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Executive Summary for Future Leaders Program

The Future Leaders Program (FLP) is a leadership-based high school curriculum that instills leadership, promotes citizenship, and reinforces life skills. The program is a low cost alternative to JROTC and the National Defense Corps of Cadet programs, which cost approximately \$188,000 per year per school, and has strict curriculum adherence requirements.

The Future Leaders Program uses academic-style lesson plan format and a hybrid academic/career technical education (CTE) delivery format. Current lesson plans fall under one of four broad categories: leadership, citizenship, life skills (personal growth), and military science. The National Guard, a state-based agency, in cooperation with local schools has control of the curriculum and can modify based on state and local needs. The FLP curriculum is taught by veterans, trained and employed by the West Virginia Military Authority. The current curriculum allow schools to offer the FLP as a one or multi-year program.

Sample Lesson Plan Topics:

Leadership: Principles of Leadership, Introduction to Public Speaking, Public Speaking practical exercises, Medal of Honor Recipients, Leadership Case Studies, Class Leadership positions, and Drill & Ceremony.

Citizenship: Flag Etiquette, Foundation of U.S. Citizenship, Declaration of Independence, Constitution & Amendments, Government Types, Economic Theory & Systems, Critical Thinking in Citizenship, American Symbols & Values.

Life Skills: Goal Setting/Career Direction, Time & Stress Management, Healthy Lifestyle, Substance Abuse, Anti-bullying, Financial Literacy, First Aid, and Ethics, Values, & Morals.

Military Science: Army Values, Physical Fitness, Map Reading, Land Navigation, Mission of the US Military, Hierarchy & Rank, Customs & Courtesies.

Core subjects (taught each year): Leadership, Citizenship, First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Financial Literacy, Career Direction, Healthy Lifestyle, and Communications.

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