



A67. NC-075—Air Force Junior ROTC Parents/Guardians Information Handout # 3

A67. The following information is important for you to know as parents/guardians:

A67.1. Weekly classroom activities may vary; the following is a typical weekly schedule:

- Monday: Drill (*marching practice*) and guest speakers.
- Tuesday: Physical Fitness Training (*PT*).
- Wednesday: Uniform Inspections and Drill.
- Thursday and Friday: Classroom Academics (*Aerospace Science and Leadership*) Instruction.
- Afterschool Co-curricular activities such as Drill, Raider, Marksmanship teams typically run 3:15 to 5:30 p.m.

A67.2. The term “SASI” refers to the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Sutton.

A67.3. Cadets are required to wear Air Force blue uniform each Wednesday unless the SASI announces otherwise.

- Cadets who do not wear their uniform to school on Wednesday will receive a uniform grade of zero.
- The SASI occasionally grants exceptions to cadets with adverse circumstances.
- Cadets with adverse circumstances requesting an exception must have their parent/guardian call or email the SASI explaining the situation; a typed/written note requesting an exception does not suffice.
- “*I woke up late and didn’t have time to get my uniform ready.*” or “*I forgot to wear my uniform today.*” are not considered adverse circumstances.
- Cadets granted an exception by the SASI must wear their uniform the next school day if possible.
- Cadets who are absent or in out-of-school suspension (**OSS**) on Wednesday should wear their uniform the day they return to school.
- Cadets in in-school suspension (**ISS**) should still wear their uniform to school; Mr. Perry supervises ISS students and will allow them to report to the JROTC classroom for their Wednesday uniform inspection.
- Occasionally, the SASI may direct cadets to wear the uniform on a different day of the week (*usually Tuesday*) if wearing the uniform on Wednesday is not practical (*i.e. no school on Wednesday*).
- Cadets who cannot wear issued black shoes for some reason (*i.e. foot injury, etc.*) may wear comfortable civilian black shoes/boots; cadets needing to wear civilian shoes more than once should request SASI permission; SASI may approve shoes/boots of other colors (*not black*) on case-by-case basis.
- Service dress jackets and lightweight jackets are not warm enough for extremely cold weather; cadets may wear civilian cold weather jackets to school & change into the service dress jacket/lightweight jacket upon arrival at school.
- Cadets who continually fail to wear their uniform may fail the course & may be removed from the AFJROTC program.

A67.4 Cadets are issued all required uniform items.

- The white V-neck T-shirt must be worn under the light blue shirt when no neck tie (*boys*) or neck tab (*girls*) is worn (“*Class C*” uniform).
- A crew neck T-shirt may not be worn with the Class C uniform (*T-shirt collar must not be visible through open-collar light blue shirt*).
- White crew neck T-shirt may be worn instead of V-neck T-shirt when a neck tie or neck tab is worn.
- If uniform is dirty, get it dry cleaned/washed as soon as feasible after Wednesday each week (*i.e. Thursday or Friday if possible*) so it is ready for Wednesday the following week.
- Uniform items requiring dry cleaning include dark blue pants, service dress jacket, and lightweight jacket.
- The light blue shirt can be washed and dried normally in a washing machine and dryer.
- The flight cap can be dry cleaned, or it can be hand washed using soap and water and air-dried (*do not put a wet flight cap in the dryer*).
- Cadets should prepare uniform at least one (*1*) day before uniform day so it is ready to wear on uniform day.
- Wrinkled uniform items can be ironed at home; using the steam setting will improve results of ironing.
- Use caution with the heat setting when ironing any dark blue uniform item; a high heat setting may burn or melt the fabric; starch may be used on the light blue shirt.



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A67.5 The cost of a complete uniform set is approximately \$350.00

- Cadets who lose uniform items or return damaged uniform items will be liable for replacement cost.
- Cadets must take good care of it and return it dry cleaned and ready to wear at the end of the semester.
- *Dryel (at home dry cleaning kit)* is acceptable alternative if families cannot bear cost of normal dry cleaning.
- Cadets should return uniform in cellophane (*plastic*) covering along with receipt for dry cleaning or *Dryel*.
- Cadets who return a stained/wrinkled uniform may be required to pay a \$30 dry cleaning fee.

A67.6. Accountable uniform items must be turned in at the end of the semester/school year.

- Includes light blue shirt, dark blue pants, service dress jacket, lightweight jacket, flight cap, belt, belt buckle, neck tie (*boys*), neck tab (*girls*), all uniform insignia items (*cadet rank and badges*), all ribbons and ribbon racks, and specialty uniform items if issued (i.e. berets, shoulder cords, etc.).
- Issued items not required to be turned in at end of semester/school year include white V-neck T-shirt, black socks, and black dress shoes; cadets wear these items until they wear out or cadets outgrow them.
- Shoes are a big expense each year; we will issue new shoes to cadets only when their shoes are worn out or they have outgrown them.
- Cadets must present the old shoes to the SASI or ASI for inspection before they will be issued new shoes.

A67.7. A class fee of \$30 is due for all cadets, whether first-year cadets or upperclass cadets.

- The class fee helps offset costs not reimbursed by the Air Force or Tuscola High School and is used to pay for expenses benefitting all cadets; examples include activity buses for field trips, physical fitness training equipment, Air Force birthday cake, pizza during uniform issue, etc.
- Payment of the class fee is only required once during each school year (*i.e. cadets who are enrolled in AFJROTC both semesters must only pay the class fee one time*).
- **If financial circumstances prevent you from paying the class fee, please do not let this be a barrier to your student participating in the program; please submit a Fee Waiver Form.**
- **Fee Waiver Forms** are available in the AFJROTC classroom or the school main office; the Administrators are very understanding and generally approve these Waivers.
- Although Air Force funds are authorized to pay for many things, the actual amount of Air Force funds provided to our unit each year covers only a fraction of our expenses; we rely heavily on fundraising to generate enough funds to sustain a healthy and vibrant AFJROTC program.

A67.8. Cadets must return a signed physical fitness training (*PT*) consent form; (*Cadet Health/Wellness Program Cadet Participation Consent Form with Health Screening Questionnaire*) to participate in PT on Tuesdays.

- If cadets do not return a signed PT consent form, they will receive PT grade of zero & stand at parade rest during PT.
- Cadets will be issued athletic clothing, a.k.a. "PT gear," consisting of a light gray U.S. Air Force T-shirt and navy blue mesh shorts; cadets must supply their own athletic shoes for PT.
- Cadets must bring their issued PT gear and athletic shoes to school on Tuesdays and dress out for PT, just as they would for Physical Education (*PE*) classes.
- Cadets who do not wear their issued PT gear and athletic shoes for PT will receive a PT grade of 70 for the week and will stand at parade rest during PT.
- Occasionally, the SASI may reschedule PT for a different day of the week (*usually Thursday or Friday*) if weather conditions or other circumstances prevent doing PT on Tuesday.

A67.9. If you need to contact the AFJROTC instructors for any reason, our contact information is as follows:

- AFJROTC Classroom: call THS at 828-456-2408 and ask for AFJROTC classroom or instructor by name.
- AFJROTC Instructor Office: call 828-456-2450; leave message on answering machine if no one answers.
- Email kessutton@haywood.k12.nc.us (*Lt Col Sutton*); srobertson@haywood.k12.nc.us (*SMSGt Robertson*).
- Email tuscolanc075afjrotc@gmail.com (*Tuscola AFJROTC unit email account*).