

Instructions: Read the text below from the Cadet Guide and answer the seven questions that follow.

CHAPTER ONE Aerospace Science Program

1-1. LEGAL AND REGULATORY BASIS.

- a. Public Law 88-647. The authority to operate the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) program in secondary schools is The Reserve Officer Training Corps Vitalization Act of 1964. The Commander, Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools (AFOATS), located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, administers the AFJROTC program.
- b. Air Force JROTC Instruction 36-2001. This manual prescribes instruction for the operation of AFJROTC units.
- c. The Superintendent of the Tracy Unified School District signed a contract with the Air Force to offer AFJROTC at Merrill F. West High School. The Superintendent agrees to limit membership in the units to students who maintain an acceptable standard of academic achievement and conduct.

1-2. MISSION. Our mission is to “Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community.”

- a. **Goals.** The goals of the program are to instill values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment in high school students.
- b. **Objectives.** The objectives of AFJROTC are to educate and train high school students in citizenship; promote unit, school, and community service; instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline; encourage physical fitness; and provide leadership training and instruction in air and space fundamentals.
- c. **Air Force Core Values.** The program emphasizes the following Core Values:
 1. *Integrity first*
 2. *Service before self*
 3. *Excellence in all we do*
- d. **Cadet Honor Code.**

*“I will not **LIE, CHEAT, STEAL**, nor will I **TOLERATE THOSE AMONG US WHO DO!**”*

- e. **Air Force JROTC Creed.**

“I am a member in the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Program. I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. I live by the Air Force Core Values: Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in all I do.

Loyalty, honesty, patriotism and good citizenship are characteristics I live by.

I will work my mind and body to its fullest potential."

1-3. CURRICULUM:

- a. JROTC classes are elective courses. Cadets earn two elective credits per year of participation. The program consists of four courses, so cadets who make satisfactory progress can remain in AFJROTC for four years.
- b. Class work is normally accomplished Monday - Thursday. Academics include lectures, individual and group work, and practical evaluations. The academic curriculum is team taught by the **Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI)** and the **Aerospace Science Instructor(s) (ASIs)**.
- c. Physical Training (PT) is usually accomplished on Fridays. All cadets are required to wear their Air Force PT uniforms and participate in PT. The PT uniform will be issued to each cadet at no charge from the US Air Force. A varied approach to fitness will be utilized: Presidential Fitness Test, circuit training, various sports. Cadets will reap further benefits if they form a group and meet multiple times during the week. Our goal is to compete against other JROTC units in friendly competition.

1-4. ENROLLMENT QUALIFICATIONS: To enroll in the program, a student must be:

- a. enrolled at Merrill F. West High School and attending a regular course of instruction as a fulltime student.
- b. willing to comply with the rules and regulations of the AFJROTC program.
- c. physically able to participate in the AFJROTC Physical Training program. *Note: there can be exceptions on a case by case basis to all of the above criteria*

1-5. DISENROLLMENT: A student may be removed from the program for:

- a. failure to comply with grooming and uniform wear requirements.
- b. indifference to training, disciplinary problems or undesirable character traits.
- c. failure to remain enrolled in school.
- d. repeatedly violating the Cadet Honor Code.
- e. any other reason deemed appropriate by the SASI and the Principal

1-6. PROGRAM BENEFITS: The **most important benefit** of AFJROTC is the self-esteem and self-confidence cadets gain from individual and group accomplishment. These accomplishments come from taking advantage of the opportunities the program offers for personal growth. Cadets who maintain a positive attitude and meet specific standards of performance in AFJROTC may receive special recognition and are eligible for tangible benefits after graduation.

- a. **Cadet Rank.** Cadets are given a minimum rank based on their time in the program. They earn increased rank based on participation and performance. The increased rank is a visible sign of the cadet's level of performance and willingness to accept increased responsibility. *See 3-6 for further explanation.*

b. **Awards and Decorations.** Cadets compete for awards and decorations. Several national organizations sponsor awards for superior performance in Junior ROTC programs. In addition, cadets earn ribbons that they wear on their uniforms based on their academic performance, demonstrated leadership skills, physical fitness, participation in community service projects and participation in special AFJROTC activities, such as the Color Guard/Drill Team. *See attachment 12 for a visual aid.*

c. **Certificate of Completion.** A Certificate of Completion is presented to cadets who have completed 2 and/or 3 years of the program and are in good standing.

1. If the student elects to enlist in the Active or Reserve components of a Military service, the Certificate of Completion, at the discretion of the Military Department, **may** allow the cadet to enlist up to the pay grade of E-3. (2+years = E-2) The enlistee gains immediate benefits in terms of pay (all services) and benefits.

2. If the cadet elects to enter a college AFROTC program, the cadet can request a waiver of the first year of the college program. Although this is available, the practice is somewhat discouraged.

d. **ROTC College Scholarships.** Cadets who complete a minimum of two years in the program are eligible for special consideration for AFROTC college scholarships. However, cadets must still meet the minimum requirements as listed on the AFROTC.com website. The best source for any scholarship information is to talk to the Recruiting Flight Commander from an ROTC detachment.

1-7. **SERVICE COMMITMENT.** There is no requirement to enlist in the Armed Forces after completing any part of the Junior ROTC program. Enlistment is strictly voluntary! If a cadet chooses to enter the military, he/she should contact a local recruiter to get as much current information as possible.

CHAPTER TWO Cadet Evaluations

2-1. **GENERAL:** This chapter specifies general requirements for successfully completing AFJROTC courses. Each course is designed for students to succeed. If cadets have a positive attitude, work hard, comply with course requirements, and see instructors when they need help, they should successfully complete AFJROTC.

Per AFJROTCI 36-2010 **Cadets will demonstrate:**

8.2.1. Excellence in all we do through compliance with school and unit conduct policies, academic performance, physical fitness, success of unit programs, and interaction with other school organizations and programs.

8.2.2. Discipline, teamwork, and unit cohesion through the presentation of the cadet prepared unit briefing (to include measurable unit and Corps goals, performance measurements, and unit wellness program), and 30-step drill performance by 2nd year cadets.

8.2.3. Ownership through training fellow cadets, daily planning cadet-initiated activities and programs, and maintaining all unit functional areas and programs as outlined.

8.3. Public Display of Affection (PDA). PDA is prohibited between all cadets while in uniform as well as inside the AFJROTC classrooms.

1. What is the **mission** of AFJROTC?

2. What are the **Air Force Core Values**?

3. What are the **program benefits** of AFJROTC?

4. List three conditions where a cadet may be **disenrolled** from AFJROTC

5. How can a cadet qualify to receive a **certificate of completion**?

6. What is the AFJROTC policy regarding **Public Display of Affection (PDA)**?

7. What is the cadet honor code?

