

## Pennsauken Hill High School Air Force Junior ROTC Unit NJ-20181



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

You are receiving this letter because your child is eligible to participate in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). We are inviting students in the Pennsauken School District to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through AFJROTC. Courses we offer include Aerospace Science, Leadership Edu-cation, Life Skills and Career Opportunities, and Drill and Ceremonies. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to sign up for AFJROTC.

The AFJROTC program is designed to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. Patriotism, accountability, and teaching the Air Force Core Values of Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence is All We Do.

We are not here to recruit your child for the military. Your child will have <u>no obligation</u> to join the military. In fact, less than two percent of AFJROTC students enlist in the military after graduation; however; there are benefits to your child if they pursue a career in the armed forces. They would enter the military at an accelerated promotion which means more pay. There are also many higher education scholarships available through AFJROTC.

During the course of the year your child will participate in "life skills" courses that will help prepare them for life after high school. The program allows your child to lead, problem solve, and be part of a respected team. They will learn accountability, discipline, and respect through participation in Color Guard, Drill Team, and other activities. They will learn the proper wear of the AFJROTC uniform (provided at no cost!) and the customs and courtesies of the U.S. Air Force.

AFJROTC offers several after-school programs including Color Guard, Academic Bowl, Drill Teams, Flag Detail, Spirit Squad and Model Rocketry. With participation in events like these as well as a variety of community service projects cadets can also qualify to earn a Varsity Letter!

Colleges and businesses look favorably on AFJROTC participation. They know our cadets are dedicated and committed. Participating in AFJROTC will give your child advantages and opportunities to lead, learn life skills, and gain confidence that will impact their futures. We hope your child will consider joining us in the AFJROTC program. Please feel free to contact our staff with any questions by emailing us:

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## Who is eligible for AFJROTC?

All 8th graders at Carusi, Rosa and Beck Middle Schools as well as 9-12th graders in Cherry Hill High School West are eligible to join AFJROTC.



All images contained in the letter were taken Pre-COVID and all cadets represented have a media release on file with the Cherry Hill School District.