



# CAP Classroom Adopt Program Guide

Academic Year 2021-2022

## Purpose:

Build CAP squadron relationships in the educational community that stimulate student interest in aerospace/STEM subjects and careers, and, an awareness of Civil Air Patrol.

## Vision:

Squadrons extend a hand of comradery to a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher via the CAP K-6<sup>th</sup> grade Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) program to provide classroom aerospace/STEM support, student mentorship, and an introduction to CAP.

## Action Plan:

Encourage squadrons across the nation to reach out to a local 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teacher for the purpose of classroom aerospace/STEM education and career interest promotion/support, communication about CAP's AE and cadet programs, and coordination of squadron visits with interested classroom students.

\* See the [Adopt promotional video](#) made by *Adopt* National Ambassadors, KY WG Commander, Col Brian Schmuck, and GLR-IN-220 River City Cadet Squadron C/Capt Rylee Schmuck.

## Purposeful Outcomes:

- Increased interest in aerospace/STEM subjects and careers
- Increased CAP public awareness
- Improved retention of AEMs
- Introduction of and interest in the CAP cadet program, which could also lead to:
  - \* increased squadron cadet membership
  - \* increased diversity in cadet membership

## Target Population:

Public or private accredited 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, preferably with a Title I population, but, in the least, a diverse student population.

As the age students can join a CAP squadron, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the target group. If no 6<sup>th</sup> grade is available, any 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom could be adopted. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade could use the 5<sup>th</sup> grade ACE curriculum and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades could use the 6<sup>th</sup> grade ACE curriculum.

**NOTE for the purposes of this guide: When a 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom cannot be found, a 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom may need to be identified/adopted. Thus, throughout this guide, where 6<sup>th</sup> grade is noted, the alternate grade level can be inserted instead.**