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Dear Prospective AFJROTC Family,

Thank you for considering Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) for your loved one. AFJROTC is an incredible program and our mission is "To develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." Our program is completely voluntary and no student can be forced to take AFJROTC but the support and encouragement you give your student to "try" the program is incredibly important. There are a few important points we want to ensure are very clear to our families.

1. If a student takes AFJROTC in high school, there is **never** any obligation to join the military.
2. AFJROTC emphasizes "life skills" which will help students long after high school.
3. AFJROTC will help prepare your student for success following high school.

It's important to know all JROTC programs are citizenship programs. They are not military recruiting programs and the citizenship charter is stated in Title 10 United States Code law. AFJROTC works to teach important skills and reinforce personal traits to help make your student successful in life, no matter what type of career they choose following high school. These life skills are based on the Air Force core values of "integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do." Your student will learn important aspects of leadership, followership, adherence to personal appearance and grooming standards, proper uniform wear and will also have the opportunity to participate in some very exciting co-curricular activities to include community service. These activities reinforce the lessons they will learn in the classroom and provide them an opportunity to lead and learn among their peers. These activities are our "hands on" teaching tools and are a very fun and exciting way to reinforce the importance of team-work, service, positive attitude, hard-work, and positive image. AFJROTC is a place where a student will not only start to grasp important life lessons, but they will truly feel a sense of accomplishment, belonging, and pride that comes with teamwork and success. For more information, please visit us on your smartphone or mobile device at: <http://afjrotc.com/mobile.php?menu=JROTC>.

AFJROTC is a fully (AdvancED) academically accredited and inclusive program that is open to all students in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If your student is eager to learn, has a good attitude, wants to be part of a true team, and is willing to follow very reasonable personal grooming and uniform wear requirements, then they will be welcome in this great program. It is a great program due to the dedication, leadership, teaching, and mentorship of about 2,000 retired Air Force instructors in over 880 partnering high schools across the nation and overseas. Your loved one will be joining nearly 125,000 other AFJROTC cadets! AFJROTC will help prepare your student for success following high school.

Thank you for considering AFJROTC for your loved one and your potential partnership in working towards our goal to develop citizens of character for America. If you have any questions please contact your schools Air Force JROTC instructors or school counselors who can give you more information about their specific corps of cadets.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bobby C. Woods, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

BOBBY C. WOODS, JR., Colonel, USAF

# Curriculum

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One of the keys in the success of the AFJROTC program lies in its academic foundation. The curriculum is divided into three components — Aerospace Science, Leadership Education, and Health and Wellness. Each AFJROTC unit balances all three areas to meet the particular needs and abilities of their cadets.

Cadets who complete three years of the AFJROTC academic program may earn a certificate of training and be eligible to enter the military at a higher pay grade compared to most other enlistees. AFJROTC cadets are better prepared to enter and work in a highly technical world in the civilian industry, or military service.

Initially on 29 March 2005--accreditation was awarded by the Southern Association of Colleges, and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement by the AdvancEd Commission. On January 28, 2016 accreditation was awarded with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), the regional accrediting agencies that span the AdvancED global network.

## **AEROSPACE SCIENCE**

Aerospace Science studies include aviation history, science of flight, global and cultural studies, exploration of space, management of the cadet corps, aviation honors ground school, and survival.

In the study of aviation history, cadets learn about the development of flight throughout the centuries. The science of flight course allows cadets to become acquainted with the aerospace environment, weather, the human requirements of flight and the principles of navigation. Space exploration equips cadets with the basic concepts of space.

Both the science of flight and exploration of space courses complement material taught in high school math, physics and other science-related courses. These courses support the STEM initiative utilizing 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning concepts.

Through global and cultural studies, cadets learn to see their world through many different perspectives; introducing them to world affairs, regional studies and cultural awareness.

## **LEADERSHIP EDUCATION**

Leadership Education includes studies of Air Force tradition, wellness, and foundations of citizenship; communication, awareness and leadership; life skills and career opportunities; and principles of management.

The leadership education courses offer cadets many opportunities to shape their lives. They're introduced to the Air Force organizational structure, uniform wear, military customs and courtesies, flag etiquette, U.S. citizenship and drill.

Cadets also learn to think critically, develop effective communications and leadership skills, build personal awareness, learn to build effective teams, and develop behaviors for becoming a credible and competent leader.

They learn about the importance of charting a career path, how to create a personal budget and financial plan, how to write a resume, how to interview for a job and how to apply for college.

## **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The objective of the Health and Wellness Program is to motivate cadets to lead healthy, active lifestyles beyond program requirements and into their adult lives. Physical fitness is designed to get the cadet up and moving. The program allows the cadet to push their personal limits, compete and earn awards.