



AFJROTC Unit NC-804

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AFJROTC Distinguished Unit with Merit: 2017-2018

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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We are glad your student took the first step to become a cadet in the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Eastern Wayne High School. The purpose of this letter is to provide you a brief introduction to our program. The mission of AFJROTC is to “develop citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community.” It is important to note that we are NOT here to recruit for the military, and participation in our program incurs NO military obligation to serve in the Armed Forces. We simply want to make cadets better and prepare them for life as a responsible, accountable, self-disciplined, and productive citizen who desires to serve others.

AFJROTC is a character education program set in a military structure. It involves a blend of classroom and after school extra-curricular activities that give cadets many opportunities to become involved in the Cadet Corps. Classroom instruction includes Aerospace Science, Leadership Education, as well as Drill and Ceremonies. Cadets also participate in Wellness/Physical Training one day per week (typically Friday) and are issued a unit PT uniform they must wear. The curriculum is standardized by the Air Force, who provides all curriculum materials.

A key aspect of the Air Force program is uniform wear. Cadets wear the same basic uniform as the active duty Air Force, and they will be expected to honor and wear the uniform properly and with pride. Uniforms are provided by the Air Force and are Air Force property. Proper care, cleanliness, custody, and accountability of these items is expected throughout a cadet’s entire tenure in the AFJROTC program. The Air Force mandates that cadets wear their uniform at least one day per week. This is typically accomplished on Wednesdays. Being an Air Force uniform, it should come as no surprise that cadets are expected to comply with all associated dress and grooming standards as established by the Air Force when wearing the uniform. This is because your cadet reflects either positively or negatively on the Air Force based on how they wear the uniform and conduct themselves on a daily basis (inside and outside of the program). We will enforce the Air Force standards and communicate with you if your cadet isn't maintaining them. We will be going over the Air Force grooming standards the first few days of school. All cadets are issued a Cadet Guide which provides a lot of details on the standards. Additionally, we will be sending home a Cadet Contract on the first day of school that you and your cadet must initial (all pages), sign and return. We ask that you review it with your cadet so we are all on the same sheet of music and there are no surprises down the road. The first grooming inspection will be on Tues, 31 August. We thank you for your cooperation in this area because being part of the JROTC family is a team effort.

Finally, there are a wide variety of extra-curricular activities available to cadets. Please help get your cadet involved because a lot of learning, growing and sense of family takes place outside the classroom. Once again welcome and we look forward to a productive year.

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