Test Pilot School

TEST PILOT SCHOOL
HISTORICAL SUMMARY

9 SEP 1944	Formal Flight Test training began, Wright Field, Ohio.
	Initially only performance testing taught.
	Named Flight Test Training Unit.
1945	Moved to Vandalia Airport, Ohio
	Renamed Flight Performance School.
1946	Moved to Patterson Field, added stability and control course to training.
1949	Name changed to AMC Experimental Test Pilot School.
1951	Moved to Edwards AFB, CA. Located on South Base. Name changed to ARDC Experimental Test Pilot School.
1953	Name changed to USAF Experimental Test Pilot School.
1956	Moved to present Edwards main base location.
1961	Aerospace Research Pilot Course added which included training in astronaut skills.
	Renamed Aerospace Research Pilot School.

1972 Curriculum modification deleting astronaut disciplines, adding systems test phase.

Name changed to USAF Test Pilot School.

1973 Flight Test Engineer Course established.

Aircraft used for training during the first 35 years:

T-6, C-45, T-28, T-33, T-38, P-51, P-80, F-84, F-86, F-100, F-101, F-102, F-104, F-106, F-4, A-7, A-37, H-13, UH-1, O-2A, B-25, B-26, B-57, KC-135, Gliders, Light Aircraft.