

Governor John R Rogers High School

JROTC LET 1-4 Course Syllabus 2020-2021

Welcome to the RAM Battalion!

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Purpose: The Army JROTC program began in 1916. It is a partnership between the Army and over 1700 high schools nationwide. JROTC's mission is: "To Motivate Young People To Be Better Citizens." The program does this by preparing you for responsible leadership roles in society while making you aware of your rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. In JROTC you will develop your citizenship and patriotism; enhance your self reliance, leadership, and teamwork; develop your thinking and communication skills; increase your understanding of the importance of physical fitness and good health; familiarize you with the history of our country and its Army; and develop a deeper understanding of America's national heritage. We will work together with the other programs and courses in the school to help you prepare to lead successful lives after you graduate from high school.

JROTC is a yearlong course, meeting every day. It is a class unlike any other you will take. The variety of subjects we teach, your role in planning and carrying out our activities, our use of military leadership principles, our emphasis on hands-on performance, and the high standards we expect in and out of class will constantly challenge you and keep your interest.

You will have your JROTC class combined with cadets from the other JROTC levels. They serve as your leaders in the RAM Battalion, and they will teach many of your JROTC classes and advise you throughout the year. They have traveled the same path you are on now, and they will help you become successful JROTC cadets and Roger's students.

There is absolutely no military obligation from your participation in JROTC. Our purpose is not to prepare you for military service, but to help prepare you to lead successful lives.

Uniform: You will be issued a JROTC Army Service (ASU) uniform very similar to those worn by Army Soldiers. We will teach you how to wear it and care for it properly, and members of your chain of command will help you learn to look your best in uniform. Treat your uniform with respect, wear it with pride, get it cleaned when needed, and return it dry cleaned at the end of the school year. Those not dry cleaned will be issued a \$40 dry cleaning fine. You'll wear it **all day** on Mondays throughout the year. Each time you wear the uniform, you'll earn up to 50 points toward your grade. Every so often you may miss a uniform day; just like any other assignment, you must make it. You must wear the uniform all day on your first day back to school to earn make-up credit. Young men will be required to be clean shaven and have a haircut that meets Cadet Command standards. This means hair will be above the ears and collar, will not be bulky on top (affecting proper wear of beret), and will not be faddish in nature (mohawks, shaved, unnatural hair colors etc). Males will also not be allowed to have any piercings while in uniform. Young ladies will be required to wear their hair up above bottom edge of the collar, not have any faddish hairstyles (the only authorized hair colors are natural hair

colors) and wear only nail polishes of a neutral color. Ladies may wear one pair of matched circular studs (no more than 1/4" in diameter) in the ear lobe; they may not wear any other piercings in uniform. **ALL CADETS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM AND MEET PROPER GROOMING STANDARDS.**

Course Materials: We will issue you all the JROTC materials you'll need. You must take care of these materials and return them in good condition at the end of the school year.

Military Courtesy: Each of you will serve as a *Cadet* and have a position and rank within the *RAM Battalion*. We will teach you how to perform the duties associated with your position and how to maintain an appropriate relationship with others in the chain of command and to render courtesies to the flag, other cadets, and military personnel. You will have the opportunity to advance in rank during the school year based on your performance, conduct, participation, and earn promotion points IAW the Rogers JROTC Cadet hand Book.

Expectations: We expect you to--

- Bring your charged computer, paper, and writing materials to class **every day**, be on time, and come prepared to learn.
- While in class, **focus** on the mission: learning and becoming better leaders and citizens.
- **Raise your hand** when you'd like to speak in class.
- Follow the rules and guidelines outlined in your cadet handbook.
- **Complete** your assigned **work** to the best of your ability and turn it in on time.
- Take care of your **uniform** and wear it with pride all day on the assigned uniform day.
- Treat others with **dignity, respect** and **courtesy**.
- **Ask for help** *anytime* you need it.
- Aim to **live up to your potential** as a citizen in our democracy (*to be all you can be*).

You can expect us to--

- Set high **standards**, and **help** you **achieve** them.
- Treat you with **respect**.
- Be **available to help** you whenever you need it.

Co-Curricular Activities: You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of JROTC activities. You can try out for our color guard, air rifle, drill or physical fitness teams and compete against cadets from other JROTC programs across the Northwest; by doing so you accept the responsibility to **attend practices** and **maintain satisfactory grades and attendance in all your courses**. You may also participate in other JROTC activities planned by the cadets. You can attend our annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) in May 2021. Whether you participate in these and other activities depends on you--your academic performance, attendance, conduct, and citizenship. We will discuss team participation during an in-depth parent meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Community Service and Service Learning Projects: The RAM Battalion has a rich tradition of service to our school and the Puyallup community. All cadets will participate in our Service Learning Projects. Cadets are encouraged to participate in out of class service learning and community service projects. Participation can earn you JROTC ribbons and the President's Volunteer Service Award. As you can imagine, our busiest times of the year are around Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. Please ensure you make yourselves available during these long weekends for community events.

Mandatory Activities: You should plan on attending the following mandatory JROTC events:

- Veteran's Day Parade
- Rogers Drill Competition
- Military Ball
- Daffodil Parade
- Awards Ceremony

** Cadets unable to attend must complete an alternate written assignment.

Awards and Discipline: As a JROTC Cadet, you will earn awards and ribbons for superior performance. These awards are designed to be worn on your uniform. We also reward superior performance through *merits*.

Grades: You will earn your grade in JROTC based on your performance in the following areas:

Uniform Day Participation25%

You earn up to thirty points each time you wear the uniform all day on the designated day.

Physical Fitness and Cadet Challenge35%

You must dress appropriately and fully participate in weekly Physical Training and complete all five events of the Cadet Challenge. We do four times during the year. We are able to provide alternate workout events for Cadets that are unable to participate in our routine activities. If a Cadet has a medical issue that will require them to be excused from particular events, a Doctor's note will be required.

Tests and Quizzes40%

Chapter Tests, Written Assignments, and Quizzes

You will earn your final letter grade based on the following scale:

- 89.5% or higher: A
- 79.5% to 89.4%: B
- 69.5% to 79.4%: C
- 59.5% to 69.4%: D
- Less than 59.5%: F

It is based on a point system, outlined in a rubric on page six.

Overall Grade: Your overall participation grade will be determined by how you do in the above categories. However, your proficiency grade will be determined based on how you do on the Proper Wear and Appearance of the Uniform and Cadet Challenge tasks. Everything we will do

this school year is designed for you to excel in these formal evaluations. If you are not wearing your uniform on a consistent basis and do not participate in physical fitness training, you will not meet the standard. We will hand out the scoring rubric for both events early in the semester and cover them in depth. This will allow you and your parents to understand what is expected of you to be proficient by the end of the grading period.

Late Assignments: Turn in your assignments on time! You can earn a score no higher than 80% on assignments that are turned in after the due date.

Attendance: Daily attendance in class is absolutely essential to your success in JROTC. The majority of our work consists of discussion, hands on exercises, and cooperative learning, and you cannot benefit from this work when you are not in class. You will not receive full credit on any assignments missed because of an unexcused absence.

Day	Scheduled Activity
Monday	Uniform Inspection
Tuesday	Physical Training (PT)
Wednesday	JROTC Curriculum Lesson
Thursday	JROTC Curriculum Lesson
Friday	Physical Training (PT)

Make-ups: When you are absent, you should **check** with us or Company First Sergeant to find out what you missed. You should turn in assignments due while you were out within two days after your return. Coordinate missed exams and quizzes with us individually.

Differentiated Instruction

	Lecture	Peer to Peer	Cadet Led	Group Work	Individual
Subject Intro	70%		25%		5%
Acquire	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Gather	5%	15%	10%	30%	40%
Process	10%	20%	30%	30%	10%
Apply	20%	20%	10%	20%	30%

We understand that students learn in different ways. Therefore, each instructor will vary their teaching methods in order to best meet the needs of all students. In the rubric above, you can see how much interaction with other Cadets plays a huge role in JROTC.

Critical Thinking and Mastery of Competencies

	Essays	Application	Explanation	Reflection	Group Work
		Scenario Based	Open ended Questions	Self Application	Effective Team Work
Mastery of Subject	Grade A	Best	90% + Accurate	Well Thought Out	Vital part of the Team
Clear understanding of the Subject	Grade B	Good	80-90% Accurate	Clearly Applied	Important part of the Team
Basic	Grade C	Satisfactory	70-80%	Satisfactory	Contributes

understanding of the Subject			Accurate		to the Team
Limited understanding of the Subject	Grade D	Needs Improvement	60-70% Accurate	Not Well Thought Out	Minimal Team Participation
Doesn't understand the Subject	Grade F	Not Applied properly	Less Than 60% Accurate	Minimal Effort	No effort to be part of the Team

Cadets will be expected to explain and apply concepts, not just memorize information; we will use essays, tests, quizzes, and oral presentations to have you demonstrate your understanding of different subject areas.

Grading Rubric

	A	B	C	D	F
Uniform Day Participation & Inspection 25%	750-671.25 Points	671.24-596.25 Points	596.24-521.25 Points	521.24-446.25 Points	Less than 446.24 Points
Physical Fitness and Cadet Challenge 35%	250-223.75 Points	223.74-198.75 Points	198.74-173.75 Points	173.74-148.75 Points	Less than 148.74 Points
Tests and Quizzes 40%	500-447.5 Points	447.4-397.5 Points	397.4-347.5 Points	347.4-297.5 Points	Less than 297.4 Points
Semester Grade	1500-1342.5 Points	1342.4-1192.5 Points	1192.4 1042.5- Points	1042.4 892.5 Points	Less than 892.4 Points

We look forward to working with each of you throughout the year!

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Cadet Signature _____

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