

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

I would like to introduce you to Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC), and give you some idea of what we do and don't do. AFJROTC is different from almost all other high school programs. Our purpose is to build citizens of character for America by preparing students for life after high school. The program gives students the tools to achieve their goals, whether they plan to go to college, technical training, enter the work force or join one of the military services.

The AFJROTC program. AFJROTC is a cadet run program. USAF certified instructors oversee and manage the program. Students are called "cadets" upon enrollment. The program follows a curriculum accredited by the Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation, (CITA). AFJROTC has three main components: (1) classroom curriculum, (2) team activities, and (3) community service.

Classroom curriculum. Leadership, followership, Air Force Core Values, citizenship, teamwork, respect for authority, self-discipline, persistence, excellence, aerospace subjects and wellness are all taught in the program. The curriculum is 40% Leadership, 40% Aerospace and 20% Wellness and Fitness.

Activities. After school competitive team activities include: drill team, military color guard, rocketry and fitness (PT) team. All team activities are voluntary. Cadets visit military bases and museums, attend an air show in San Antonio, and may travel to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, TX. Also, up to 30 cadets a year can volunteer for a local orientation flight at the Kerrville Municipal Airport.

Community service. Giving back to the community is a key to our citizenship program. Last year Tivy's AFJROTC cadets donated over 1,700 service hours locally.

Cadets must wear a uniform one day a week. Uniforms and textbooks for the program are provided at no expense to the student.

AFJROTC cadets receive Physical Education or Elective credit toward graduation. Also, AFJROTC cadets can participate in other school programs including: athletics, band, choir, yearbook, etc.

Leadership Opportunities. Cadets can earn rank, position, and awards based on their level of involvement. Advancement offers more leadership opportunities within the Cadets Corps. We also award a THS Varsity School Letter to those who meet established requirements.

We are NOT in the recruiting business. Our students **DO NOT** have to serve in the military. The association between JROTC cadets and recruiters is the same as the relationship between recruiters and the rest of the student body. However, upon completion of 2 or 3 years of JROTC, cadets who decide to go into the military, may enlist at up to two pay grades higher than someone without JROTC.

Cadets can earn up to 16 hours of College Credit for AFJROTC. Credit from Adams State College (<http://www.adams.edu>) in Alamosa, CO can be earned for each year of AFJROTC. These credits will transfer to any college or university in the country. To qualify, cadets must maintain a "B" average in their AFJROTC class and not have any disciplinary referrals.

Tivy's JROTC is one of the Best in the Air Force. Recognized as a Distinguished Unit by Headquarters, the TX-20063rd at Tivy is ranked in the top quartile (top 25%) of all AFJROTC units world-wide.

Finally, data indicates students who take JROTC perform better academically, are in trouble less, and have a higher daily attendance and graduation rate. So, if you are looking for a great leadership development program, one that prepares students for future challenges, check out AFJROTC. For more information visit our webpage at <http://www.kerrvilleisd.net/pages/JROTC>. If you have any questions, please call me at 257-2212, ext 229. You may also contact Chief Master Sergeant Fred Brunz at ext 223.

Sincerely,

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