

should be added to or deleted from the guidelines, that official shall notify the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, in writing.

(b) *Staff responsibilities.* The ASD(MRA&L), or designee, shall determine DoD Component compliance with this part as it pertains to programs and activities that are conducted by DoD Components and are subject to this part.

(c) *Filing of complaints.* (1) Complaints of discrimination in a program or activity conducted by a DoD Component may be filed directly with the ASD(MRA&L), or designee.

(2) DoD Components shall develop procedures, such as posters or other devices, to notify participants in the programs and activities listed in § 56.7(c) of their right to be free of discrimination because of handicap in those programs and activities and of their right to file complaints of discrimination with the ASD(MRA&L), or designee.

(d) *Investigations of complaints.* (1) The ASD(MRA&L), or designee, shall investigate complaints of discrimination in programs and activities that are conducted by DoD Components and are subject to this part.

(2) A case record of each investigation shall be compiled in accordance with § 56.9(j)(2).

(e) *Results of investigations.* If the complaint investigation results in a determination by the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, that a DoD Component's program or activity is not complying with § 56.9, the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, shall proceed as prescribed in § 56.9 (n) through (v). Hearings prescribed under § 56.9(r) however, need not be conducted. If the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, determines that the DoD Component is in compliance, the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, shall notify the complainant within 15 calendar days of such determination.

(f) *Written notice.* If an investigative report concludes that there has been a violation of this part in a program or activity conducted by a DoD Component and the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, accepts that conclusion, that official shall issue to the head of the DoD Component a written notice describing the apparent violation, the corrective actions necessary to achieve compli-

ance, and a suspense date for completion of the corrective actions.

(g) *Effecting compliance.* When necessary to overcome the effects of discrimination in violation of this part the ASD(MRA&L), or designee, may require a DoD Component to take remedial action similar to that in § 56.9(n)(2).

(h) *Employment.* DoD Components that conduct Federal programs or activities covered by this part that involve employment of civilian persons to conduct such a program or activity must comply with section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the implementing rules and regulations of the EEOC.

PART 57—PROVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE DOD DEPENDENTS

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§ 57.1 Purpose.

This part:

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(a) Implements policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures under 20 U.S.C. chapter 33 and 20 U.S.C. 921–932, 10 U.S.C. 2164, DoD Directive 1342.6¹, DoD Directive 1342.21, DoD Instruction 1342.26, DoD Directive 1342.13, and DoD Directive 5105.4 for the following:

(1) Provision of early intervention services (EIS) to infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth through 2 years, inclusive) and their families, and special education and related services (hereafter referred to as “special services”) to children with disabilities (ages 3 through 21 years, inclusive) entitled to receive special services from the Department of Defense in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2164, DoD Directive 1342.6, DoD Directive 1342.21, DoD Instruction 1342.26, DoD Directive 1342.13, and DoD Directive 5105.4.

(2) Implementation of a comprehensive, multidisciplinary program of EIS for infants and toddlers (birth through 2 years, inclusive) with disabilities, and their families.

(3) Provision of a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) including special education and related services for children with disabilities enrolled in the DoD school systems, as specified in their Individualized Educational Programs (IEP).

(4) Monitoring of DoD programs providing EIS, special education, and related services for compliance with this part.

(5) Establishment of a DoD Advisory Panel (DoD-AP) on Early Intervention, Special Education, and Related Services and a DoD Coordinating Committee (DoD-CC) on Early Intervention, Special Education, and Related Services in accordance with DoD Directive 5105.4.

(b) Authorizes implementing instructions, a DoD Manual entitled “Standard Operating Procedures for the Provision of Early Intervention, Special Education and Related Services,” consistent with DoD 5025.1–M and DoD forms consistent with DoD 8910.1–M,

DoD Instruction 7750.7, and Hospital Accreditation Standards.

§ 57.2 Applicability and scope.

This part:

(a) Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as “the DoD Components”).

(b) Applies to infants, toddlers, and children receiving or entitled to receive special services from the Department of Defense, and their parents.

(c) Applies to DoD Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) operated by the Department of Defense within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and territories, commonwealths and possessions of the United States (hereafter referred to as “domestic”).

(d) Applies to DoD Dependents Schools (DoDDS) operated by the Department of Defense outside the continental United States and its territories, commonwealths and possessions (hereafter referred to as “overseas”).

(e) Does not create any rights or remedies and may not be relied upon by any person, organization, or other entity to allege a denial of such rights or remedies.

§ 57.3 Definitions.

(a) *Age of Majority.* The age when a person acquires the rights and responsibilities of being an adult. For purposes of this part, a child attains majority at age 18.

(b) *Alternate Assessment.* A process that measures the performance of students with disabilities unable to participate, even with accommodations provided, in system-wide assessment.

(c) *Alternative Educational Setting (AES).* A temporary setting other than the school (e.g., home, installation library) normally attended by the student. The interim AES shall:

(1) Be selected so as to enable the child to continue to progress in the

¹All unclassified DoD Directives, DoD Instructions, and DoD Publications mentioned in this part may be obtained via Internet at <http://www.dticmil/whs/directives>.