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JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS
WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL
TX-200210

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MEMORANDUM FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF AFJROTC CADETS

FROM: WHS AFJROTC SASI
10005 Highway 75 North
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SUBJECT: AFJROTC Program Information for SY 2024/2025

1. Congratulations on the selection of your child as a cadet in the Willis High School AFJROTC program. This promises to be an exciting year for our "Outstanding Unit with Merit." Our syllabus and daily schedule for the Fall semester will be posted to our website at <https://www.willisd.org/Page/3803>. The syllabus has detailed information on the course material, conduct expectations and grading procedures and the schedule shows the dates for academic lessons as well as some of the major events. The main purpose of this letter is to provide some additional information on requirements of the program and upcoming events.
2. AFJROTC teaches citizenship. It is **not** a military recruiting tool. The main items we teach, in a building block approach, are discipline, self-confidence, and leadership. We do all this, while trying to maintain a "fun" atmosphere. The Air Force provides us with uniforms, textbooks, limited operating funds, and many guidelines/rules that we are required to follow. It is mandatory for your cadet to wear the uniform once a week and have their grooming within Air Force standards daily.
3. Uniforms will be issued to all cadets. All cadets will be issued OCP uniform along with the blue uniform. Each set of uniform items cost approximately \$650—they are free of charge, but the cadets sign a form making them accountable for these uniform items in case of lost/stolen items. The only item we ask for the cadets to purchase are the Coyote Brown Combat Boots. The boots can cost as little as \$45 to as much as \$250. The boots can be purchased anywhere you find them. Blue uniforms will be dry cleaned prior to being returned at the end of the school year or upon disenrollment from JROTC. We also require a \$40 activity fee. This is used to cover some of the cost of the JROTC travel polo shirt, PT Shorts and PT Shirt. All fees can be paid in cash or check—checks should be made payable to WHS JROTC Activity Fund. **Cadets will not be issued any uniform item until fees are paid and forms are returned properly filled out.** Further training/information will be provided to your cadet on the maintenance/cleaning requirements of the uniform items. In all aspects of this program—if a student's family has financial problems and cannot meet the costs, please give us a call or have your cadet meet privately with me or Senior Master Sergeant Christopher Bell to work out other arrangements. If possible, we will do our very best not to turn away a cadet from any JROTC activity due to lack of funds. This activity fee must be paid, or waived, before any fees will be accepted for the field trip.
4. Usually, the first scheduled field trip (Curriculum In Action) for the JROTC program is an overnight stay on the Aircraft Carrier USS Lexington (Corpus Christi) or to the NASA Space Center in Houston. This trip normally occurs mid-late October. Other possible trips or activities

during the year are— I-Fly, Bowling, Go Ape, Houston Museum Of Natural Science, Paint Ball and Bataan Death March, followed by Cadet Leadership Course for ~15 selected cadets in the Summer. More information will follow as we work the details and get closer to the dates of each of these events. We will also have a professional photographer in the October 8th 2024 for cadet photos. The attached Parent Permission for AFJROTC Travel form differs slightly from the normal school permission form in that it requires medical information. Once this form is signed it is good for the entire year and you will not be required to sign a new form every time our cadets travel (please note that you can rescind the permission at any time).

5. In addition to these trips, other activities that might **require** your child's attendance outside of the normal school hours include: drill team, color guard, marksmanship, flag detail, parade attendance, home football game attendance, military ball and community service events. Your assistance, as documented on the attached contract, in assuring compliance and attendance at functions, is greatly appreciated.

6. Please complete, sign and return the attached documents not later than 21 August 2024. Forms turn in is a MAJOR graded event. Once again thank you for your interest and support of your WHS AFJROTC program. If you have any questions at all please contact me at (936) 890-2394 or SMSgt Bell at (936) 890-3911, or at our e-mail addresses: vjefferson@willisisd.org; cbell@willisisd.org.



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Attachments:

1. WHS AFJROTC Contract
2. Parent Permission for AFJROTC Travel
3. AFJROTC Parental/Guardian Release Forms