-based support and tutoring programs, parent engagement and sustained professional development. A comprehensive professional development program will include hands-on workshops, E-learning support, site-based reinforcement, and school-wide challenge.

The design of the support program initiative will utilize a three-tiered approach incorporating universal, early, and intensive proven effective strategies throughout the plan. The first tier of this project design is to create a culture of support (social needs and school learning priorities), positive school environment (school climate and school bonding) and individuals (student, staff, and family).

Donna Wethington, Supervisor of Student Services, along with the support of Kathy Schofield, Curriculum Specialist for Science states; "We are extremely delighted to have the opportunity to work with DoDEA in providing academic and social/emotional support for our military students. Student achievement in the academic areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) has been a strong focus and goal of our district to prepare life-long learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills. These funds will provide us with the additional support to accomplish those goals for all students along with support to over 1600 military students and their families to help ease the challenges that they face. We truly have been blessed with this opportunity."

Ben H. Wortham, Superintendent for the Clay County School District states; "I am very pleased the district has been awarded this grant from DoDEA. These funds will certainly benefit the students of our military families and further broaden our curriculum."

The eleven targeted elementary schools with 15% or more military dependent students are:

Argyle Elementary	Oakleaf Village Elementary	Swimming Pen Creek Elementary
Doctors Inlet Elementary	Plantation Oaks Elementary	Thunderbolt Elementary
Fleming Island Elementary	Paterson Elementary	Tynes Elementary
Lake Asbury Elementary	Shadowlawn Elementary	