

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. We offer things not offered in most other courses. Our purpose is to build citizens of character for America and we teach a variety of subjects to accomplish that task. We teach followership, leadership, Air Force Core Values, citizenship, teamwork, community service, striving for excellence, respect for authority, self discipline, and a variety of technical subjects. We do an excellent job of preparing students for life after high school. Students receive Physical Education or Elective credit for AFJROTC.

AFJROTC students (we call them cadets) go to class each day just like other courses. As mentioned above, our subjects are geared toward success in life as a citizen. Forty percent of our internationally accredited curriculum is Aerospace (Aviation History, Astronomy, Global and Cultural Studies and Flight,) 40% is Leadership (Citizenship, Character, Air Force Traditions, Communication Skill and Management Principles,) and 20% of our time is dedicated to Wellness and physical fitness training. Cadets wear a uniform one day a week and learn drill ceremonies, and military courtesies. These are important ways to develop teamwork, attention to detail, followership and leadership. Also, although we have many after school activities and teams, participation is voluntary. Any JROTC cadet who wishes to participate in school sports, marching band, choir, etc may do so.

We are not in the recruiting business. Our students do not have to serve in the military. However, upon completion of 3 years of JROTC, students who decide to go into the military after high school may enlist two pay grades higher (approximately \$300.00 more per month) than someone without JROTC.

Our goal is to help prepare each student to be successful after high school, whether their plans are to go to college, technical training, enter the work force or one of the military services. We provide uniforms and textbooks free of charge. Cadets must wear the uniform one day each week and meet Air Force and Tivy High School AFJROTC grooming standards.

We have several activities including a drill team, military color guard, orientation flights on civilian aircraft, a rocketry team and host of community service activities. We sometimes visit military bases, attend flight performances and air shows, camp on the USS Lexington, and a lot more as an extension of our curriculum.

Students may earn rank, position, and awards based on their level of involvement. We award a THS Varsity School Letter to those who meet established requirements. Also, for those who desire to go to college and become a commissioned officer, the Air Force has several fantastic scholarship opportunities (**the Air Force offers over \$60 million in scholarships a year.**)

If you are looking for a great citizenship building program with lots of activities, JROTC may be the place you are looking for. Please call me or Master Sergeant James Mangiafico at 257-2212 if you want further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

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