



Hello and Welcome to the Suffolk Aviation Academy!

The Suffolk Aviation Academy offers a two year program titled "Aviation Professional Pilot" through the "Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology" formally known as "Board of Cooperative Educational Services" or BOCES. Course enrollment is available to "ALL" public and private schools throughout Long Island. Western Suffolk BOCES along with Nassau BOCES offer a similar program although they have a varying curriculum.

About the Course @ Suffolk Aviation Academy: This two year program offers two independent stand alone one year curriculums. Year one is designed to introduce the fledgling aviator to the academics of flying. The student pilot will develop a sound foundation of knowledge in which to build a career of lifelong learning. Year one will accompany approximately five hours of actual flight instruction and an additional five hours of co-pilot flight time observing and learning as a passenger. The goal of year one is to successfully pass the Federal Aviation Administration written knowledge exam for Single Engine Land Airplane and to pass a Federal Aviation Administration Third Class Flight Physical or better known as a "Student Pilot Certificate".

With both Year one goals accomplished Year Two begins with a rigorous and structured Flight Training Syllabus of approximately 50 actual flight hours where the fledglings begin to soar as they accomplish multiple goals. Beginning with their first flight as the sole occupant of the airplane, known as "SOLO". They progressively advance to Cross country flight, two of which will also be solo. The fledglings will develop their Aeronautical Decision Making and Crew Resource Management skills culminating in the huge accomplishment of the issuance of a FAA Private Pilot Certificate.

Completing both years at SAA has been valued anywhere from 25 thousand to 40 thousand dollars. Aviation Colleges across the country ADD an even greater value as the holder of a Private Pilot Certificate as they offer huge incentives in reduced tuition cost and scholarships.

How to enroll: Parents take note Contact your children's High School Guidance counselors as early as 9th grade and make your desires known. Some school districts only offer this training to seniors. So the earlier the ball starts rolling the better chances your child has to attend both years.

GOOD LUCK and FLY SAFE!!!

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