

Chapter 1

McNEIL HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC PROGRAM

1.1 Scope of Program: AFROTCI 36-2001, “Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps”, describes the curriculum of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Program and prescribes policies and procedures for its conduct. McNeil High School offers a four-year elective course that includes Aerospace Science (AS), Leadership Education (LE), and Physical Training (PT).

- LE is 40% of the curriculum, and focuses on leadership skills and acquaints students with the practical application of life skills including discipline, responsibility, leadership, and citizenship.
- AS is also 40% of the curriculum, and consists of Aerospace History, Science of Flight, and Space Exploration.
- PT is 20% of the curriculum and consists of physical fitness and physical education.

1.2 Mission and Objectives:

- a. The **Mission** of the McNeil High School TX934 AFJROTC Program is to “**Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nations and community**” by instilling in cadets a high degree of personal honor, self-reliance, and leadership ability. The Program promotes patriotism, orderliness and precision, respect for authority, and community service.
- b. The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals. The AFJROTC program is grounded in the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The curriculum emphasizes the Air Force heritage and traditions, the development of flight, applied flight sciences, military aerospace policies, and space exploration.
- c. The **Corps Motto** is “*Attitude is Everything.*”

1.3 Designation of the Unit: The designation for McNeil High School AFJROTC Unit is TX934. This means it was the fourth (934) unit in Texas (TX) to be established in 1993 (934).

“The truth of the matter is that you always know the

right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.”

-General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

- 1.4 AFJROTC Instructors: There are two instructors for the AFJROTC Program, both selected and certified by the Air Force and hired by the school district to provide instruction. The Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI), Lieutenant Colonel Ken Lamkin, is a retired Air Force Officer and the Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI), Master Sergeant Hal Aaron, is a retired Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO). The SASI/ASI are responsible for directing and administering the AFJROTC Program at McNeil High School. ROTC is a cadet run program and cadets are expected to lead and manage *their* Corps. However, final authority on major projects or activities, decisions that change precedence or procedure, or any other matter deemed appropriate, will be coordinated/approved by the SASI/ASI.
- 1.5 Basic Curriculum: McNeil High School AFJROTC is a course that emphasizes academics, self-discipline, and self-reliance among cadets, and service to the Community.

Curriculum opportunities include:

- Academic studies
- Character education
- Life skills education
- Leadership opportunities
- Team-building experiences
- Intramural competition
- Field trips/ training opportunities

***All cadets are expected to meet standards in order to be successful in AFJROTC. Failure to meet standards will affect grades, eligibility for field trips, promotions, awards, etc. All cadets that fail to meet standards will be given an opportunity to correct themselves via peer support, and study sessions as part of the corps' mission to build better citizens.

“A leader should be doubly careful about his dress, apperance and deportment. You are always on parade.”

-Gen. George S. Patton

- 1.6 Evaluation and Grading System: Grades are an average of AS and LE grades.
- a. Aerospace Grade: Grades are determined from tests, homework, class work, current events, projects, class participation, and effort. Class participation grades will be based upon attitude, respect, courtesy, conduct, and behavior in the classroom, and most importantly, in Corps and community involvement.
 - b. Leadership Grade: Grades are determined from tests, homework, class work, drill and ceremony, and uniform wear. The Uniform of the Day (UOD) must be worn all day on days assigned by the ASI. Cadets that are absent must make up their uniform by Friday of the same week. Cadets that cannot determine the uniform by the due date may call a classmate or go online to www.TX934.com to receive proper information. Normally uniforms will be worn on Wednesdays or Thursdays of each week unless the SASI/ASI posts a change. A cadet will receive a minimum of three grades (uniform preparation, wear, and inspection) each uniform day. **A cadet must wear the uniform each week to pass ROTC.**
 - c. Community Service: All cadets are required to complete 6 hours of community service per six weeks. Service hours will affect six weeks' grades. Extra hours are NOT transferable from one six weeks to the next.
 - d. Classroom Conduct: Each cadet is expected to follow the classroom procedures and conduct policies as follows:
 - (1) Be in class on time.
 - (2) Be in uniform when appropriate.
 - (3) Be respectful to classmates and instructors.
 - (4) Be on task.
 - (5) Don't disrupt the learning environment
 - (6) Actively participate in the class

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

1.7 Uniforms and Supplies:

- a. Each cadet will be issued AFJROTC uniforms and insignia. There is no charge for items on loan to the cadet from the Air Force. Cadets must return uniforms after completing their time in ROTC.
- b. Awards and Decorations, once earned, do not have to be returned.
- c. AFJROTC textbooks are provided by the Air Force and will be issued to each cadet. Reference books and videos are available for checkout in Logistics.
- d. All damaged (unserviceable) uniform items will be exchanged for serviceable items. This can be done at any time during the school year. Normal wear and tear of an item is expected. If you outgrow an item, a better fitting size will be issued at no cost.
- e. Promptly report any uniform item lost, damaged, or stolen. The uniform is representative of a proud and honorable tradition that has existed since the birth of the country. Cadets must ensure their uniform is clean, in good condition, fits well, and is properly worn at all times.

1.8 Program Benefits: Cadets who are actively involved in the ROTC program will develop confidence, self-discipline, and self-reliance, and learn to work together as a team. In addition to the academic program that teaches leadership and life skills, plus aerospace history, and science, the cadets can also benefit from the following:

- a. Leadership -- the Corps of Cadets and the ROTC program is an active, on-going leadership laboratory. Cadets have numerous opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills as they plan, organize, manage, lead and participate in community service projects, field trips, drill competition, and other Corps activities.
- b. Credits -- ROTC is an elective credit. The first two years of ROTC may count as a P.E. credit. Additional years of ROTC are local elective credits.

- c. Certification of Completion -- A Certificate of Completion is awarded for the successful completion of three or four years of AFJROTC. This certificate will enable a cadet to enlist in any branch of the armed services at an advanced rank. The higher rank includes higher pay and more benefits.
 - d. Summer Leadership Schools -- Approximately twenty-five cadets are selected to attend one of two summer leadership schools. These schools are generally held at Camp Triumph in Copperas Cove and at the Howard Payne University campus in Brownwood.
 - e. Scholarships -- Qualified cadets are eligible for three and four year AFJROTC and AFROTC scholarships. The majority of these scholarships may be used at over 900 schools across the nation, cover full tuition, provide a book allowance and most laboratory and incidental fees. In addition to this, a \$205.00 - \$400.00 tax-free monthly allowance is paid to each winner during the academic year. The estimated value of a scholarship may exceed \$100,000, depending on the student's choice of school and type of scholarship offered.
 - f. Awards-- Active cadets are eligible for over 50 academic, leadership and service awards within AFJROTC. Seventeen of these are national awards from organizations such as the Air Force Association, American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. These awards are ribbons and medals that are worn on the uniform and readily seen by others as evidence of achievement.
- 1.9. Cadet Financial Obligations: Cadets are required to pay dues each year with amounts based on numbers of years in our ROTC program. The following chart shows the dues required for each year in ROTC. All dues must be paid by October 1st unless the instructors have approved a payment plan. A late fee of \$25 will be added to dues not paid by October 1st unless a payment plan has been approved. Points for Honor Flight will be given to the first flight to have the highest percentage of their cadets pay dues on time.

Dues:

1st Year - \$100.00
2nd Year - \$75.00

3rd Year - \$50.00

4th Year - \$30.00

“THERE ARE NO SECRETS TO SUCCESS: Don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.”

-General Colin Powell, US Army (Retired)

