



CAP Adopt-a-Classroom Program Guide

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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 6th grade teacher via the CAP K-6th 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 6th 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.

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 6th grade classrooms, preferably with a Title I population, but, in the least, a diverse student population.

Why 6th grade? The highest ACE grade level and the earliest age students can join CAP as a cadet.

Although 6th grade is the target group, if no 6th grade is available, any 5th- 8th grade classroom could be adopted with the 5th grade using the 5th grade ACE curriculum and the 7th and 8th grades using the 6th grade ACE curriculum.