

# Colorado Military Academy



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Military Program

SCHOOL MISSION: CMA prepares cadets for today's colleges and tomorrow career by engaging cadets in a rigorous and high-tech curriculum in STEM through an environment of leadership development.

### KEY CHANGES FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HIGH SCHOOL:

#### I. All high school students required to be active cadet members of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) by Oct 15.

Currently CAP meetings are held weekly on Fridays from 4-6pm. These meetings will continue most Fridays over the summer...watch the squadron calendar for details ([www.cmacs.us](http://www.cmacs.us)). Additional activities, such as airplane orientation rides, color guard training, and Cyber Patriot practice, etc., occur in the evenings and on weekends. **CMA strives to move all required CAP activities during the class day over the next academic year.**

CAP as the military foundation of CMA provides uniforms, education, training, and the structure for rank and organization. As CMA cadets gain CAP rank, they will be rewarded with additional responsibilities and privileges. Responsibilities will include taking a leadership role amongst their classmates.

For more information about CAP check out our website, [www.ColoradoMilitaryAcademy.org/civil-air-patrol-program.html](http://www.ColoradoMilitaryAcademy.org/civil-air-patrol-program.html). Families participating in the free and reduced lunch program will be reimbursed the cost of membership in CAP.

#### II. All high school students are required to wear the CAP uniform to school every day.

Since the CAP uniform is the uniform of the U.S. Air Force, both uniform standards and personal grooming standards are strictly enforced. The CAP squadron will provide one set of BDUs or ABUs to each cadet after they join CAP and show a willingness and ability to wear the uniform properly. Upon their first promotion, CAP cadets receive a \$100 Vanguard voucher that most families use to pay the majority cost of purchasing a set of "blues" uniform. Footwear and undergarments must be purchased by families. Along with wearing the CAP uniform, cadets must follow CAP (i.e. USAF) grooming standards. The Civil Air Patrol Manual 39-1 describes uniform and grooming requirements:

[www.gocivilairpatrol.com/static/media/cms/M391\\_E6F33EAAEC28A.pdf](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/static/media/cms/M391_E6F33EAAEC28A.pdf).

Uniforms may also be purchased from AAFES, Vanguard, Airman's Attic, base Thrift Stores, and military surplus outlets. Cadets who have not earned their Vanguard voucher nor received a complete set of BDUs or ABUs may wear the CMA blue uniform until October 15. Cadets will wear BDU/ABUs to school most days.

The CMA Physical Training (PT) uniform is required for physical education class. The CMA blues uniform worn by K-8 will not be worn by 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (except prior to Oct 15 for those who do not have a CAP uniform).

For additional information, please contact the school at [info@ColoradoMilitaryAcademy.org](mailto:info@ColoradoMilitaryAcademy.org) or (719)576-9838.