



Army JROTC Program Guide

Army JROTC is a program designed to instill in students the values of citizenship, service, and personal responsibility. The curriculum includes lessons on leadership, health and wellness, physical fitness, first-aid, geography, American history and government, communications, and emotional intelligence. Participation in this program is not considered a recruitment vehicle for the military because it develops critical thinking skills, and the content is applicable to many disciplines. However, successful participation can expose students to careers in the military, national security, foreign service, as well as many others.



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High Schools

Students who participate in JROTC are not required to join the military, nor is JROTC intended to be a recruitment vehicle for the military. However, by participating in high school JROTC programs, students can create opportunities to continue their participation in college ROTC or military academies, or to enlist directly into service in the military. (See back for a full list of programs.)

Extracurricular Activities

Students in the JROTC program are encouraged to participate in parades, community, and school events as members of the Corps of Cadets as requested by the city, school, and outside units and agencies. Extracurricular teams include Drill team, Rifle team, Color Guard, Honor Guard, Raider Challenge, Academic Bowl, and summer camp to provide students with additional opportunities to demonstrate academic, athletic, and leadership skills. Many of these activities also include a competitive component through which students may earn medals and scholarships.

Benefits of JROTC Participation

After completing a JROTC pathway (three courses in high school), students gain qualities that are necessary for success in any career field, including leadership, self-confidence, and discipline. Student cadets are assigned ranks that correlate with the hierarchy of the Army. To be promoted, a cadet must gain knowledge as he or she progresses through the program and demonstrates practical skills and leadership. Such promotions can improve a students' rank upon enlisting in the military if they choose to serve, result in more favorable admissions into service academies, and qualify students for scholarship opportunities.