



Frequently Ask Questions (Parents & Educators)

Is there a military commitment?

There is absolutely no military commitment. AFJROTCs primary mission is to make better citizens. The Air Force JROTC program has no recruiting goals or ties to the Air Force Recruiting Service.

What does AF JROTC stand for?

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp

What is Air Force JROTC?

Air Force JROTC is a congressionally mandated program designed to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. The AFJROTC will assist your child in being successful in high school and in whatever career path they choose.

How will my child benefit?

AFJROTC exposes your child to leadership experiences that can be found in no other activity in high school. Your child will earn high school credit and learn life skills they can use long after they graduate.

What does the Air Force provide?

The Air Force provides schools hosting AFJROTC units with curriculum and instructional materials, equipment, uniforms, monetary, funds for specified expenditures such as cadet field trips, and instructor salary reimbursement. Instructional materials include textbooks, training aids, and items of equipment such as computers, digital video disc players, digital video discs, video cassette recorders, video cameras, and monitors prescribed in the AFJROTC curriculum.

Are there any costs for AFJROTC?

No, the Air Force will provide your child with everything they need to be successful in our program. The only cost to you is routine cleaning of the uniform.

How much of my time will be required?

This depends on your child's level of participation in the program. It can range from just classroom participation to about the same amount of time you put into other high school extracurricular activities. (Football, softball or band)

Are there any non-military scholarship opportunities?

Yes

What curriculum is taught?

The Aerospace Science curriculum includes the history of aviation, principles of flight, meteorology, navigation, flight physiology, and exploration of space. The Leadership Education curriculum includes the military training of uniform wear, drill, customs and courtesies; it also includes stress management, leadership styles, communication skills, and financial management. Multiple opportunities are provided to enrich the curriculum, including drill teams, field trips, parades, Color Guards, and special summer programs.

What type of training do instructors get before they are allowed to teach at the high school?

The Junior Instructor Certification Course (JICC) curriculum provides student-centered learning experiences that focus on applying basic principles of learning to specific learning situations, planning meaningful instruction, using sound teaching methods, communicating effectively, and evaluating the achievement of learning objectives. This course prepares newly assigned AFJROTC faculty to teach in private, public, and DOD dependent high schools worldwide. It is a rigorous, comprehensive, and fast-paced course that requires extensive reading and preparation and moderate research. Major curricular areas include learning theory, learner-centered instructional activities, setting instructional outcomes through lesson planning, and preparation. Teaching methodologies include formal and informal lecture, guided discussion, teaching interview, group activities, and demonstration performance. The course is organized for maximum participation in learning. A majority of class time is devoted to seminar activities. Students plan and present teaching lessons, develop test items, and participate in specialized labs to meet AFJROTC requirements. Students must effectively plan and present teaching lessons. They are urged to use AFJROTC lesson plans to prepare the required teaching lessons. Students also receive AFJROTC instruction in curriculum, professional relations, leadership, counseling, twenty-first-century learning standards, classroom performance systems, creative teaching strategies, and diverse learning styles. They are introduced to secondary school challenges and concerns.

Officer instructors are retired officers who have at least a bachelor's degree and a minimum of 20 years on active duty. Over 90 percent of them have master's degrees with backgrounds in teaching and extensive experience working with youth groups.

97% OF OFFICER INSTRUCTORS HAVE A MASTER+ DEGREE

Enlisted instructors are retired noncommissioned officers (NCOs) with a minimum of 20 years on active duty. Approximately one-third of all enlisted instructors have a bachelor's degree with an additional 17 percent holding a Master Degree. Most enlisted instructors have extensive experience in leadership, supply, administration, drill and ceremony, teaching, and experience working with youth groups.

98% OF ENLISTED INSTRUCTORS HAVE AN AA OR HIGHER DEGREE

What are the benefits for my child if he/she wants to pursue a military career?

If your child is thinking about pursuing a career in the U.S. Armed Forces, the AFJROTC program will put them ahead of their peers. Success in the program (minimum of 2 years participation) translates into increased military rank (up to two stripes), responsibility, and pay.

Are there college scholarship opportunities for cadets who want to go to college and become an officer in the military?

Yes, the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC offer several competitive scholarships, including partial or fully paid tuition and a monthly stipend, towards pre-approved college degrees. A commission in the Air Force is awarded upon graduation from college and successful completion of the ROTC program.

Is my school paying for all of this?

The Air Force provides schools hosting AFJROTC units with instructional materials, equipment, uniforms, monetary reimbursement for orientation trips, funds for specified expenditures, and instructor salary reimbursement.

Instructional materials include textbooks, training aids, and items of equipment such as computers, digital video disc players, digital video discs, video cassette recorders, video cameras, monitors prescribed in the AFJROTC curriculum.

What are the student enrollment eligibility requirements?

Students must be enrolled in a regular course of instruction in grades 9 through 12 at the school hosting the Air Force JROTC unit. Students must be physically qualified to participate fully in the physical education program of the host school, maintain acceptable standards of conduct and comply with specified personal grooming standards.

Under the secondary school open enrollment policy and when desired by the principal of the host school, students in grades 9-12 who are otherwise ineligible for regular AFJROTC enrollment may enroll as special AFJROTC cadets. Special AFJROTC cadets may participate in school approved AFJROTC activities, be called Air Force cadets, wear the uniform, participate as cadet officers, and go on field trips and orientation visits to military installations.

Any special equipment or additional staff that may be needed to instruct special AFJROTC students is provided by the school.

What is the relationship of the instructors to other members of the faculty?

The Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) and the Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI) are members of the faculty and teach an integral part of the school's curriculum. They are subject to the same extracurricular assignments and duties as other teachers, such as monitoring homeroom and study hall, and usually receive the same benefits of sick leave, holidays, and vacations as do the other teachers. Some states/school districts may require the SASI and ASI to be certified as high school teachers above and beyond AFJROTC instructor certification. AFJROTC recommends that the SASI and ASI work toward teacher certification within the state. In some states, the ASI is permitted to teach military subjects without certification and may serve as a classroom assistant without being teacher certified by the state.