

# OVERVIEW OF TX-936 CADET GUIDE

## Central High School

### 2023-2024

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is an elective class used to instill citizenship values & responsibilities. JROTC has standards of conduct & behavior above those normally expected of high school students. The cadets perform much better when we consistently enforce standards. Through these standards of discipline, cadets learn no one person or group of people is more important than the overall program.

JROTC has no military commitment. However, if a cadet completes our program & enlists in the U.S. armed services, he/she may be considered for advanced rank & benefits. If the cadet enters college-level ROTC, they may be credited with rank above other cadets who do not have a JROTC background

Our goal is to train each cadet to be successful & teach them how to strive to excel. The few failures that may occur can usually be traced to unacceptable behavior by the cadet. As a parent you can assist us in helping your child by being involved in their success. Our standards are high & most of the cadets meet them with an expectation of accountability.

We have the highest admiration & respect for our cadets & are inspired by their achievements. We do understand a cadet may make a mistake from time to time. When this happens, we go the extra mile with any cadet who's willing to admit their mistake(s) & strive to minimize future reoccurrences. Legal infractions or knowingly violating school standards may result in removal from JROTC (e.g., fighting, lying, stealing, vandalizing, alcohol & smoking). Drugs is the exception and will most likely result in removal from JROTC for the semester. The cadet will be allowed to return to JROTC the next semester in a probationary status.

The standards listed below are not all-inclusive, however, it's a list cadets & parents sometimes have difficulty adjusting to. Complete Cadet Guides are available on our web site and for check out from an instructor for a comprehensive list of standards. Please review the entire Cadet Guide (posted at <http://afjrotctx936.weebly.com/>) before signing this acknowledging understanding of the standards, requirements and expectations of cadets.

## The STANDARDS

1. **Wednesday** will be uniform day unless otherwise specified. All cadets are expected to be in uniform! There are no excuses for not wearing the uniform. Non-uniform wear will lead to disciplinary action(s) & possible dismissal.

- a. If absent, you're allowed to make up your uniform wear the next day you're present.
- b. If you choose not to wear the uniform on uniform day, you're required to make up the missed day on the next school day. You will receive a maximum score of 50%. You're only allowed three missed uniform day make ups for a grade. After the 3rd missed uniform day (not including excused absences) you will receive a zero & will not receive a grade for the required uniform wear make-up day or further missed uniform days. Removal from JROTC will be considered at this time.
- c. If you're assigned to ISS on uniform day; you will wear the uniform to ISS. Once confirmed, you will receive a grade of 70% as you are not able to participate in the open-ranks inspection.
- d. If testing (e.g., STAAR, ASVAB, etc.) on a uniform day, you're still required to wear your uniform that day. You must stop by JROTC during the day & let one of the instructors know you wore your uniform on the required day or have a teacher email an instructor. Failure to do so will result in receiving a zero.

e. It's the cadet's responsibility to wear the uniform on the prescribed day and to ensure their uniform is ready to go before uniform day. If an item needs replacing, it must be brought in before uniform day. Not wearing your uniform because it's in the cleaners or the pants are too short is not an acceptable excuse as these can be fixed before uniform day or before school starts on uniform day by stopping by Powell Hall and swapping out the damaged/improperly fitting item.

2. **Friday** or last day of the week will be an activity/wellness day. During activity day cadets will be required to perform physical fitness exercises or participate in a team-building exercise to the best of their ability. Activities will be briefed beforehand to all cadets, so they dress appropriately. Additionally, cadets will perform 2 exercises at the start of each non-uniform class day.

3. The following grooming standards apply while in JROTC:

a. **Female cadets** are allowed to wear locs, braids, twists, micro-braids, French braids, Dutch braids and cornrows. Please refer to the Cadet Guide for further guidance.

b. Hair color can be changed only to a color that naturally occurs in the ethnic group. **UNUSUAL OR MULTICOLORED HAIR IS NOT PERMITTED!**

c. **Male & female cadets'** hair will be clean, well-groomed & neat. Hair will not contain excessive amounts of grooming aids or touch eyebrows. Hair color/highlights/frosting (must not be faddish).

d. **Male cadets'** hair will have a tapered appearance on both sides & back, with & without headgear. A tapered appearance is one when viewed from any angle outlines the individual's hair so it conforms to the shape of the head, curving inward to the natural termination point. Block cut is permitted with a tapered appearance. Cleanly shaven heads, military high & tight, or flat-top haircuts are authorized. Hair will not exceed 2.5" in bulk, regardless of length and ¼" at natural termination point. Hair will not protrude below the front band of properly worn headgear. No faux Mohawks are allowed.

e. Cadets will be told once to get their hair within standards & are expected to correct the discrepancy by the next uniform wear day. Parents who object are asked to have their child removed from JROTC & placed in a program they're more comfortable with.

f. Dreadlocks are not authorized for wear by either male or female cadets.

g. Body piercing is not allowed (male or female) except for the ear lobes of female cadets **while in uniform**.

h. Male cadets will not be permitted in Powell Hall if they are wearing ear studs or earrings. There are no exceptions! If a male cadet has his ear(s) pierced during the school year, he'll be required to remove the healing stud while in JROTC.

i. Derogatory jewelry will be removed. Derogatory or gang-related tattoos must be covered up.

j. Male cadets are required to be clean-shaven (with the exception of a mustache as outlined in the Cadet Guide) if wearing any JROTC uniform to include the unit shirt and issued physical training gear.

4. The following applies to cadets while in uniform:

a. Cadets will be issued the required uniform items **at no cost**. If a cadet loses or purposely damages (e.g., doesn't wash or clean appropriately) any item he/she will pay to replace it. We will not issue a replacement item until payment has been received for the lost item.

b. While wearing the uniform all buttons will be buttoned & all zippers will be zipped according to Air Force instructions.

- c. Female cadets may wear small round or square white diamond, gold, white pearl, or silver earrings.
- d. Black is the only acceptable color for socks while in uniform...must be trouser style.
- e. Cadets will be issued footwear & are responsible for proper polishing & shining of the footwear.
- f. The hat is part of the uniform & will be worn at all times when outdoors.
- g. Female cadets' hair will be styled to present a professional appearance. Wear of conservative hairpins, combs, headbands, elastic bands & barrettes is allowed & must match hair color (exception is black hair accessories can be worn with any hair color). Long hair will be secured with no loose ends. There is no minimum hair length, but maximum bulk is 4" from the scalp and allows proper wear of headgear. Female cadet's bangs, if worn, may touch the eyebrows but will not touch or cover their eyes. Female cadets may also wear one or two braids or a single ponytail with bulk not exceeding the width of the head and length not extending below a horizontal line running between the top of each sleeve inseam at the under arm through the shoulder blades. EXCEPTION: Hair may be visible in front of female cadets' flight cap. For more information please refer to the Cadet Guide.
- h. Female cadets' cosmetics will be conservative & in good taste.

(1) Female cadets' nail polish, if worn, will be a single color that does not distinctly contrast with the female cadet's complexion, detract from the uniform or be extreme colors. French manicured nails are authorized with no decorations & will not exceed ¼".

(2) Female cadets will not wear shades of lipstick & nail polish that distinctively contrast with their complexion, detract from the uniform or are extreme. Some examples of extreme colors include but are not limited to purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire engine) red & fluorescent colors.

5. Each cadet is required to pay a \$40.00 organization fee. The fee offsets costs associated with various JROTC functions throughout the year (e.g., welcome picnic, Halloween party, Christmas party, Valentine's dance & various other activities) and lowers cost for various trips. It also helps cover the JROTC unit shirt required to be worn during school functions & community projects.

6. Mandatory unit functions: All cadets are required to attend the Homecoming Parade & Veteran's Day Parade. If a cadet is unable to attend a mandatory function, a note is required from the parent/guardian. Notes are not accepted from cadets.

7. Voluntary unit functions: Cadets are highly encouraged to attend the Military Ball & Dining-Out/Awards banquet as well as other functions held throughout the year.

8. Cadets will not be allowed to show any public display affection (PDA) with each other or anyone else, anytime or anywhere on this campus while in any uniform, in Powell Hall or at JROTC functions. NO EXCEPTIONS! When not in uniform and on campus (but not in Powell Hall) district rules for PDA apply.

9. All emotional involvements & any related activities will not take place in conjunction with any JROTC functions (e.g., lovers' spats, making up, breaking up or making out). We require professional relationships between all cadets.

10. When on field trips, cadets will be constantly monitored & the genders separated at appropriate times. The exception will be while performing team functions approved by either the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) or Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI).

11. If your child joins a JROTC drill team, he/she will be required to be on time for every practice. We have developed a winning tradition with our drill teams & we plan to continue this tradition. In addition, all cadets are required to be on time on drill meet days for departure from Powell Hall and are required to be picked up

within 10 minutes after the bus is cleaned after return to Powell Hall. Students will call parents when we are at least 15 minutes from campus which will provide at least 30 minutes for their ride to get to the school. Failure to be picked up on time after return from a drill meet will result in removal from the next drill meet or out of town function as determined by the SASI.

12. Cadets are held accountable while in our class & are expected to excel in all their classes. In JROTC, we do not tolerate lying, cheating, stealing or cutting class. An infraction in any class could lead to a disciplinary board being convened by the instructors or cadet peers to correct the infraction. In addition: failure for a nine-week period will result in the cadet being placed on probation. Failure in any 2 nine-week periods MAY result in the cadet losing their rank/position. The cadet always has the opportunity to regain rank/position dependent upon them passing all their classes during a marking period.

13. Only faculty & JROTC Cadets are allowed in Powell Hall.

14. Classroom Behavior:

a. When cadets arrive, they're required to have paper, textbooks & a writing instrument. Each student will learn to take notes & we'll review their notes for coherency & accuracy.

b. Cadets are required to be on time to class.

c. Cadets will not talk without raising their hand for permission.

d. Cell phone use is prohibited in Powell Hall unless approved by an instructor. During classroom time all cell phones will be placed in the phone caddy.

d. Cadets will refer to each instructor by their rank and last name or "Sir/Ma'am".

e. At the conclusion of each period of instruction, cadets will be given time to arrange the classroom in inspection order. The incoming flight commander/sergeant will report all discrepancies to their instructor

15. Gossip (e.g., rumors) of any kind will lead to swift disciplinary action &/or loss of rank/position.

16. If a cadet wants to have his/her picture in the composite annual photo, the cadet must be in proper uniform, meet grooming standards & be in good standing.

17. Merits will be awarded for positive deeds & demerits for negative ones. Too many demerits may keep a cadet from going on field trips & other JROTC functions. Merits will place a cadet above others for consideration during trips, job opportunities & extra credit.

18. Cadets will not be allowed in any offices unless it's for official business or they have been instructed to do so by an instructor.

19. SENIOR STAFF will not use their rank or position to incur favors, to intimidate subordinate cadets or use their rank for personal conquest.

20. SENIOR STAFF are required to attend a minimum of 50% of all activities/functions. If unable, they may be removed from Senior Staff & placed in another position.

21. All students are required to participate in at least two community service activities during the first semester for a grade. Community service activities include but are not limited to spirit teams, band support, color guard events, local community events and various other events. Cadets are briefed when opportunities are available. A sign-up sheet is put out a week or so in advance depending on the event.

21. If there are any questions, please contact one of the instructors at 325-659-3400 ext. 194 or 195.

This is to certify receipt & understanding of the standards, requirements and expectations of a JROTC cadet per the 2023-2024 TX-936 Cadet Guide (aka Code of Conduct). The 2023-2024 AFJROTC Syllabuses can be viewed at <https://afjrotctx936.weebly.com/syllabus.html>

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