



# PARENT HANDBOOK

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# WELCOME ABOARD *AMBITION*!

We are excited to welcome your student aboard AMBITION (CVT-11)! National Flight Academy (NFA) offers an exclusive learning experience designed to enhance STEM exploration for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to inspire your child by showing them the amazing things they can achieve when they believe in themselves.

To ensure your child has a positive and enjoyable experience at NFA, preparation and planning are key. Please take a moment to review the enclosed Parent Handbook with your student. It's important to emphasize the teamwork required to make this experience safe and fun for everyone.

We look forward to helping your child make new friends and create lasting memories!

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# PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES



## STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS

- I am a mature, young adult responsible for my own actions.
- I understand that program rules and regulations are followed for the benefit of all.
- I am responsible for complying and cooperating with program policies.
- I will demonstrate respect to my peers, staff, and leadership within NFA.
- I will participate and contribute to all activities with the best of my ability.
- I will not disrupt the program or intrude on other students' right to learn in any way.
- I will maintain courtesy, integrity, and good citizenship when dealing with others.

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students will be expected to respect themselves and those around them.
- Students will be expected to behave in a trustworthy and honest manner.
- Students will be expected to behave responsibly when not under direct supervision.
- Students will maintain a positive, groomed appearance during the entirety of their stay.
- Students will not abuse any member of the NFA staff or attendee verbally or physically.
- Students will not engage in sexual activity, drink alcohol, or engage in any kind of substance abuse.

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### DISCIPLINARY RULES

NFA expects exceptional behavior during the student's stay. Students who engage in the following are subject to dismissal from the National Flight Academy:

- Profanity & Obscene Language
- Disruption of Program
- Damage and/or Theft of Property
- Physical Assault
- Possessing Weapons & Instruments
- Tobacco & Alcohol
- Narcotics & Drugs
- Insubordination of Leadership
- Bullying
- Inappropriate Dress

**IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ADHERE TO ALL RULES WHILE IN PROGRAM  
AT NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY OR THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISMISSAL.**



# NFA EXPECTATIONS

## **DISCIPLINE SYSTEM**

In the event disciplinary actions are needed, they will be handled by NFA leadership. Each offense will be addressed on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity of the incident and may result in possible dismissal of the student. Incidents and disciplinary actions will be documented.

## **PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION (PDA) OR AGGRESSION**

Open displays of affection or aggression are not permitted. Students that act or behave in such a way that could cause, or threaten to cause, discomfort to another person will be dismissed.

## **PERSONAL & SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

NFA does not tolerate harassment of individuals based on age, color, gender identity or expression, mental or physical disability, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, or based on any other condition or characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Harassment of any kind is considered misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal if warranted.

Any individual who believes they have been harassed in violation of this policy has the responsibility to discuss it immediately with any NFA staff member. All discussions will be kept confidential.

Allegations of any harassment brought to a staff member's attention will be reported by that staff member to NFA leadership immediately. Any such complaints will be investigated thoroughly.

## **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

AMBITION is a personal electronic device (PED) free facility. PEDs are defined as cell phones, smart watches, laptops, tablets, and any other device that can connect to the internet, Wi-Fi, or data plan. If there is an emergency, parents may contact National Flight Academy at (850) 458-736. Upon check-in, students will surrender all electronic devices to NFA staff. PEDs will be returned to the student prior to check-out.

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Students whose personal attire or grooming distract the attention of other students and staff, or which may be hazardous to themselves or to others during NFA activities, shall be required to make the necessary alterations. Students who fail to meet the acceptable standards of cleanliness and appropriate attire, as determined by NFA, could be required to wear alternative clothing. Inappropriate attire or insignias are not permitted at any time; those who fail to comply with the dress code will be required to change.

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet age and grade eligibility requirements for their registered program. Participating students must meet BOTH of the following requirements:

- **Students must be** 11-17 years old AND
- **Students must be** entering the 7th – 12th grades Fall 2025. If you are an international resident, your child must be in a grade equivalent to the US 7th – 12th grades by Fall 2025.

## PROGRAM OPTIONS:

- 6-day, 5-night **DEPLOYMENT**: 11-17 years old AND rising 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 3-day, 2-day **CRUISE**: 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade (*unless otherwise stated*)

**Students who have graduated high school or have turned 18 years old MAY NOT attend.**

## REGISTRATION

Only a parent or legal guardian is allowed to register their student for the program. Students are not permitted to register themselves. National Flight Academy staff will not communicate with students or unauthorized individuals.

Registration help • [registration@nationalflightacademy.com](mailto:registration@nationalflightacademy.com)  
To phone NFA • 850-458-7836

Please watch the enclosed video, provided by Delta Air Lines, which offers a glimpse into [AXP life](#) aboard AMBITION (CVT-11). This video helps both parents and students better understand the program and what to expect. Additionally, we've included a tentative schedule to give you an idea of what a typical day looks like for an AXP participant. >>>>



## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AXP

Time	
6:30am	Wake Up
6:45am-7:30am	Hygiene
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast
8:30am-9:30am	Team Building Exercises
9:30am-12pm	Off Ship Excursions
12pm-1pm	Lunch
1pm-6pm	Program & Missions
6pm-7pm	Dinner
7pm-7:30pm	Squadron Time
7:30pm-8pm	Program & Missions
8pm-9pm	Team Building Exercises
9pm-10pm	Hygiene



# PROHIBITED ITEMS

Any items found by NFA staff that are deemed inappropriate or illegal will be confiscated. Items will be held in a secure location and returned to the student at the completion of the program. Food that is confiscated is not returned.

The following listed items are strictly prohibited at NFA:

- Food items that state "contain nuts"; all snacks containing these items will be taken
- Gum
- Energy drinks
- Musical instruments
- Self-defense items
- Weapons
  - Firearms (this includes toys and replicas)
  - Any sharp object that can be used as a weapon (knives, box cutters, scissors, etc.)
  - Tasers, Mase (pepper spray)
- Alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, Vapes, chewing tobacco, unauthorized drugs, and items posing a fire hazard (including matches and lighters)
- Sporting goods (baseball bats, skateboards, etc.)
- Aerosols except for spray deodorant
- Perfumes or cologne in glass bottles
- Pornography
- Condoms
- Other items deemed unsafe by NFA Leadership

# DRESS REQUIREMENTS & PROHIBITED CLOTHING

## DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Students are encouraged to pack jackets and/or sweaters- the temperature inside AMBITION can be quite cold.

- Pants and shorts shall be worn properly fastened so the waistband is not below the top of the hipbone.
- Athletic wear with an elastic waist may be worn during the regular program but may not be worn during graduation Leggings are not allowed.
- Pajama pants and leggings are not permitted during program hours. They may only be worn during evening hygiene and lights out. Students may only wear leggings if appropriate-length shorts/skirts/dresses are worn over them during the day.
- Jeans are allowed if they do not have holes or tears higher than six inches above the knee.
- Shorts or skirts must have hemlines or openings that are no shorter than 5 inches above the knee when either sitting or standing.
- Shirts, T-shirts, and blouses shall be of appropriate size and length to cover the waistband while sitting and standing. Crop tops are not permitted.
- Sneakers or other closed-toe and closed-heel footwear must be worn during the instructional portion of the day. Croc's, flip-flops, beach shoes, or any other open-toed shoes are not permitted. (See packing list for shower shoe options)

## PROHIBITED CLOTHING

- Clothing exposing the torso or upper thighs such as translucent garments, spaghetti straps, mini-skirts, mini-dresses, halters, backless dresses or shirts, crop tops, tube tops, tank tops, bare midriff outfits, or shirts exposing the stomach/back
- Pajama pants outside of their stateroom and lounge area
- No tight or biker shorts
- Clothing containing or displaying political, sexually suggestive, obscene, or derogatory language or images; clothing or accessories associated with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, or violence
- Visible undergarments or clothing that exposes cleavage, groin, buttocks, and stomach
- ***Prohibited footwear during program: Crocs, bedroom slippers, flip-flops, or sandals***
- Sunglasses are permitted for off-ship excursions but shall not be worn inside, except for prescription transitional glasses
- Head coverings/hats will not be permitted inside, except those worn for religious purposes
- Inappropriate dress will be at NFA Staff's discretion.

# PACKING LIST

Review the list below for suggested items:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications (vitamins, Tylenol, etc.) will be collected and dispensed by the nursing staff.
- Students may pack personal electronic devices (PED), such as cell phones, tablets, etc. to be used for travel purposes only. (Please see PED policy)
- Jackets/Sweaters
- Spending money for souvenirs (We ONLY accept credit, debit, and prepaid credit cards)
- Lock is encouraged for personal stateroom locker
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Bath soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hairbrush or comb; hairdryer
- Shower shoes (flip flops or crocs; not to be worn during daily activities)
- Other personal hygiene items, as needed
- Sleepwear
- Underwear
- Casual clothing for the number of days your chosen program lasts.
- Pants, shorts, shirts, socks
- Shoes (closed-toe shoes required)
- Bag for dirty laundry
- Pillow or blanket optional; linens and pillows are provided
- Snacks (NO snacks with nuts or nut butter – AMBITION is a nut-free facility)

# WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL

## LUGGAGE

ALL luggage brought into National Flight Academy will be inspected by NFA staff as part of the check-in process.

Students must remove all medications from their luggage and hand them over to the nurse during check-in. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medications. All medications should remain in their original containers with clear dosing information on the label. The medications must be placed in a Ziploc bag with the student's first and last name clearly written on the bag to help with the check-in process.

Please ensure that all items, including luggage, are labeled with the student's first and last name.

Upon arrival, bed linens, pillows, towels, and washcloths will be provided in the staterooms.

## STUDENT STATEROOMS

Students are housed in gender-specific halls known as "Berthing" areas. Each Berthing area includes Staterooms that accommodate up to 6 students of the same gender and within 1-2 years of the same age/grade level. Additionally, each Berthing area has a lounge area for students assigned to that hall.

## LANYARD & ACCESS CARDS

Every student will be issued a color-coded lanyard that corresponds to their assigned Carrier Air Group (CAG). The lanyard must be worn at all times.

- Students will also receive a name tag indicating their assigned squadron, which will be attached to their lanyard.
- Students will receive an access card, which serves as a key to their assigned Stateroom in their Berthing area. This card must be worn on the lanyard at all times and should never be exchanged with other students.
- At the end of the program, students are required to return their access cards to NFA staff.

## STATEROOM LOCKERS

All students will be assigned a locker in their assigned staterooms. Students are encouraged to keep their valuables locked up if left in their rooms. Nothing of value should be left out. NFA is not responsible for missing or stolen items at any time during the students' visit. Each student is encouraged to bring a lock to place on the locker (locks are available for purchase in our Ship's Store).

If required, any search of student staterooms will be conducted by NFA Executive Leadership.

## ROOMMATE REQUESTS

There is no guarantee that NFA staff will be able to accommodate any roommate request. Requests should be made during registration and are subject to availability and the age and gender of requested students. Requests that are not made through UltraCamp must be made no later than four weeks prior to your program start date. Late requests can be made via e-mail at [registration@nationalflightacademy.com](mailto:registration@nationalflightacademy.com).

# STATEROOM GUIDELINES

Students will share a stateroom with 1-5 other students of approximately the same age and gender. Students will be courteous of other roommates. Stateroom guidelines are to help students be considerate of others and to encourage students to use their time effectively.

- No modifications of any kind will be made to the staterooms after students are checked in
- Radios and stereo equipment will only be used with consideration of other stateroom occupants and must be powered off in conjunction with lights out policy
- Stateroom doors automatically lock and can only be unlocked by residents of that stateroom and staff members.
- An attendee may not visit the staterooms of the same or opposite gender. Lounge areas are available for students to visit on their respective halls.
- Change of room assignment is not permitted without direction of NFA staff
- While in the lounge (or when transitioning to the showers), appropriate clothing will be worn.
- No towels will be worn as the only cover up to transition between the staterooms and showers.
- Shoes must be worn outside of the stateroom, including when transitioning to the showers.
- When students leave NFA, they are responsible for their own belongings.
- NFA is not responsible for any personal items left behind
- Each day, prior to breakfast, students' rooms must be in the following condition:
  - Bed made neatly and completely
  - All clothes are to be properly stored either on hangers in the closet, folded in dresser drawers or in a laundry bag
  - Shoes stored in closet
  - Personal items on the desk or in closet arranged in an orderly fashion
  - Lights, blow dryers, curling irons and all other devices are to be unplugged and turned off

## LIGHTS OUT

Lights out will be observed around 22:30 CST (10:30 PM CST) each night. All students must be in their own staterooms and bunks with stateroom lights off. All noise producing activities shall cease and will be enforced by staff and security. Overnight Resident Assistants conduct hall and berthing area checks/rounds every 15 minutes, from lights out until Reveille the next morning.

# ABOARD AMBITION

## **SHIP'S STORE**

Students may purchase souvenirs from the Ship's Store. Please note that NFA and the National Naval Aviation Museum are cashless facilities. The Ship's Store only accepts credit or debit cards (pre-paid gift cards are also acceptable). During off-ship excursions, students may shop in the Museum gift shop using a credit card or debit card.

## **SPENDING MONEY**

Safekeeping of all spending is the students' responsibility, and they are encouraged to keep their funds secured in their personal lockers. NFA is not responsible for lost money.

## **SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATIONS**

Please advise if an attendee has restrictions or special needs. The facility is designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Every effort is made to accommodate individuals with special needs. All accommodation requests must be made prior to your program start date.

NFA will provide basic medical services and medication management for all overnight programs through a full-time registered nurse (RN) provided by Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital Pensacola. Safety and medical care are based on requirements set by the American Camp Association. Parents will be notified of any health service that requires treatment.

## **CONTAGIOUS & INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

NFA follows strict protocol if a student is suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease, is bleeding or has expelled bodily fluids. The nurse on duty will evaluate the student(s) and determine what necessary medical steps need to be taken. NFA will also contact the parent of the student(s) regarding procedures taken and next steps. In the case of a positive contagious disease evaluation, the student's parent/guardian is responsible for immediate pickup of the student.

## **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

NFA accommodates students with health-related, religious, and other dietary restrictions when it is disclosed in the UltraCamp Camper Health Form during registration. If needed, NFA will contact parents with any questions prior to the start of program to ensure appropriate dietary arrangements for the students' needs.

To discuss any dietary restrictions with NFA staff, please contact us at (850) 458-7836, or email us at [registration@nationalflightacademy](mailto:registration@nationalflightacademy).

# TRANSPORTATION

## TRAVEL ITINERARIES

Parents are responsible for providing NFA with a detailed travel itinerary to include if the student will be checked in and/or out by a parent/guardian, if they are traveling with other students, and/or if they will be utilizing NFA's Airport Shuttle Service to/from Pensacola International Airport (PNS).

## PENSACOLA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

NFA offers transportation service for our Deployment program only. This service is only for students flying with a confirmed airline ticket. Students flying standby will be required to be checked-in and out by their parent/guardian, directly at NFA, as we will not be able to provide shuttle service for those students. Transportation will be provided between Pensacola International Airport (PNS) and NFA for an additional fee each way. Arrangements must be made four weeks prior to your student's Deployment and is the responsibility of the parent to contact NFA to request this service. The student's Deployment Transportation Form must include airline confirmation numbers, arrival/departure dates/times, and flight numbers. Please note that only students are permitted on the shuttle, parents/guardians are not permitted and will need to secure their own transportation if they need to travel between the airport and NFA.

- For Deployments, it is recommended that you book a flight arriving at PNS no later than 10:30 AM CST on Sunday morning. Departure flights should occur on Friday afternoon no earlier than 3:00 PM CST and no later than 5:30 PM CST. All flights must be a confirmed ticket, as NFA cannot accommodate standby flights. There are no exceptions. Please note that the service is not continuous; it is based upon individual flight schedules and operates on an as-needed basis.

## UNACCOMPANIED MINOR (UM) REQUIREMENTS

Parents are responsible for notifying NFA if an attendee is traveling as part of an airline's Unaccompanied Minor (UM) program. The airline requires the NFA staff to remain with the UM through security, boarding, and take-off; therefore, additional time and staff will need to be planned accordingly to the attendee's departure. For Deployments, it is recommended that you book a flight arriving at PNS no later than 10:30 AM CST on Sunday morning. Departure flights should occur on Friday afternoon after 4:00 PM CST and no later than 5:00 PM CST. The UM will not be able to fly out on the last flight of the day to their next location. When booking your ticket online, airline websites do not take this into consideration. NFA will contact you to modify flights not in compliance with the policy.

## LATE SCHEDULING

Any changes to transportation arrangements must be coordinated with NFA staff no later than four weeks prior to the student's program. Each individual change to the flight itinerary may incur a \$50 late scheduling fee, per child. Involuntary itinerary changes made by airlines (i.e., delayed flights and cancellations) should be immediately communicated to NFA staff. Parents/Guardians are responsible for confirming and booking any flights and notify NFA staff should their student's flight be delayed, canceled, or should the student miss their flight.

# STUDENT CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

## LOCATION

National Flight Academy is located aboard NAS Pensacola, adjacent to the National Naval Aviation Museum. National Flight Academy's address is 1 Fetterman Way, NAS Pensacola, 32508. All individuals are expected to follow current base access and security guidelines.

**Students are not permitted to drive themselves to or from National Flight Academy**

## NAS PENSACOLA ACCESS

NAS Pensacola operates under access restrictions given by Navy Chain of Command. Base access restrictions are subject to change at any given time. For updated base policies, please click [here](#). All visitors are expected to abide by current base access security guidelines. NAS Pensacola is open to the public via the WEST GATE only, off Blue Angel Pkwy (1878 S Blue Angel Pkwy, Pensacola, FL 32507) daily from 9:00 AM CST until 3:00 PM CST. The Department of Defense (DoD) and the Navy require visitors 18 and older to show a single government-issued identification card. State-issued driving licenses and passports are acceptable. Additionally, vehicle operators must have a valid driver's license. Foreign nationals will need to be escorted by a U.S. citizen. Ride share services such as Lyft, Uber, etc. are not permitted on base. Taxis and rental cars are permitted. Those visitors riding motorcycles will not be allowed to be on base unless they are wearing a long sleeve shirt, long pants, helmet, gloves, and hard-soled shoes.

## STUDENT CHECK-IN

Check-in information for transporting students to NFA will be communicated through your UltraCamp account closer to your program start date. This will include information regarding check-in time and procedures. All communication will be sent to the primary email address on file. Authorized parents/guardians and/or chaperones are required to check-in their student(s). Students may not check-in themselves for a program.

After students are checked in, parents and chaperones are to depart from NFA to allow students to begin their orientation and fully immersive experience.

## STUDENT CHECK-OUT

To ensure the safety of your student during the check-out process, all authorized parents/guardians must have a picture ID to match the authorized pick-up list provided during registration in UltraCamp. Parents will receive check-out procedures prior to the start of the program, and before the final day of the departure. Students may not leave the care of NFA staff until they are properly signed out. Students must be checked out from the National Flight Academy by an authorized parent/guardian.

If your student is departing via airplane, please ensure proper Pick-Up Authorization information is updated in your account. Prior to departing AMBITION, it is the student's responsibility to retrieve all medicine from the nurse. Any medications left behind will be disposed of by the Nurse.

## EARLY DEPARTURE

Early departures are highly discouraged; students who leave a Deployment or Cruise prior to the final morning may not receive graduation materials presented for course completion at the graduation ceremony.

## GRADUATION

Deployment graduations will be hosted at the National Naval Aviation Museum (unless otherwise stated). Cruise graduations will be hosted in the NFA Mess Deck.

# REFUND & CANCELLATION POLICY

## GENERAL CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be submitted in writing at least 30 days before the program start date. If the cancellation is made before the 30-day deadline, the full tuition (excluding the non-refundable fee) will be refunded to the card on file.

### **No-Show or Late Cancellation:**

If an attendee fails to show up or doesn't provide cancellation notice within the required deadline, the full tuition, along with any additional fees (such as transportation or merchandise), will be forfeited.

### **Illness or Accident Before the Program:**

If an attendee becomes ill or has an accident before the program and the 30-day cancellation window has passed, NFA requires written documentation from a physician. Upon receiving this verification, NFA will either transfer the attendee to another program or offer a credit to attend a future session.

### **Illness During the Program:**

If an attendee becomes ill during the program, NFA will not issue a refund.

## TRANSFER REQUESTS

NFA allows one free transfer if requested at least four weeks before the program start date, subject to availability. After the first transfer, a fee of \$50.00 will be charged for any additional transfers. This fee may be waived in the event of illness or accident, provided appropriate documentation is submitted before the program start date.

## PROGRAM CANCELLATION

National Flight Academy reserves the right to cancel a program under the following circumstances:

### **Insufficient Enrollment:**

If there are not enough attendees to support a program, it will be canceled. In this case, attendees will receive a full refund or can choose to transfer to another week at no additional charge. Cancellation notifications will be sent 31 days before the program start date.

### **Weather-Related Threats:**

If a weather event, such as a hurricane, threatens the Pensacola area, the program may be canceled. Attendees will be offered the option to transfer to another week without charge or receive a credit for a future session. Notifications of cancellation may be given with little notice.

### **Base Closure or Restricted Access:**

If NAS Pensacola closes or access is restricted, the program may be canceled or rescheduled. In this case, attendees will be transferred to another week at no additional cost or given a full refund.

# CONNECTING WITH STUDENTS



## Email

Students enjoy receiving letters from home! Emails are printed and distributed at “mail call” following dinner each night. One email per student is printed each day. We encourage families with multiple members to include each member’s message to the student in the body of one email to ensure students may receive each message. We will encourage, not require, your child to write a handwritten response back to you. Should your child choose to reply, we will send their scanned letter back to you the following day, by 4:00pm CST. Emails are only distributed Sunday through Wednesday evening. You may email your child at [axp@nationalflightacademy.com](mailto:axp@nationalflightacademy.com)



## Care packages

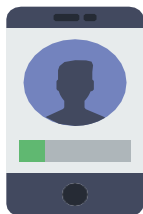
Fill a bag with some basics like a book, playing cards or snacks for students while they are at NFA. (Remember, NFA is a nut-free facility.) Please provide all care packages to the students before they arrive, as we do not accept mail or permit parents or chaperones to visit during camp.



## Review the handbook

Make sure you and your child have thoroughly reviewed the NFA Handbook.

We are a cellphone free program. Parents may check-in via social media to see their child’s experience at National Flight Academy. We post photos and videos throughout the week!



## Social Media Check-in

Photos and videos are a great way to see the activities of the week. We post as often as possible to our National Flight Academy Facebook page. We make great effort to include every child as often as possible. We do not “tag” students to protect their identity. Parents will enjoy sharing these posts with family and friends.



## Graduation

NFA’s Graduation ceremony is held each week, on Friday, in the National Naval Aviation Museum’s Blue Angel Atrium. Parents, families and sponsors are encouraged to attend!

NFA’s Facebook page is

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalFlightAcademy/>





# FAQS

## What is National Flight Academy's Mission?

National Flight Academy (NFA) is an interactive, fully immersive learning experience that focuses on inspiring youth to take a greater interest in STEM.

To learn more about NFA, please visit our website.

[nationalflightacademy.com](http://nationalflightacademy.com)

## What makes up the curriculum or educational program?

NFA's curriculum includes aerodynamics, survival skills, navigation, aviation physiology and meteorology. However, National Flight Academy is more than just academics. A fully immersive gaming environment is used for students to participate in exciting missions. Each mission is aligned to Florida and National educational standards. An additional area of focus is 21st Century Core Competencies to emphasize essential skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking. The AXP's are challenged on a wide range of topics from basic three-dimensional physics and motion to more advanced concepts of aeronautical engineering and propulsion systems. These missions all play into enhancing the students' education, ultimately enriching their understanding of STEM principles.

## Which age groups are eligible to attend?

Students must be 11-17 years old and must be entering 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade by Fall of 2025. They must meet BOTH age and grade requirements to attend.

Students who have graduated from 12th grade in the U.S. (or its equivalent) or who are 18 years old by the time of attendance are not eligible to participate.

## What about the security and well-being of my child?

National Flight Academy provides round-the-clock security, both physical and electronic, whenever programs are in session. Access to the facility, including the sleeping and classroom areas, is carefully controlled using proximity card readers. Participants, called AMBITION eXperimental Pilots (AXPs), receive room keys similar to those in hotels, which allow them to enter their designated classroom and staterooms.

## Who will supervise my child?

Each group of AXP's has a staff member called a "Flight Lead" who is present at all times. After hours, there are overnight staff resident assistants and security personnel, who stay on-site. Security cameras monitor common areas and all hallways.

## Who will provide medical care to my child?

The facility has a fully qualified nursing team led by a registered nurse (RN), as well as a sickbay with four beds. They handle the storage and administration of any necessary medications. The safety and medical care protocols follow the standards set by the American Camp Association.

## Are people with disabilities able to attend?

Yes, the facility is fully designed in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### How long is an NFA Deployment?

Our summer Deployment program is 6-days and 5-nights; the students will live aboard during their program.

### Where is the facility located?

National Flight Academy's in-residence program is offered on our virtual aircraft carrier, AMBITION, located adjacent to the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida.

**NFA's address: 1 Fetterman Way, Pensacola FL, 32504**

All visitors are required to follow current NAS Pensacola base security guidelines. All visitors without Department of Defense or Military ID credentials must enter through the West Gate of Naval Air Station Pensacola.

NAS Pensacola is open to the public 7 days a week, from 9:00 AM CST through 3:00 PM CST through the West Gate ONLY on the south end of Blue Angel Parkway. The Department of Defense (DoD) and the NAVY require visitors 18 years and older to show a single government issued identification card. State-issued driving license and government-issued passports are acceptable. Vehicle operators must have a valid driver's license, and foreign nationals will need be escorted by a U.S. citizen.

### Are National Flight Academy Programs accredited through the American Camp Association (ACA)?

Yes, the programs are accredited through the American Camp Association. ACA requirements ensure a safe and effective operation. Their review comprehensively covers all aspects of program operations including severe weather plans, health services, staff vetting, staff training, food service, and facility infrastructure. More information can be found at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

### Is there a place for parents to interact?

Yes! Parents may communicate with their students by sending an email to [AXP@nationalflightacademy.com](mailto:AXP@nationalflightacademy.com) with your student's full name in the subject link.

### Will my student have access to Personal Electronic Devices?

National Flight Academy has a "disconnect to connect" policy, meaning students won't be allowed to use personal electronic devices (PEDs), including cellphones, during the program. When they check in, students will be asked to turn in their PEDs, which will be returned to them the evening before the program ends. This gives students time to charge their devices, take photos, and prepare for travel. For more details, please refer to our full PED Policy in the Parent Handbook.

### What can family members of attending AXPs do in the Pensacola area?

While their child is on deployment, parents can explore the beautiful city of Pensacola, which has a rich history (450 years old) and is known as the "City of Five Flags." Pensacola and the Gulf Coast are ideal for a family vacation due to the variety of activities and scenic beauty.

### THINGS TO DO:

Great Restaurants (McGuire's Irish Pub, Fish House, and Flounders are local favorites!)

Blue Wahoos baseball and museums (We are partial to the world famous National Naval Aviation Museum)

Pristine beaches for relaxation and fun

Catch a Blue Angels Practice Show!

For more details about hotels, things to do, and additional information, visit [VISITPENSACOLA.COM](http://VISITPENSACOLA.COM)



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