

**AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC
JAMES F. BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH CAROLINA 932**



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Academic Year 2014-2015

Welcome to the Air Force's leadership and citizenship program – Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC). AFJROTC, by design, is ***not*** a recruiting tool for the U.S. Armed Forces nor is it a military prep program. In fact, fewer than 2% of our cadets enter some form of military service.

The Byrnes JROTC instructor team is available to assist you, and may be contacted as follows:

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Chief Master Sergeant Mark Ippolito, Aerospace Science Instructor	“
Senior Master Sergeant Glenn Sparkman, Aerospace Science Instructor	“
Master Sergeant Russell Routon, Aerospace Science Instructor	“

This unique course will help prepare young people for life by emphasizing those skills and abilities necessary for success in any endeavor. Cadets will have the opportunity to participate in activities that are not available in any other program. Those activities include: visiting a military base, attending a military ball, marching in parades, conducting community service, adventures in orienteering, performing as a member of the drill team, and taking part in various field trips.

WELLNESS PROGRAM: Physical Fitness is an integral part of the AFJROTC curriculum and cadets receive Physical Education Credit. They must wear the Air Force Physical fitness uniform, or authorized equivalent, and athletic shoes; cadets not wearing appropriate athletic attire will receive a zero for the day.

ACTIVITY FEES: AFJROTC program is partially funded by the U.S. Air Force (USAF); however, the USAF only funds a limited amount of activities, leaving school programs to fund the balance of their programs. To continue providing a very active and very successful program, there is a \$50 fee to enroll in AFJROTC. This activity fee provides funding above the USAF allocation for transportation, fuel, and snacks for field trips, in addition to program support such as for non-USAF funded equipment, drill team competitions, projects, orienteering, model/rocketry club activities, and reduces cadet costs for Military Ball, CIA trips, etc.

CONDUCT: The Air Force requires students in this program to maintain the highest standards of conduct and appearance because each cadet represents the United States Air Force. **Fighting is a dismissal offense in JROTC.** We expect good citizens and leaders to follow the rules of the school and the AFJROTC Cadet Handbook. Recommended dismissal from the program (or schedule change) include: (1) indifferent attitude to our leadership training activities, (2) display unacceptable standards of conduct, or (3) failure to conform to Air Force personal appearance and uniform wear standards. We work with every student to help them achieve their full potential.

UNIFORM WEAR: AFJROTC mandates that cadets in the program wear the U.S. Air Force uniform once each week on the day prescribed by the SASI. **Cadets who do not wear the uniform as directed each week or prior to the next scheduled uniform wear will receive a “zero” grade for each unexcused uniform wear and will receive no more than a grade of “60” at the end of the nine weeks.** Any missed uniform wear **MUST** be made up as directed by the cadet's instructor. Major uniform violations will require immediate change or correction; parents/guardians will be notified immediately and a change of clothing will be made available.

APPEARANCE STANDARDS: Cadets must meet the personal appearance standards of the United States Air Force when wearing the JROTC uniform. Due to safety, flip flops, sandals, or high heels (no

open toe or strapless shoes) are unauthorized footwear for drill, community service, and physical fitness. If worn you must have a change of appropriate footwear. All other times, Byrnes school dress and appearance standards apply.

Male Standards: When in uniform, the male haircut must conform to the shape of the head, must not touch the ears or extend below the placement of the headgear in front, must be tapered in appearance, and must not interfere with the proper wear of the JROTC headgear. Bulk must not exceed 1¼ inches measured from the top of the skull. This does not mean that males have to have “high and tight” haircuts. The hair must be neat in appearance and comply with the standards mentioned above. Faddish hairstyles such as Mohawks, Cornrows, Dread Locks, Smoke-stacks and Bowl cuts are not permitted for male cadets. Hair color must be natural for the ethnicity of the cadet involved. The hair cannot be “streaked” beyond what is considered normal for that color (e.g., brown with some blonde showing). Males may have moustaches, but they must not extend past the corners of the mouth. The sideburns cannot extend below the bottom opening of the ear. Male earrings must be removed when wearing the JROTC uniform.

Female Standards: When in uniform, the female hair cannot exceed 3 inches in bulk, and it cannot extend below the bottom of the collar of the uniform. The hairstyle must permit proper wear of the JROTC headgear. The hat is not designed to wear over a hair “bun” or any other hair style. It must fit over the shape of the head. Barrettes and pins cannot interfere with the proper wear of the headgear. All accessories in the hair must match the color of the hair. Only small barrettes and hair bands are permitted. Only one pair of earrings may be worn with the uniform. They must be small (no larger than 6mm) and spherical, may be silver studs, gold studs, pearls, or diamonds. (Clear plastic hole saver/retainer/keepers are not authorized in uniform) Hair **color must be natural** for the ethnicity of the cadet. Nail polish must compliment skin tone, single-color or French manicure. Designs or ornamentation on the nails are not permitted. Tip length not to exceed ¼ inch.

Note: Cadets may not have visible pierced body parts such as nose or tongue when in uniform. Pierced tongues are considered visible and are not authorized. Tattoos that meet Air Force standards of good taste and are conservative in style/color must not cover more than 25% of the exposed body part. Tattoos are not allowed from the neck upward.

UNIFORM TURN-IN: Except for the shoes, socks, tee shirt, and earned ribbons/medals, all uniform items must be turned in to the AJFROTC Equipment Custodian by the published date. Uniforms are not to be left in the hallways or at the front office. The AFJROTC department is not responsible for the final status of uniforms left unattended. It is the cadet’s responsibility to personally turn in their uniform to the Equipment Custodian, so that each item may be properly accounted for. All uniform items **must be cleaned** prior to turn-in. The dark blue clothing items (i.e., hat, service dress coat, windbreaker, tie/tab, and pants must be dry cleaned; the light blue shirts may be laundered at home). ***For those items that require dry cleaning, only professional dry cleaning will be used--substitutes such as home remedies like Dryel are prohibited which can damage the uniform.*** Thank you for your support in preserving clothing items for future use and reducing the cost to taxpayers. (Value of the uniform is approximately \$260)

AFJROTC WEBSITE: Cadets maintain a web site that portrays past and current events and following downloads: Program requirements form, cadet handbook, and syllabus. You may access this site by going to www.byrnesafjrotc.com.

(PARENT/GUARDIAN) My signature below indicates that I read, understand, and agree to the guidelines set forth in the AFJROTC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS information sheet.

SIGNATURE OF CADET: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

DATE: _____