

DADE COUNTY SCHOOLS **Guidance For EAA Young Eagles Program**

What is the Young Eagles Program?

The EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Young Eagles Program was launched in 1992 to give young people ages 8-17 the opportunity to go flying in a general aviation airplane. More than 2 million Young Eagles flights later, we've seen a lot of young people gain the opportunity to experience the magic of flight for themselves, empowering them to dream and achieve beyond what they can imagine. For some, aviation becomes a lifelong hobby or career.

Who offers the Young Eagles Program locally?

Our local EAA chapter based in LaFayette GA, *The Appalachian Flyers*, conducts this program. Pilots who participate in the Young Eagles Program are local members of the EAA who volunteer their time and aircraft to make each flight possible. Each Young Eagles pilot is certified with the Federal Aviation Administration. Flights are conducted according to federal regulations and no acrobatic maneuvers will be performed.

How do schools select participating students?

Schools use a variety of strategies to identify potential student participants. This can include promotion through the Superintendent's newsletter, the school's parent newsletter, announcing at a PTO meeting, promotion during school announcements, and teacher/guidance counselor recommendations. School's typically identify a Young Eagles Coordinator to facilitate communication with participating families.

What is the scheduled date for participating Dade County Schools students?

The scheduled date for Dade County Schools is Saturday March 16, 2024. The "rain date" in the event of poor weather is the following **Saturday (March 23, 2024)**.

How many students can Dade County Schools send?

Participating pilots can accommodate up to eight students. Students that want to participate should request an EAA Young Eagles Brochure provided to the school office. Complete both sides of the included registration form and return this to the designated school coordinator. Disregard the "Pilot Registration" part on the lower portion of the form. **Dane Ward will pick up completed forms two days prior to the scheduled Young Eagles flight day.**

Where do students and their families report for Young Eagle flights?

All flights take place at the **Barwick LaFayette Airport - 141 Gasque Drive, LaFayette, GA.** Young Eagle flyers and parent(s) should arrive at the main terminal no later than 8:45 am.

Who can I speak with if I have questions?

Feel free to contact Dane Ward at (423) 802-3523 (mobile) or email daneward@tvn.net