

**THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD  
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS  
PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

**A SUPPORTIVE PHILOSOPHY**

Education of missionary children is consistently one of the top two concerns of our missionary parents; the other concern is for MKs' spiritual development. Since children are exposed in some degree to the values of their teachers and peers (Christian and non-Christian), since they depend (emotionally and otherwise) on their parents, since the academic standards of schools vary from country to country, and since parents know their children better than anyone else and have a certain academic and Christian standard in mind for their children (which may differ from family to family); **therefore, the Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) believes that parents should decide where and how their children should be educated.** AGWM wants the children to excel both academically and spiritually and, therefore, has given extensive opportunity for parents to provide a solid education for their children.

1. Parents carry the responsibility in providing education for their children. Parents decide what type of school and what specific schools their children should attend, within AGWM policy.
2. In regard to MK education, AGWM takes a supportive role as a service and resource agency for parents in providing education.
3. AGWM does not recommend that elementary-age children be sent to boarding school. Other alternatives should be sought, such as public day school, private day school, or home school.
4. AGWM does not recommend sending children in the third grade and above to non-English-speaking national schools.
5. Children should not have to suffer academically, spiritually, or emotionally as they relate to education simply because they are educated overseas.
6. Parents should maintain a "never say never" approach to schooling options, and should review their approach/strategy annually.

Parents are encouraged to pursue excellence in education for their children. Educationally, the children need to at least stay on par with their American counterparts. In supporting parents in this important endeavor, AGWM provides the following.

1. A percentage of the missionaries' work budget is allocated for the children's education.
2. AGWM Finance Department disburses educational funds on request by the missionary parents.
3. AGWM MK Office provides schooling information to parents.
4. AGWM evaluates schools overseas on an "approved" and "non-approved" basis. Evaluation is based on theological and philosophical background, academic standards, and cost.
5. The 25 Area Directors maintain subjective information about schools in their respective areas and make on field decisions/approvals for educational decisions.