



# Air Force Junior ROTC



# Our Mission



Develop citizens of character dedicated  
to serving their nation and community



# Our Goals



Instill...

- Values of citizenship
- Service to the United States
- Personal responsibility
- Sense of accomplishment



**AFJROTC IS NOT A USAF RECRUITING PROGRAM**





# Worldwide Impact

- 890 units worldwide with over 120,000 cadets
  - N. America, Asia, Europe, Guam, Hawaii and Puerto Rico
  - 19 units in New Jersey
- Headquarters is Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- Typical unit consists of 1 Officer & 1 Non-Commissioned Officer





# Air Force Investment in WOHS

- Uniforms/alterations.....\$20K
- Operating expenses.....\$3K
- Computer equipment.....\$2K
- Curriculum enhancement.....\$2K

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**\$27K**

- Also, 50% of instructor salary

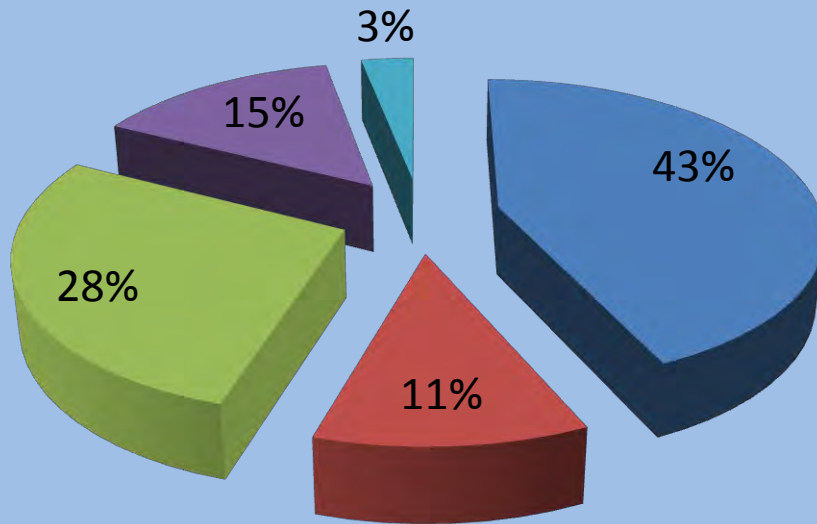


# National Demographics



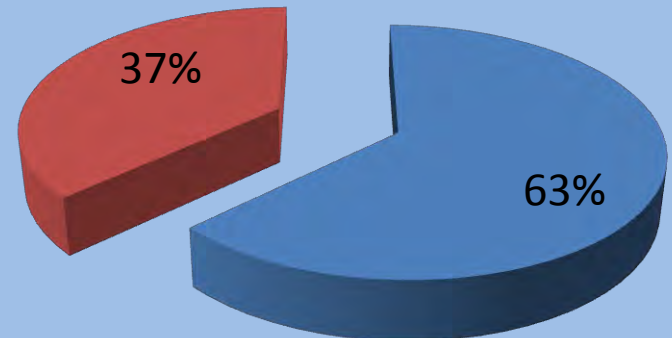
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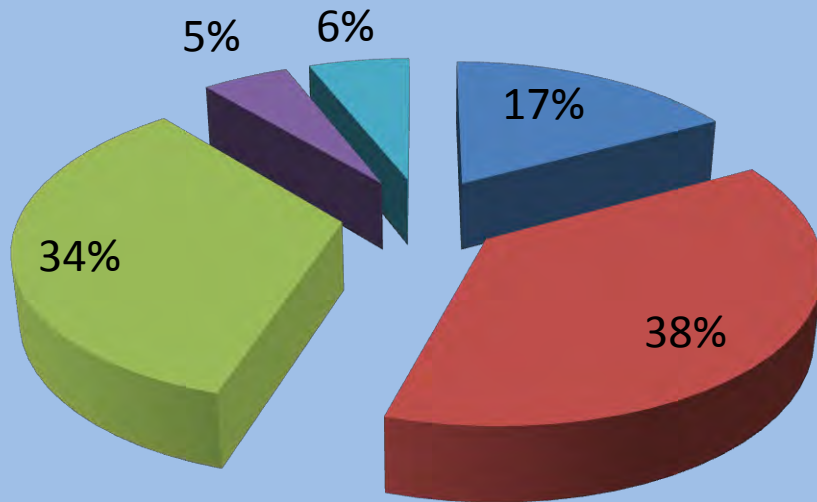


# WOHS AFJROTC Demographics



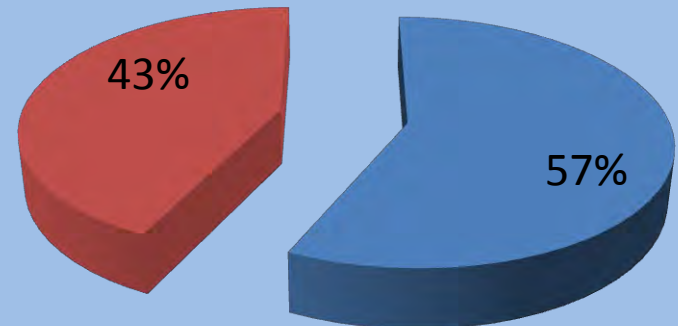
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# Curriculum



- 3 or 4 year program with minimum 120 contact hours annually
- Air force provides books, technology and lessons
- 3 tiered approach:
  - 40% Aerospace Science
  - 40% Leadership Education
  - 20% Health and Wellness





# Instructors



- **Instructors are certified by Air Force Headquarters**
- **Instructors are school-district employees**
  
- **Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) - Officer**
  - **AFJROTC Department Head, reports directly to principal**
  - **Responsible for and manages the overall operation the unit**
  
- **Aerospace Science Instructor (ASI) - Non-Commissioned Officer**
  - **Works for the SASI**

# Extracurricular Activities



- **Community service**
- **Color Guard and Drill Teams**
- **Academic Bowl**
- **Field Trips**
- **Honor Society**
- **Cyber Patriot**
- **Phantom Flight (Drone)**
- **Parades and Ceremonies**
- **Military Formal**
- **Incentive Flights on Military Aircraft**
- **Outreach to Elementary/Middle Schools**
- **Tutoring**



# Why AFJROTC Works



- **Military training model: Clear expectations, training and accountability produces self-discipline and achievement**
- **Cadets belong to something bigger than themselves**
- **Strong emphasis on school, community and nation**
- **Quality/experience/dedication of instructor force**
- **Instructors are long-term mentors/role models/leaders**
- **Program is inclusive; provides a place for ALL students**
- **Sense of belonging for cadets**
  - **“like a family”**
- **Rewards and consequences**



# Benefits



- **Students: Platform for success**
  - Gain confidence, self-discipline, belonging and leadership
  - Develop sound life skills
  - Resume builder for college
  - If they choose military, enlist at higher rank
  - Compete for scholarships and academy appointments
- **Schools: Force for Good**
  - Leadership partner for your mission
  - Increased community presence and engagement
  - Cadets have better attendance, less discipline problems





# Unit Accomplishments



- **Over \$15,000 raised for charities**
- **Veteran's ceremonies**
- **Raise/lower flag daily at WOHS**
- **Academic Team and Color Guard**
- **100% high school graduation rate**
- **90% of our graduates are in institutions of higher learning**
- **Cadets have earned over \$1.5 million in scholarships and academy appointments**



# Key Takeaways



## ➤ Quality Impact on the School

*“The students that were a part of it this year and last, they have surpassed any of my expectations, and the leadership in the program have created a structured, student driven program that has brought a new found respect and quality to our school.”*

➤ Mr. Hayden Moore, WOHS Principal

## ➤ Important to the Community

*“In just a few short years they have become an important part of our community and we are very proud of the contributions they have made.”*

➤ West Orange Township Mayor Parisi

## ➤ Sense of Family

*“When I look at my wingman next to me wearing casual clothes I feel safe and on Wednesdays when he/she is wearing the same blue as I am, I feel we are unstoppable. No matter what service branch or college we go off to, I will always know that me and the rest of this unit has Air Force Blue in our blood.”*

➤ Cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Justice Rooney, WOHS Junior

