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***Mapleton Air Force JROTC receives Distinguished Unit Award***

Thornton, CO - Skyview Academy (Unit CO-20101) has been selected as one of 403 units to receive the 2010-2011 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award. Mapleton Public Schools received official notification from the United States Air Force this week.

According to the Air Force notification this award, "recognizes Air Force Junior ROTC units that have performed above and beyond normal expectations, and that have distinguished themselves through outstanding service to their school and community while meeting the Air Force Junior ROTC mission of producing better citizens for America."

The Mapleton Air Force Junior ROTC program is in its first year in Mapleton Public Schools. All high school students have the opportunity to participate in the program. The stated objectives of the Junior ROTC program are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promote community service; instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline through character education, and to provide instruction in air and space fundamentals.

According to the Air Force, Junior ROTC programs are located in 884 high schools across the United States and at selected schools in Europe, in the Pacific and Puerto Rico.

***About Mapleton Public Schools***

*Mapleton Public Schools covers 25 square miles in North Denver/Adams County. We serve more than 7,700 students in suburban, rural, and light industrial communities. We are committed to raising expectations by providing choices for learning and removing obstacles for all students so that we can guarantee that each student "achieves his or her dreams and enthusiastically contributes to his or her community and world." Visit [www.mapleton.us](http://www.mapleton.us) to learn more about Mapleton Public Schools.*

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