



CIVIL AIR PATROL
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Cadet Expectations

Being a Cadet in Civil Air Patrol means making a few commitments. It does not mean that you have to give up being in other organizations, activities and sports. We understand that many students are active in several different activities and lead busy lives. However, we do expect certain minimum standards and participation from our Cadets.

A full guide to our unit's guidelines and policies will be given to you on Membership Night. This is a simple breakdown of our expectations for Cadets:

- **Meeting Attendance:** We expect Cadets to attend Wednesday CAP meetings. However, school work always comes first. In addition, we also know that sometimes sports events and other extracurricular activities can overlap with CAP. Cadets may also occasionally be sick or go on vacation. You are expected to notify your superior cadet in advance when you cannot make it. 24-hours notice is considered acceptable.
- **Promotions & Progression:** Cadets study their leadership and aerospace textbooks on their own time, and take tests to promote when they are ready – not on a prescribed schedule. Each cadet will progress at his or her own pace within the program. However, cadets are expected to complete at least 2 achievements per year. Details on those achievements are available in the welcome packet.
- **Uniform Care:** Civil Air Patrol and our unit will issue you uniform clothing and items to use during your membership in CAP, including a service dress blues uniform, BDUs, and field gear. You agree to take good care of your uniforms and wear them properly. With the exception of items you pay for, if you choose to leave CAP, you will need to return your uniforms.
- **Physical Fitness:** Cadets are expected to exercise on their own regularly to meet the physical fitness program standards. Cadets must pass physical fitness standards (available in your welcome packet) to complete their Initial Training Program/first achievement, and as cadets advance and get older will be held to higher standards.
- **Tobacco, Drugs & Alcohol:** Civil Air Patrol has zero tolerance for cadets who use or possess tobacco, illegal drugs and/or alcohol. You should choose not to participate in CAP if you use any of these substances. They are not permitted at any Cadet activity.

- Professional Conduct: Remember, that we, as CAP members, wear a uniform which is nearly identical to the uniform worn by Air Force personnel. Cadets represent not only Civil Air Patrol, but the U.S. Air Force. All members must act in a professional and respectful manner.

- Completing your Initial Training: The initial 10 weeks of attendance in the Cadet program is your Cadet Initial Training (CIT). You will spend each week with other new recruits learning the basics of being a Civil Air Patrol cadet airman. *This is a critical time of learning. It is very important that you attend all of the meetings during this time.* Cadets who miss multiple meetings during the Cadet Initial Training period may be delayed in completing the first achievement and promotion to Cadet Airman.