

LINCOLN AFJROTC at NORTHEAST

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC)

MISSION: "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community."

OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAM

The Lincoln AFJROTC is NOT a military recruitment program. It is a leadership and character-building program. While certainly some cadets enter our program with the plan to eventually go into the military, only about 8% of AFJROTC cadets nationwide ever do. The objectives of the Lincoln AFJROTC are to educate and train high school students 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 academic curriculum emphasizes global and cultural studies, the development of flight, applied flight sciences, military aerospace programs, and space exploration.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

High school students throughout Lincoln are eligible to enroll in the classes offered at Northeast. We have students from all six LPS schools plus three of the Lincoln private schools.

CURRICULUM OFFERED

Courses are offered each semester with classes held during five periods each school day at Lincoln Northeast, including one class period that is at 7:00 am (before school starts). These classes are taught by retired Air Force members who hold Nebraska Teaching Certificates and include courses on leadership, exploration of space, and the science of flight.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In an effort to produce well-informed and civic-minded citizens, the Lincoln AFJROTC encourages cadets to get involved in their local communities. Easily the most rewarding aspect of the AFJROTC experience are the cadet community service projects. Working as a team, they contribute service hours to organizations such as Wreaths Across America, Relay for Life, the Lincoln Mud Run, the Special Olympics and more. Of course, fundraising to support these efforts is also required, so the unit has a fireworks stand and works concession sales at games in order to accomplish their mission and goals.

EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS

The Lincoln AFJROTC hosts activities like our Marksmanship program, a Model Rocketry program, and a competitive Drill Team. In addition, we provide Color Guard teams for events throughout the Lincoln area, including many State Capitol events. We go on many field trips during the school year, such as the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, the World War I Museum in Kansas City, and helicopter rides with the Army National Guard.

RELATED LINKS:

<http://wp.lps.org/afjrotc>

<http://www.youtube.com/LincolnAFJROTC>

**Lincoln AFJROTC at
Northeast High School**

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The Lincoln AFJROTC Color Guard presenting the Colors at the 2019 College World Series of Baseball in Omaha.



Members of the Lincoln AFJROTC unit taking care of our stretch of the Mahoney bike trail in Northeast Lincoln.



Basic Information Sheet for Lincoln Air Force Junior ROTC

First of all, please realize that there is **no** military commitment associated with joining our Air Force Junior ROTC program. In fact, it is actually illegal for the two program instructors to actively recruit cadets for the military (we are allowed to talk about it, but only if the cadet initiates the conversation). We are retired from the military ourselves.

Nationwide, only about 8% of Air Force Junior ROTC cadets join the military, which shows that our program is not focused as a military recruitment endeavor. We have a wide range of students who find our program enjoyable. Even if your student is not interested in joining the military after high school, we believe there are many benefits to their taking our course, such as improved self-discipline, attention to detail, teamwork, confidence, and leadership skills, just to name a few. Of course, there are additional benefits if someone is looking at the military as a career.

Our grading system is broken down into six distinct categories, as follows (along with the percentage of the grade that each category represents):

Homework/Classwork:	25%	
Tests/Quizzes:	20%	
Uniform Inspections:	20%	(uniform is worn all day once per week)
Physical Training:	20%	
Community Service:	10%	
Leadership/Teamwork:	5%	

Our course is a semester-course in length, though we have eight distinct sets of curricula. This means a cadet can participate in our course for a full four years and never repeat the same material. Each year, we teach one leadership-related curriculum and one aviation-related curriculum. Any brand new cadets would take what we call our “first year curriculum” while the returning cadets would rotate between three different sets of curricula. Here is a very brief depiction of our eight curricula and I have highlighted the curricula we are covering this upcoming school year:

Leadership

Basic Leadership Skills and Health (new cadets)

Communication Skills (experienced cadets)

Life Skills and Careers

Principles of Management

Aviation/Survival

Aviation History (new cadets)

Survival Skills (experienced cadets)

The Science of Flight

Exploration of Space

I would also add that our courses are generally considered only Elective credit as far as graduation goes, unfortunately. However, we do have two exceptions that - the first exception to that is the new cadet Leadership course is worth PE Credit. In addition, that same course teaches enough Health information to receive Health credit for it, but we are required to include the state-mandated Sex Education in our curriculum for that semester. So the very first full year of our course is a combination of PE and Health credit, and all other semesters are Elective credit only.

Finally, I would like to put in a plug for our YouTube page. If you're interested in seeing videos of our cadets in action, whether it is learning how to march, being inspected, providing a Color Guard or performing as a member of our drill team, our YouTube page is the place to find them, which can be accessed at <http://www.youtube.com/LincolnAFJROTC> . In addition, you can visit our school website (which is still very basic but being improved!) at <http://wp.lps.org/afjrotc/> . If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us and thank you for your interest in our program!