SQUADRON OFFICER SCHOOL

REPORTING GUIDE



SOS CLASS 26B

See our website for more details:

https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/SOS/Student-Experience/









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SOS CLASS 26B ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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Contact SOS Student Services

Please notify SOS Student Services SOONEST if any of the following apply to you:

- 1. You do not have access to your .mil email and need to provide a new primary email
- 2. ETP required (see eligibility below)
- 3. Pregnant/Postpartum
- 4. Bringing a spouse, dependent(s), children, and/or pets
- 5. Join-spouse with both spouses attending the same class
- Choosing to staying off-base
- 7. Requesting a kitchenette due to medical/religious needs. (Must provide justification/reason)
- 8. Desire placement in the accompanied squadron (bringing spouse/dependents)

Squadron Officer School - Student Services sos.od.studentservices@us.af.mil | (334) 953-3231

Important Dates

Event	Deadline
ETP Submissions (packages must be complete)	19 Dec 2025
Lodging Requests	15 days prior class start
Contact Email from Flight Commander	1-3 business days before class start
Class Start	12 January 2026
Graduation	13 February 2026

Eligibility (DAFI 36-2686, Chapter 3)

- \circ $\,$ Must be a Captain or GS09-12 and CANNOT pin on Major while attending SOS.
- No TDY/duty limitations or physical/medical profiles
 (exception for pregnancy/post-partum See ETP/Waivers guidance).
- USAF. AD, ANG & AFRC students must have a current and passing Physical Fitness Assessment with no exemptions through the graduation date.
- CIVILIAN. Civilian students are required to complete and pass all physical components of the USAF Physical Fitness Assessment <u>with no exemptions</u>, as outlined in DAFMAN 36-2905. Civilian Development will determine the timeframe for when PFA scores are due to their office.
- ALL (USAF, Civilian, & Int'l Officer) students are expected complete daily fitness events ranging from long distance running to calisthenics and other strenuous activities including climbing, lifting, and hoisting one's body weight, in the central Alabama weather conditions. The capstone event at the end of the course may result in up to 10k of running
- Students <u>cannot</u> take an official PT test at SOS.
 - ***Failure to meet any of the above requirements requires an Exception to Policy (ETP) ***

Exceptions to Policy (ETPs)

NOTE: SOS will consider ETPs from Captains who are <u>within two years</u> of their Major's board. Prospective students with the potential to attend future course dates are deprioritized and may be **denied**.

ETPs are required for the following:

- Member's current PFA has component exemptions
- Members PFA has expired (including due to deployment/acclimatization periods)
- Member is on a medical or duty limiting profile for physical activity and/or mobility (TDYs require approval)

All ETP packages must be sent by your org/exec (CCE) account to sos.od.studentservices@us.af.mil no later than the ETP submission date. Late/incomplete packages may be automatically denied

Required Documents for ETP Packages – See website Eligibility Requirements tab for templates

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Situation	SURF	MyFitness Tracker Report	MFR signed by Wing/CC or equivalent	AF Form 469	AF Form 422 or Memo from PCM clearing member for TDY
Current PFA WITH exemptions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Expired PFA	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A
Profile WITH TDY restrictions	✓	√	✓	√	√
Profile WITHOUT TDY restrictions	✓	√	√	√	N/A

You are authorized to contact SOS Student services directly regarding your ETP package. ALWAYS check the status of your ETP. Do NOT assume that you are cleared to proceed to SOS before confirming if your ETP has been approved.

Pregnancy/Post-partum

Pregnant and postpartum members do not require an exception to policy. **However, members must submit ALL the following documentation to SOS Student Services:**

- Notification to SOS via email to sos.od.studentservices@us.af.mil
- 2. AF Form 469 or MFR denoting pregnancy/birth(postpartum members may submit an expired DAF Form 469)
- 3. AF Form 422 or MFR with clearance from PCM or OB/GYN for TDY travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

- SOS has a centralized first floor Mother's Room with multiple nursing stalls, refrigerator/freezer, and sink.
- The student loan locker has many baby/children's items and appliances for check out for all students.
- Mothers that are pumping/breastfeeding may contact SOS Student Services to request a kitchenette room
 if they are lodging on-base. We will submit the request, but it is not guaranteed due to limited availability.

Waivers for Captains with 7+ years TAFSCD

Prospective students with greater than 7 years Total Active Federal Service Commissioned Time (TAFSC) on or before the class start date must obtain a TAFSC waiver from their respective MAJCOM/A1 TRQIs.

Members may only be enrolled for SOS in-residence once their TAFSCD waiver has been approved. Please work with your Unit Training Managers and MAJCOM/A1 to request/process TAFSC waivers. SOS does NOT have waiver templates, as they are MAJCOM specific. Only MAJCOM/A1 TRQIs approve TAFSCD waivers. SOS does not approve or need to see TAFSCD waivers.

Training RIPs and Lines of Accounting (LOAs)

PROCESS:

- 1. Selection: MAJCOM Training Request Quota Identifies (TRQIs) select personnel to attend SOS from wing/unit nominee lists
- 2. RIP Received: Once selected to attend, your base Formal Training/FSS will receive your RIP and send it to you for review and signature (often sent to your unit CSS, UTMs, or Command Sections)
- 3. No RIP? Contact your Base Formal Training office. If they can't find it, they need to contact your MAJCOM TRQI to confirm your spot in the course (verify your Training Line Number - TLN).
- 4. Sign and Return: Once you sign the RIP, return it to your training office so they can process it
- 5. Funding/LOA Email: After your training office processes the signed RIP, you'll get an email from AETC TDYto-School (TTS) with the funding information (Line of Accounting or LOA) you need to book your travel arrangements.

NOTE: SOS does NOT handle DTS fund cites, RIPs, LOAs, or orders. Please direct questions regarding these topics to AETC TDY-to-School or your unit DTS POC, ODTA/FDTA, or base Formal Training Office.

Common Inquiries

Funding/Selection FAQs

- 1. Can SOS give me my cross-org/LOA? Does SOS fund my TDY? No. AETC TDY-to-School (TTS) funds the SOS TDY for USAF service members. Only they can provide information regarding funding, cross-orgs, and lines of accounting. See TTS contact below.
- 2. Will SOS or TTS cover a rental car?: No. The University Inn lodging students stay at is directly across the street from the SOS building. If a student desires a rental car, it must be parent unit or personally funded. Government transportation is provided if students are off-base due to non-availability.
- 3. How do I know who my MAJCOM TRQI is? Your unit training manager (UTM) or base Formal Training office will know these contacts. If they do not know, email SOS Student Services with your MAJCOM and we can assist.
- 4. Does SOS select who attends each class? No. MAJCOM Training Request Quota Identifiers (TROIs) select attendees for each class, however SOS manages the Exception-to-Policy (ETP) process, which may determine if some students can attend.
- My unit nominated me for SOS. Does that mean I was selected? Not necessarily. You need to receive a formal notification RIP. Just because you have been nominated at your unit, does not mean you were selected by the MAJCOM TRQI. Your unit submits nominees that are then rack and stacked at the wing/base and MAJCOM levels. MAJCOM TRQIs manage seat allocation and selection for the course. Once you have been selected, you will receive a Training RIP.

AETC TDY-to-School (TTS)

All TDY-to-School (TTS) requests must be submitted through the TTS website or Student Travel Portal (STP). TTS will no longer answer any requests sent outside of these systems.

- TTS WEBSITE https://tdytoschool.us.af.mil/login **FSS (Training Managers) submissions ONLY**
 - Request for quotas, validating training line number (TLN), and cross-org/line of accounting
- Student Travel Portal (STP) https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/AETCFM/aetcfmstp
 - All other inquiries must be submitted through the STP
 - You will be prompted to create a profile your first time access the STP

Defense Travel System (DTS)

ORDERS:

- Normal TDY = you will create your orders in DTS
- TDY-en-Route = your MPF will have SOS listed on your PCS orders

Government Travel Charge Card (GTCC)

- IAW the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998, it is mandatory to use the GTCC for all government travel.
- Verify your GTCC is not expired and ready to accept charges.
- The GTCC limit must be high enough to cover transportation, lodging, and meals.

Meals & Quarters in DTS

Maxwell AFB is part of the Integrated Lodging Program with Government Meals Provided. However, due to the nature of the program, the Commandant has authorized the higher Proportional Meal Rate for military service members. **Civilian students receive full meal rate.** Servicemembers, please follow the instructions below.

1) In DTS, under Per Diem,

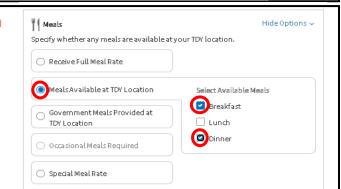
Click the three dots next to M&IE Allowed

	M&IE ALLOWED	LODGING ALLOWED	LODGING COST
:	\$51.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
:	\$68.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
:	\$51.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

2) Select Meals Available at TDY Location

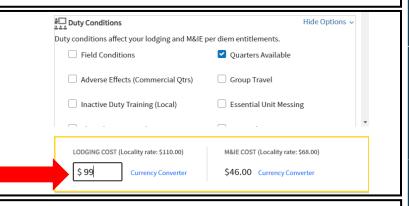
You can choose **any two meal combinations. The selected Breakfast and
Dinner option is one such example.

NOTE All students will have the ability to still eat all three meals at the River Front Inn (DFAC), if desired.

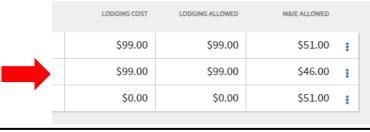


3) Scroll down to Duty Conditions and select Quarters Available

4) You will need to adjust the lodging rate to \$99 per night. Save adjustments and M&IE should be adjusted to \$46



5) Your lodging and M&IE will look like this when complete



Staying on base? Don't book a room through DTS!

- SOS reserves on-base rooms for all students at the Maxwell University Inn automatically (NO action required for students), unless you coordinate with SOS Student Services otherwise. You do NOT need to call lodging to verify an on-base room reservation.
- Ignore any "no room available" messages from DTS or system-generated emails. These are errors since SOS reserves student rooms in advance.

On-Base Lodging Amenities

On-Base Lodging

- Room keys are assigned at lodging bldg. #682 (across from the flight line)
- All on-base rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, coffee makers, hair dryers, linens, and wifi. Laundry facilities are available.
- · Limited kitchenette availability (must provide justification/reason) please contact SOS Student Services to request a kitchenette for medical/religious reasons (examples: breast feeding/pumping, PCM-enforced diet). Billeting will attempt to put you in a kitchenette room, but it is not guaranteed.

On-Base Lodging Limitations

- SOS is an **UNACCOMPANIED** TDY.
- Children and pets, apart from fish, are NOT authorized for the Maxwell University Inn. Students who choose to travel with accompanying children and/or pets must coordinate their own lodging off-base and notify SOS Student Services at sos.od.studentservices@us.af.mil. Please include whom will accompany you and/or what type of pet(s) you will be bringing. You will NOT receive a Non-Availability letter.

Base Facilities & Amenities:

See 42nd Force Support Squadron website: http://www.lifeatthemax.us/

Maxwell Lodging 334-953-3931 (Comm) 312-493-3931 (DSN)

Off-Base Lodging

Off-Base Lodging Notification

 Students who choose to lodge off base must notify SOS via email at sos.od.studentservices@us.af.mil NLT 15 days prior to class start so your room on-base room can be released. Students are responsible for coordinating any lodging changes after the deadline.

Local Students. NOT authorized to utilize on-base lodging and are NOT authorized per diem

Integrated Lodging Program Requirements (per JTR)

Maxwell AFB is an Integrated Lodging Program (ILP) site. Service members and civilian employees on a TDY must use ILP lodging in the following priority order: (1) Government quarters, (2) privatized lodging, (3) DOD preferred commercial lodging.

Non-Availability (Non-A) Letters/Reimbursement

- Students that choose to lodge off base (including due to bringing dependents/children/pets) will NOT receive a Non-Availability letter
- Students electing to stay off base will only be reimbursed up to \$99/night (plus taxes) for lodging and the on-base partial meal rate for food.
- You're responsible for booking your own off-base lodging, childcare/pet boarding, and covering all costs exceeding the government rate. See the ILP Memo for guidelines on selecting non-government lodging.

Travel Information

- **Transportation.** SOS does NOT provide transportation to/from the airport. SOS does NOT provide/authorize rental cars. If a rental car is desired, it will be at the parent unit's or student's personal expense.
- CONUS Travel Days: Authorized one (1) travel day on either end
 - CONUS Ex: If the course is 18 Sept 20 Oct, then 17 Sept is the travel day, the 18th is the 1st day of class, the 20th is graduation day, and the 21st is the travel day
- OCONUS Travel Days: Authorized two (2) travel days on either end
 - OCONUS Ex: If the course is 18 Sept 20 Oct, then 16-17 Sept are the travel days, the 18th is the 1st day of class, the 20th is graduation day, and the 21-22 Oct are the travel days
- Graduation Planning: Under NO circumstances will graduating SOS students make return air travel arrangements out of Montgomery on flights that depart before 1400 hours (2:00 PM) on their Graduation Date. Early departures that require students to miss graduation must be requested from the student's home station Wing Commander.

Taxi/Shuttle Service

For Information Only - Not Endorsed by SOS/Maxwell/Air Force/DoD

Taxi companies with base access

Montgomery Area

- Checker Deluxe Cab (334-538-8179)
- On Time Taxi (334-505-1189)
- Kings Airport Shuttle (334-324-1794)
- Triple A Taxi (334-220-1681)

Atlanta to Maxwell AFB

- Groome Transportation (334-821-3399)- Reservations required for direct route from Atlanta Airport to/from Maxwell AFB
 - https://groometransportation.com/montgomery/?&sd_client_id=5b69ee40-216f-4587-9e36-fd9ba3ddb845

Uber/Lyft: Only some drivers have access. Be clear in your request for the driver needing base access or you may be dropped off at the gate and must walk the rest of the way.

Parking

If using a POV or rental car, park in the lodging parking lot, ACROSS FROM the SOS building.



Security – DISS VISIT REQUEST **ACTION REQUIRED**

Students are required to have at least a SECRET clearance to attend SOS classified briefings. As such, Unit Security Managers will need to use DISS to submit a Visit Request for your training requirements annotating your clearance level. Failure to submit a visit request by Education Day 1 (First day of class) may prevent you from sitting in on any classified briefing(s). Your Unit Security Manager will need the below information to complete the DISS Visit Request.

Direct additional questions or concerns to SOS/Security Workflow:

SOS.Security.Workflow@us.af.mil

ACTION REQUIRED: Submit DISS Request BEFORE Day 1

Step-by-step instructions for Unit Security Managers to create a visit request in DISS:

- 1. Log into DISS
- 2. Click "Create SMO Visit"
- 3. Click "Find Hosting SMO"
- 4. Input SMO Name: SOS FACULT
- 5. Click "SEARCH"
- 6. Select that SMO, and click "Next"
- 7. Select "Existing SMO Location" The SMO address will appear (125 Chennault Circle), click "Next"
- 8. Input Visit Name: 26B
- 9. Input Visit Dates: (5 Jan- 13 Feb 2026)
- 10. Access Level: Secret
- 11. Reason: TAD/TDY
- 12. Input POC name: Lindsey Hale
- 13. Phone number: (334) 953-3053
- 14. POC Email: SOS.Security.Workflow@us.af.mil and lindsey.hale@us.af.mil
- 15. Click "Next"
- 16. Click "Save" This will take you to the visit screen. Click "Add Subject" (Green button on the bottom right)
- 17. Select "SMO Subjects" (or search via SSN) *Attendee MUST have at least SECRET access granted in their profile*
- 18. Find the attendee and select the box next to their name. Click "Add"
- 19. Click "Next" This takes you to the review page, click "Next" again and then "Save"
- 20. Ensure "Visit Status" says "Active"

Intel 200 (formerly ISR 200)

INTEL 200 has been CANCELLED.*

Future INTEL 200 courses have been suspended pending a course update. Be on the look out for information from the 14N CFM. For questions regarding INTEL 200, please contact the POC below.

INTEL 200 POC:

LEMAYCENTER.IN.ISR200@us.af.mil 334-953-8150

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Packing Recommendations

** All uniform items/accessories must comply with <u>DAFI 36-2903: Dress & Appearance c</u>	<u>of DAF Personnel</u> **
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REQUIRED:

- ☐ Laptop (gov or personal) that connects to WIFI, has microphone and webcam access, and is CAC-enabled or has an external CAC reader
 - **Medical DHA-issued laptops DO NOT work on Air University WIFI**
 - SOS has a limited number of laptops that can be checkout on Day 1
- □ OCPs/FDUs (military) FDU nametags **MUST** have first and last name
 - Keep one set of uniforms in carry-on luggage
- ☐ Uniform & civilian cold-weather gear (if attending between September-March)
- Business casual (civilian)
- ☐ USAF PT gear (military) / black or dark blue athletic shorts or pants (civilian)
- ☐ Athletic clothes and good running shoes SOS has a PT event every day of the course, including flight PT most mornings or afternoons. Civilian athletic gear is authorized for flight PT
- ☐ MEDICAL ONLY If you need MEDCOI network while here, you will need to bring your own MEDCOI laptop.

OPTIONAL but recommended:

Project X/FLEX

- ☐ Old tennis shoes/soft cleat shoes for FLEX/Project X (fields may be wet/dirty, Proj X includes water tasks)
- □ Old OCP/2-piece FDUs in reasonably good service (for Project X)
- ☐ Gloves (for equipment protection for Proj X) gloves provided, but personal pairs fit better

Morale Wear Days

- ☐ Khaki Pants or Jeans (no holes/rips)
- Close-toed shoes

NOT REQUIRED/PERMITTED

- Service dress/blues are NOT required
- Wing specific morale patch/call sign name tags not authorized for wear during PME
- O Leggings only during official SOS activities, leggings can NOT be worn as stand-alone bottoms. but may be worn with shorts/pants over top

Day 1 of Class

- 1. Follow your Flt/CC's instructions. Look for an email from your Flt/CC with specific Day 1 instructions. This may include meeting in an open classroom before heading to the auditorium.
- 2. Did not receive an email? That's perfectly fine! Head straight to Polifka Auditorium for the SOS Welcome briefing.
- 3. Not sure which flight you are in? No problem! Faculty will be available/stationed in two locations to help you find your assigned flight on Day 1.

Where: SOS - Bldg 1403 - Polifka Auditorium

When: 0800 CST (be in seats 10 min before start) **Seats are organized by Squadron/Flight Number**

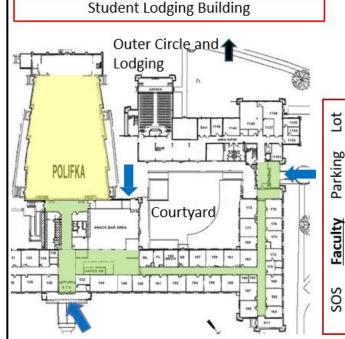
Attire: Military - OCP/FDU | Civilians - Business Casual

Bring:

- Current PFA Test/Fitness History
- 2. AFRC: Copy of orders
- 3. Laptop (gov or personal)

Missed/delayed flights or other travel problems contact:

- Your assigned Flight Commander (primary)
- Student Services (334) 953-3231 during duty hours



SOS

CANVAS is used to access SOS course materials and submit assignments. The multi-factor authenticator used to access Canvas is OKTA. You will use your CAC to log into OKTA (which is the preferred and easiest method), but there are other set-up options as well.

You can access Canvas now, but until student accounts are loaded into the SOS course, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LOG IN. Most likely, the student accounts will be loaded into the course during the Friday or weekend before Day 1. You may attempt to log in during that time.

When you have been added to the CANVAS course, you will receive an email. Go to <u>af.okta.mil</u> and use your CAC to log in. Select the AU Canvas tile. If you have been loaded to the course, it will appear in your dashboard in Canvas after you select the AUE Canvas tile.

An alternative to access Canvas is to log into myFSS, in the search bar at the top of the page type in "okta my apps dashboard". From the okta dashboard select AUE Canvas.

Setting up Air University Microsoft Teams (.edu)

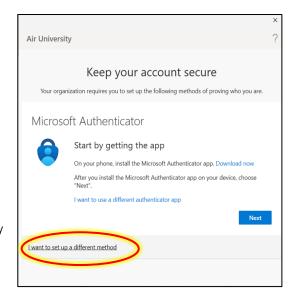
Essential Information

- 1. Approx 2-5 days before class, you will receive your username & password for MS Team Account
- 2. MS Teams used by Air University (AU) is on a <u>separate server</u> than your home unit Teams account and uses a **.edu** email instead of a .mil
- 3. Air University A6 requires two-factor authentication (TFA) to sign into your account
 - SMS Text Messaging
 - Voice (phone call)
 - Authenticator App do <u>NOT</u> use unless first two options failed or are inaccessible

Setting Up

CANVAS

- 1. Log out of your .mil account MS Teams
- Log into the Air University MS Teams by selecting "use another account or sign up" (bottom left)
- 3. Input the username received in a separate email ends in @au.af.edu
- 4. Input the password you received in a separate email
- 5. Click "Sign In," then click "Next"
- 6. Click "I want to set up a different method" DO <u>NOT</u> use the Authenticator App
- 7. Select "phone" from the drop-down menu
- 8. Input your cellphone number WITHOUT hyphens
 - Students stationed overseas may use other country numbers. **WARNING** Text & data rates may apply
 - If you plan on activating a US number during SOS, do so before continuing
- 9. Select "text me a code" or "call me"
- 10. Input the code from SMS text or push "#" on the phone call
- 11. You have successfully registered your device. Click "Next"
- 12. Input your original password your received via email and replace/update it with a new password
- 13. Click "Sign In"
- 14. Click "Air University M365 Terms of Use" to review the Terms and Conditions you must scroll to the last page
- 15. Click "Accept"
- 16. Click "OK"
- 17. SUCCESS! You may now log into your Air University MS Team (.edu) account. Click "Done"



Troubleshoot MS Teams: "Account Does Not Exist"

This notification is most commonly associated with user error.

- 1. Double check that your email address and password are entered correctly.
- 2. You must use the ".edu" email username and password that Air University supplies unless you have an existing .edu MS Teams account
- 3. Ensure that you are logging in on the <u>correct type of TEAMS application</u> -- you should be logging in on the new/updated TEAMs version.
 - Classic TEAMS and New TEAMS are separate from each other, logging in on the incorrect app may cause for your account to be not recognized.
 - If all else fails, attempt to use the other TEAMS version
 - You can download the correct application from this link: https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/microsoft-teams/download-app?msockid=06bd62d3e25662e435a3765ee3da6312
- 4. Try multiple browsers (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.), though Google Chrome usually works best.
 - Clear the browser cache after each attempt to remove data history and cookies.
- 5. Attempt logging in via the TEAMs mobile app.



Troubleshoot MS Teams: "Account Locked"

OCCURS WHEN:

You have attempted to log-on too many times with either an incorrect username or password. You must wait 15-20 minutes before trying again.

BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO LOG IN AGAIN

- Double check that your email address and password are entered correctly.
- You must use the ".edu" email username and password that Air University supplies unless you have an
 existing .edu MS Teams account
- 3. Ensure that you are logging in on the <u>correct type of TEAMS application</u> -- you should be logging in on the new/updated TEAMs version.
- 4. Classic TEAMS and New TEAMS are separate from each other, logging in on the incorrect app may cause for your account to be not recognized.
- 5. If all else fails, attempt to use the other TEAMS version
- 6. You can download the correct application from this link: https://www.microsoft.com/en-in/microsoft-teams/download-app?msockid=06bd62d3e25662e435a3765ee3da6312

RE-ATTEMPING

- 1. Try multiple browsers (Chrome, Edge, Firefox, etc.), though Google Chrome usually works best.
- 2. Clear the browser cache after each attempt to remove data history and cookies.
- 3. Attempt logging in via the TEAMs mobile app.

STILL LOCKED? You must visit SOS Student Services on Day 1 to reset your TEAMs account

Classrooms/Squadron Amenities

All classrooms have small refrigerators, coffee machines, white boards, and one large monitor/screen. Each squadron has a student resource room that has a couple of NIPR terminals that students may use.

SOS Building Map

