

**AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (AFJROTC)
UNIT MI-931, ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL
UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL COURSE**

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Welcome to our AFJROTC program! If you are a returning cadet or a new cadet, we are glad you chose our program, and we look forward to working with you this year. This syllabus has key information—read it all and share it with your parents/guardians. Please remember that AFJROTC is not a military recruiting program. In fact, we estimate that no more than 10% of our cadets are seriously considering military service. Of our nearly 30 graduating seniors last academic year, two have entered the military, and one is considering military service. Our mission is to build better citizens.

Key Dates – Write these on your calendars NOW

8-10 Sep	One-stop Night, 4-7 PM, AFJROTC classroom - <u>Mandatory</u> for anyone needing uniform items, or wanting to place a name tag, wheel cap, and/or dog tag order. Duffle bags may be purchased, and Booster Club forms completed/dues paid. This will NOT be done during school.
9 Sep	<u>Signed Syllabus Form due</u>
9 Sep	Booster Club Meeting, 7 PM, AFJROTC classroom – All parents/guardians are invited! <u>Ropes Confidence Course Permission Forms Due</u>
10 Sep	First Uniform Wear for returning cadets with uniforms (no grade/inspection only)
13-14 Sep	Ropes Confidence Course, Otisville, MI - <u>Return signed form and \$10 by Tuesday, 9 Sep 08</u>
17 Sep	First Uniform Wear – All cadets (graded)
18 Sep	<u>Signed Wellness Participation Form due</u>
18 Sep	Relationship Course for cadets/parents (optional), 7 PM, AFJROTC classroom
26 Sep	Homecoming Parade, time TBD
15 Oct	AFJROTC Picture Day, AFJROTC classroom during school – wear uniform/no make-up dates
25 May 09	Memorial Day Parade, time TBD

This AFJROTC course is specifically for eighth grade students.

The course objectives are:

1. Know Unlocking Your Potential topics as presented.
2. Know leadership principles as presented.
3. Participate in wellness activities.
4. Wear uniform properly, with proper grooming standards.
5. Apply military customs and courtesies.

Course Materials:

1. Unlocking Your Potential workbook
2. Leadership Education text and workbook
3. Anchor Bay AFJROTC Cadet Handbook
4. AFJROTC uniform (see below)

The course is broken into three parts: classroom; uniform wear; and, wellness. Each part is described, below:

a. Classroom. On Mondays and Tuesdays, we use Mr. Bob Mowad's Unlocking Your Potential course. This course focuses on self-confidence, self-motivation, and taking responsibility for one's life. The course uses workbooks, videos, exercises, and handouts. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, we use AFJROTC Leadership Education curriculum, to include marching.

b. Uniform Wear. Cadets are issued uniforms free-of-charge. Cadets are responsible for these uniforms, and will be charged for lost items. Each cadet is responsible for the care of their uniform. Shirts may be laundered. Coats, trousers, slacks, skirts, hats, and ties must be dry-cleaned. These uniform items must be

returned when a cadet leaves AFJROTC, or the cadet will be financially liable for replacement. First-year cadets, only, may choose not to wear the AFJROTC uniform, and purchase a red AFJROTC polo shirt for \$18. These cadets wear this polo shirt with khaki pants on Wednesdays for their uniform. On Wednesdays, cadets are to wear their uniform (AFJROTC or red polo shirt/khakis) the entire school day. Cadets may change for classes such as gym, or where the uniform could be soiled. During AFJROTC, cadets receive a grade based on correct uniform wear and proper grooming. Occasionally, due to holidays, breaks, teacher professional development days, etc, the uniform day may be slipped to the next school day. In the event of a weather-related school cancellation on Wednesday, the next school day is a uniform day. **Cadets cannot pass AFJROTC without wearing the uniform the required number of days.** In other words, if there are 8 uniform wear days in a particular quarter, a cadet must have worn their uniform 8 days in order to pass AFJROTC for the quarter. A cadet may make-up missed uniform wears before a quarter ends (excluding mid-term and final exam days), but cannot wear the uniform in-advance for a grade without prior instructor approval.

c. Wellness. On Fridays, we focus on wellness activities, including fitness, team building and team sports. Cadets should come prepared to participate. A doctor's note is required to be excused.

Grading:

1. The Unlocking Your Potential course grade counts for 40% of the overall AFJROTC grade, and is figured as follows:

Participation	35%
Tests/Projects	40%
Workbook Assignments	25%

Each class day, cadets have the opportunity to earn up to 10 participation points.

2. The Leadership Education course grade counts for 40% of the overall AFJROTC grade. Each uniform inspection, quiz, test, form that is to be returned, Homecoming Day Parade participation, and Memorial Day Parade participation is weighted equally. **Reminder—cadets cannot pass AFJROTC without wearing the uniform the required number of days.**
3. The wellness portion counts for 20% of the overall AFJROTC grade. Returning the signed wellness permission form accounts for 50% of this grade. Participation each week accounts for the remaining 50%. Cadets cannot participate until the permission form is returned, and they will lose participation points each Friday until the signed form is returned. Each class day, cadets may earn up to 10 participation points.
4. Unlocking Your Potential and Leadership Education final exams each count 50% of the final exam grade. There is no wellness portion final.

Additional activities. Many additional opportunities are provided to improve cadets' leadership and education. **The only mandatory after-school activities are participation in the Homecoming and Memorial Day parades.** The following are some additional opportunities:

1. Color Guards. We provide Color Guards for Anchor Bay High School varsity sports events, some professional sports events, and many community activities. All equipment is provided.
2. Competition Drill Teams and Color Guards. We provide after-school training for drill team and color guard competitions. In the past, we have traveled to Chicago, Washington, DC, Ohio, and competitions within Michigan. While preference will be given to cadets on the drill teams and color guards, all cadets are welcome to attend based on space availability. All equipment is provided.
3. Field Trips. We take field trips that will further our cadet's education. In the past, we have traveled to Chicago, New York, Washington, DC, Florida, and Mackinaw Island.
4. Community Service. Our cadets provide thousands of hours of community service every year. This service is a cornerstone of our efforts to build better citizens. In addition, completing community service is a requirement for promotions and maintaining rank.
5. Movie Nights and Game Nights. Cadets organize and run these events, which are held in our classroom.
6. Lock-Ins, Swim Parties, Ice Skating Parties. Cadets organize and run these events, which are held in locations around the local area.

Booster Club. We have a very active Booster Club, and its success is critical to our unit's success. The Boosters organize and execute a number of fundraisers for our events and activities. Your participation in these fundraisers is critical to your ability to participate in our events and activities. We highly encourage your parents to join and add to the tremendous value of AFJROTC.

Grade: 8

Hour: 1

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th,2008

I, _____, have read and understand the AFJROTC syllabus.
PRINT CADET'S NAME

CADET'S SIGNATURE

_____ I would like to join the AFJROTC Booster's Club.

_____ I am already a member.

_____ I cannot join at this time; however, I would like to help in some way. Please phone me
at _____.

_____ I cannot join or help at this time.

CADET'S PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Please include at least one E-mail address where progress reports may be sent:

(1) _____

(2) _____