



Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
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FROM: AFJROTC Unit GA-20102

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TO: Parents and Cadets

SUBJECT: Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Academic Year 20-21 Overview

1. **Welcome to Ola High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program!** Our mission is to *"Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."* Our theme for this year is, *"A true leader knows the only easy day was yesterday, so give today all you've got!"*

2. **Class Room Expectations:** In general, cadets are to be prepared to learn, respect other cadets' rights to learn, and respect the instructors' efforts towards that end. Classroom decorum, as well as other important information for the course, are spelled out in AFJROTC course syllabi, and the AFJROTC Cadet Guide, which will be sent electronically to each cadet as well as is located on our website. Instructors will review course syllabi and the AFJROTC Cadet Guide in detail with cadets over the first two weeks of school.

3. **Supplies:** Each cadet is asked to maintain a **large three-ring binder, with at least four dividers (dedicated to AFJROTC only), notebook paper, black/blue pen, and a #2 pencil** in class each day. We will issue each cadet a course syllabus and various other handouts. Cadets should bring these items to class each day.

4. **Uniform Wear and Grooming Requirements:** Proper grooming and uniform wear are the heaviest weighted (**55%**) components of the overall AFJROTC grade. **The first graded grooming inspection will be Wednesday, September 2nd and the first uniform inspection will be Wednesday, September 16th.** Uniform fittings will begin the first week of school and will be scheduled by the instructor. Cadets who have not been issued a uniform will "Dress for Success," the requirements of which will be covered in class.

a. Male cadets are required to wear a **plain white V-neck T-shirt** under the uniform. (Optional for female cadets, but highly recommended). All cadets are required to wear **solid color black socks only**.

b. Cadets will undergo uniform inspection each Wednesday to ensure compliance with AFJROTC uniform wear requirements.

c. **Cadets with an excused absence on Wednesday must wear the AFJROTC uniform their first day back in school.** It is the **cadet's responsibility** to get inspected by an AFJROTC instructor.

d. Uniform and Grooming inspection standards for cadets not issued an AFJROTC uniform (i.e. Dress for Success): **Male** - long slacks (no jeans/no shorts), collared shirt tucked into pants, tie, belt; **Female** – dress, skirt, or slacks with blouse; **All cadets will meet proper grooming standards.** Cadets absent on grooming inspection day must receive a grooming inspection their first day back to school which is normally the following Thursday.

e. The unit T-shirt or polo shirt will occasionally be required wear for inspection grades, some field trips, and select unit functions.

f. Cadets who earn five (5) consecutive inspection scores of 200 will earn 100 points for their flight towards Honor Flight competition.

5. **AFJROTC Activity Fee:** A \$50.00 non-refundable unit activity fee is required of all cadets by Monday, October 5th. **Note:** The AFJROTC activity fee **is not all inclusive** and does not purchase, buy or rent the blue AFJROTC uniform which is issued free to cadets. However, it does help defray some of the costs associated with being a part of Ola's AFJROTC program.

6. **Field Trip Participation:** AFJROTC field trips are a privilege. Cadets will be selected based on merit to include academic performance, positive behavior, inspections, physical education (PE) participation, uniform wear, and attendance. Before a cadet can be considered for field trip participation, he/she must return all necessary forms (i.e. physical fitness consent, medical, etc.), completed and signed by parents/legal guardians/teachers as required. Cadets must be in good standing in the AFJROTC program as well as meet Ola H.S. field trip participation standards in order to participate in AFJROTC field trips.

7. **Co-curricular Activities:** When able, **all cadets** will rotate the raising and lowering of our nation's flag daily. Our Color Guard presents the Colors during school functions, and community events. Co-curricular activities include Drill, Marksmanship, Multi-copter, Academic, Cyber Patriot, etc. teams, in addition to other cadet corps functions, as determined by our cadet corps leadership. These events are designed to enhance unit esprit-de-corps (i.e. Cadet Corps Calls, and other socials).

8. **Mandatory Formations:** When scheduled, will require cadet attendance virtually or in person when in-residence school begins. Mandatory formations include commander's calls, functional area meetings, squadron meetings, key staff meetings, promotion and award ceremonies, etc. Again, these events are key to our AFJROTC program and cadet attendance is required.

9. Cadets are required to sign up for "REMIND 101" to stay up to date on assignments and events:

First Year Cadets – Text @firstyearc to 81010
Second Year Cadets - Text @secyrcadet to 81010
Third Year Cadets - Text @thirdyrcdt to 81010
Fourth Year Cadets - Text @fourthYrCd to 81010

Parents are encouraged to sign up for their respective parent "REMIND 101":

First Year Cadets Parents – Text @firstyrpar to 81010
Second Year Cadets Parents – Text @secyrpar to 81010
Third Year Cadets Parents - Text @thirdyrpar to 81010
Fourth Year Cadets Parents – Text @fourthYrCd to 81010

Our cadet guide and class syllabi outline all requirements and expectations. The Ola H.S. AFJROTC website will be updated regularly with information related to our unit, course assignments, and activities at <http://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/domain/1217> and our calendar of events at <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/6645>. We have an open door policy and welcome visitors at any time following school policy. You may contact us directly at (770) 288-3222 or e-mail us: Third and Fourth Year Cadets - michael.brown@henry.k12.ga.us; First and Second Year Cadets - torrance.mcgee@henry.k12.ga.us, if you have questions or concerns. We are excited and trust that you are too as we continue to "Aim High" and grow Ola's AFJROTC program!

Very Respectfully,

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