

OH-20171 AFJROTC Little Miami High School 3001 E US HIGHWAY 22 & 3 MORROW, OH 45152 (513) 899-3781



MEMORANDUM FOR PROSPECTIVE AFJROTC PARENTS

FROM: Lieutenant Colonel Chas. Peterson

SUBJECT: LMHS Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)

- 1. Thank you for considering Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) for your loved one. AFJROTC is an incredible program and our mission is "To develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." Our class is completely voluntary and no student can be forced to take AFJROTC; however, the support and encouragement you give your student to "try" the class is incredibly important. There are a few important points we want to ensure are very clear to our families.
 - a. If a student takes AFJROTC, there is **NEVER** any obligation to join the military.
 - b. AFJROTC emphasizes "life skills" which will help students long after high school.
 - c. AFJROTC will help prepare your student for success following high school no matter what path they choose.
- **2.** It's important to know that JROTC is a citizenship class. It is not a not military recruiting program and the citizenship charter is stated in Title 10 United States Code law. AFJROTC works to teach important skills and reinforce personal traits to help make your student successful in life, no matter what type of career they choose following high school. These life skills are based on the Air Force core values of "Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do." Your student will learn important aspects of leadership, followership, adherence to personal appearance and grooming standards, proper uniform wear and will also have the opportunity to participate in some exciting co-curricular activities (such as Color Guard, Drill Team, Multicopter Club, Academic Team, etc.). These activities enhance each cadet's JROTC experience and leadership potential and reinforce the lessons they learn in the classroom. Additionally, each summer, selected cadets can attend a Leadership School— a summer camp experience where they teach leadership and teamwork. AFJROTC is a place where a student will not only start to grasp important life lessons, but they will truly feel a sense of accomplishment, belonging, and pride that comes with teamwork and success.
- 3. By taking the AFJROTC class, your son or daughter will become a member of an organization dedicated to helping them get the most out of their high school experience. The instructors and senior class cadets are committed to providing a quality environment, conditions, and actions that will inspire a high degree of pride, responsibility, belonging, and accomplishment. To help your cadet achieve these qualities and to prevent misunderstandings each cadet is provided a comprehensive Cadet Guide outlining all standards and procedures. However, we feel it is important to identify some important standards at the start.

- **4. Grades:** A cadet's number one priority is **ACADEMICS!** We monitor all of their grades closely and require cadets to take their schoolwork seriously. There are three evaluation areas in AFJROTC that determine a cadet's final grade Aerospace Science, Leadership Education, and a Wellness Program (Physical Fitness). Aerospace Science and Leadership Education are weighted at 40% each with Wellness weighted at 20%. Academic tests, quizzes, community service and class participation are combined with uniform inspections, drill, discipline, physical fitness, and other classroom leadership activities that determine overall grade.
- 5. <u>Uniforms</u>: Wednesday is the normal uniform wear day. A complete uniform is issued at <u>no cost</u> to each cadet. The uniform consists of a service coat, lightweight jacket, pants, cap, short sleeve shirt, shoes, tie, belt and buckle, socks, undershirt, and appropriate insignia. The uniform is the property of the United States Air Force. It's the cadet's responsibility to keep it clean and ready to wear throughout the year. Cadets are provided correct wear instructions and must wear the uniform properly and professionally. Cadets must also meet appropriate hair and grooming standards. The complete uniform (except for shoes, hats, nametags) must be returned upon request or at the end of school year for cadets not returning the next year. A cadet who decides to drop AFJROTC must turn in their uniform before their last day of class. Failure to return the uniform in the same condition as it was issued will incur charges accordingly to clean/repair/replace uniform items. NOTE: Specific standards are clearly spelled out in the Cadet Guide and class syllabus issued to every cadet. A cadet who does not wear the uniform and adhere to grooming standards for the weekly inspection will receive a uniform grade of "0" for that week. Continued failure to wear the uniform/meet grooming standards will result in failure and removal of the AFJROTC class.
- **6.** Community Service: The mission of the AFJROTC is "to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community." The main way we do this is through organizing and conducting community service events. Each cadet is required to perform five (5) hours of community service (per semester) as part of his or her Aerospace Science grade. Events will be advertised on Schoology, announced in class, and via bulletin board in class. Cadets may do community service on their own but the goal is to have them work with other cadets in planning and leading events to enhance their development.
- 7. Please discuss this information with your cadet, <u>complete the attached form</u>, and have your son/daughter return it to their LMHS/MS Guidance Counselor or AFJROTC. <u>Your son/daughter will be required to return the attached form before they can sign up for AFJROTC</u>. Remember all classroom, assignments, grades and AFJROTC information can be accessed via Progress Book and Schoology. Please call Lt Col Chas. Peterson or CMSgt Becky Hale at 513-899-3781 x20515 if you have any questions. We may also be reached via email at cpeterson@lmsdoh.org and bhale@lmsdoh.org.

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STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FOR AFJROTC CADETS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

** INITIAL AND SIGN IN INK, THEN RETURN THIS TO THE INSTRUCTORS ** ** FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR AFJROTC **

I have read the Cadet Standards Letter and I understand what AFJROTC expects of me.

	Student Initials	
		I understand I need to wear my uniform every Wednesday
		I understand I need to dress for and participate in PT every Friday
-		I understand I need adhere to AFJROTC specific grooming standards while wearing the AFJROTC/PT uniform
		I understand I need to complete 5 hours of community service each semester
		I understand that AFJROTC is a yearlong course. If I choose to drop the class (or are removed for cause) before the end of the year, I will not get a PE credit and I will receive a failing grade for the year.
Cadet Name:		Signature
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I have read the Ca AFJROTC.	adet Stand	lards Letter and I understand what my son/daughter is required to do in
Parent/Guardian I	Name:	Signature (PRINT LEGIBLY)