

## 903.00.1 JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (JROTC) DRILLS

### PURPOSE

Inert replica drill rifles are authorized for the purpose of conducting traditional ceremonies and drill competitions in conjunction with the Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) program. Only inert (non-firing/non-functional) replica (facsimile) drill rifles are authorized for procurement, storage, and drill rifle activities. The drill rifle must be incapable of discharging any projectile. Although the authorized drill rifles are inert replicas, public safety concerns exist, which require prudent implementation procedures.

### SAFE IMPLEMENTATION

1. Intent. Cadets handling drill rifles will model the professionalism and pride demonstrated in the honor guard or ceremonial units of their respective military service branch.
2. Authority. This authority applies to drill rifle events (ceremonies, parades, exhibitions, practices and competitions) conducted during regular school hours and extra-curricular events on all campuses. For ceremonies and exhibitions at non-JROTC campuses, prior coordination is required with the school principal and designated security personnel.
3. Community Awareness. Prior to initial implementation, principals shall conduct a public safety briefing to raise community awareness and confirm procedures. As required, principals may require additional forums or public safety briefings. Instructors will conduct trainings for all cadets prior to handling drill rifles emphasizing the rules pursuant to public safety.
4. Storage. Replica drill rifles must be stored in controlled-access storage rooms. Replica drill rifles will be double-secured if cadets or anyone outside of the JROTC program is authorized access to the storage room. JROTC instructors will inventory drill rifles weekly to ensure accountability.
5. Coordination. Prior to issuing drill rifles, JROTC instructors shall brief the principal, designated leaders, and security personnel regarding the time, place, duration and uniform of cadets conducting drill activities. Principals may authorize an announcement over the loudspeaker if safety concerns exist. The JROTC program will post a sign or cadet at the entrance(s) to the drill activity location to control access or brief interested persons.
6. Issue. JROTC instructors shall personally issue (unsecure) all drill rifles to cadets; this authority may not be delegated. If the drill activity takes place in the school, the unit will move as a group with the JROTC

instructor physically present at port arms in a JROTC uniform or shirt for easy identification.

7. Supervision. JROTC instructors shall be physically present and observe all drill rifle activities; this may not be delegated to cadets.
8. Transportation. Any drill activity that occurs outside the school requires transportation in locked airline-approved rifle cases or boxes. The instructors will accompany the drill rifles from storage to issue on either a school-chartered bus or privately owned vehicle with the instructor as a driver or passenger. Drill rifles may not be transported in cadet vehicles at any time.
9. Safety Rules. All cadets handling drill rifles will complete a safety rules training administered by the JROTC instructors that reinforces the reality of perceptions. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action as documented in the Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Cadets handling drill rifles shall never:
  - a. Point or aim a drill rifle at a person or object with the appearance of shooting or pulling a trigger
  - b. Simulate combat, war or fighting gestures
  - c. Verbally or physically threaten persons or objects
  - d. Leave a drill rifle unattended or unsecured

## **CROSS REFERENCE**

Policy 506.00 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Policy 903.00 DANGEROUS WEAPONS, FIREARMS

*Student Behavior Handbook: Rights and Responsibilities*