

Why Enroll in JROTC?

- ✓ To appreciate the ethical values and principles that underlie good citizenship.
- ✓ To develop leadership potential, while working cooperatively with others.
- ✓ To be able to think logically and to communicate effectively with others, both orally and in writing.
- ✓ To appreciate the importance of physical fitness in maintaining good health.
- ✓ To understand the importance of high school graduation for a successful future, and learn about college and other advanced educational and employment opportunities.
- ✓ To develop mental management abilities.



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Busting JROTC Myths

The Truth about JROTC

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What does JROTC stand for?

JROTC stands for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It is a military regulated high school program whose purpose is to educate high school students in leadership roles while making them better citizens. The mission of JROTC is to motivate young people to become better American citizens.

By enrolling in JROTC, are you joining the military?

No. Students who enroll in JROTC do not join the military. They take a JROTC class for which they receive one "honors" elective credit.

Will my son/daughter have to serve in the military if they join high school JROTC?

No. There is no commitment to serve in the armed forces if a student goes through the high school JROTC program.

Does the JROTC program recruit for the Armed Forces?

NO! We do not recruit for the Armed Forces. Less than 4% of the 121,000+ High School JROTC students enlist in the military after graduation; most enroll in college. However, some of our students do elect to join one of the military services. If they do join, they enter the service with an accelerated promotion which means an immediate pay raise.

Who teaches the students?

JROTC instructors are retired from active military service. They are certified to teach JROTC in accordance with published standards from each of the military services (Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force).

If the mission of JROTC is to "motivate young people to be better citizens," how do you accomplish this mission?

By instilling discipline, respect for self and authority, accepting responsibility, being accountable for their actions, and learning to work as part of a team.

What can students expect to learn by taking JROTC?

Leadership, Citizenship, Organizational Skills, Self-Discipline, Team Building Skills, Leadership Ethics, Respect/Courtesy, Punctuality, Grooming, Methods of Instruction, Computer Skills, Managing Peer Pressure, Stress Management, Service Learning, Economics, Overcoming Adversity, Military History, Aerospace Science, Personal Finance, Character Values, Personal Fitness, Test Preparation, First Aid, Self Confidence, Self Esteem.

Is JROTC like boot camp?

No. The JROTC course is a leadership and character education program that does not rely on harsh discipline techniques like a boot camp.

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

MONDAY & TUESDAY

AEROSPACE SCIENCE

"Milestones in Aviation History"

Cadets participate in traditional classroom instruction led by the ASI.

WEDNESDAY

UNIFORM/DRILL & CEREMONY

Cadets wear the OCP/ABU (camouflage) uniform or issued "Cadet" polo shirt and participate in drill or academic instruction covering both drill and Air Force ceremonies.

THURSDAY

LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

"Life Skills & Career Opportunities"

Cadets participate in traditional classroom instruction led by the SASI

FRIDAY

PHYSICAL FITNESS (PT)

Cadets wear issued PT gear and participate in group physical fitness activity that promotes team building and camaraderie.



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What do I get out of taking JROTC?

Life skills! The development of your personal potential, the enhanced ability to communicate with others, the knowledge and ability to coordinate varied activities, the focused skills to plan, organize and lead group activities and the knowledge and skills to motivate and bring a team together will give the student a distinct advantage in college and beyond. Every student can do well in this program if they participate, follow instructions, pay attention in class, read the material, and study a little.

What Academic Credit do you get for being in JROTC?

For every year in the program, students will receive 1 full "honors" elective credit towards meeting graduation requirements.

What makes JROTC different from other classes?

Students in JROTC learn through a unique program that involves both classroom and "live" situations. For instance, a JROTC cadet might be found leading classmates in and outside the classroom.

How much does JROTC cost?

Uniforms and training materials are provided by the program, as are the buses that transport cadets to competitions or trips. Cadets are expected to pay for dry cleaning their blue uniform. Cadets are expected to pay for their own meals at competitions or on trips but can often offset these costs by bringing their own meals. An annual JROTC Ball is held with cadets paying to attend; costs vary from year to year for this event, but cadets can reduce the cost by participating in various fundraising opportunities. During our optional "Summer Cadet" program, cadets should expect to provide their own meals and pay entrance fees at the various activities that we attend throughout the summer.

Why do the students march or conduct drill?

JROTC uses drill and ceremonies as a well-defined, relatively easy to master training

tool. This tool teaches and develops teamwork, leadership, instructional skills, attention to detail, bearing, respect for authority and for others, responsibility, and endurance.

Are students required to wear a uniform?

Yes. Cadets are required to wear an issued uniform twice a month on designated days. Most cadets will be issued the "camouflage" uniform consisting of the pants, coat, boots, socks, belt, and cap. The blue service dress uniform is issued to cadets who participate in select AFJROTC activities and functions. Cadets are issued personalized nametags, and can earn rank, awards and badges to place on their uniforms. First-Year cadets are authorized to wear a unit polo shirt, and Khaki pants as an alternate uniform and do not have to meet AFJROTC grooming standards. Members of JROTC teams may wear the issued uniforms more often for events and competitions. Cadets are required to maintain their uniforms throughout the year at their own cost. The blue service dress uniform is "Dry-clean Only," however the camouflage uniforms are machine washable.

Why do the students wear uniforms?

Students wear uniforms to put all cadets on the same level. Any addition to the uniform are ranks and awards that are earned by the individual cadet. They are earned for the application of positive traits and principles that will serve you and your community well in the future. Remember, many citizens wear uniforms: McDonalds, Post Office, Police Officers, UPS, etc.

Are there special rules students are required to follow?

Yes, although not to the extreme. There are, however, regulations about the personal appearance of cadets, wearing of the uniform, and even how to address the other military personnel and cadets. For example, males are not permitted to wear an earring(s) in uniform, and females are only allowed one earring in

each ear. On uniform day, males must have their hair not touch their ears, lengthwise, and female cadets will have their hair no longer than the bottom of the collar, set in a bun, or in a ponytail no longer than the middle of their shoulder blades.

What kind of recognition can I get by participating in the program?

There are many awards that cadets can earn for participation and achievement in the program. The school gives some, but others can be awarded by local military organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Tuskegee Airman Association. These are just a few of the organizations that give awards. All awards have certain criteria but are open to all who achieve those criteria. Involvement, good leadership traits, and being an active participant in the program are the main requirements.

What about leadership training?

In JROTC, being a leader means first being a follower. The curriculum teaches all aspects of being a good follower and being a good leader. Cadets must learn and understand the traits of a good leader. The program encourages practical application in other school activities as well as in JROTC.

How can I enroll in the program?

If you want to be in the program, it is as simple as letting your counselor know. Any student from 8th to 12th grade can start JROTC at Coatesville Area Intermediate High School. Seventh-grade students can sign up when scheduling their eighth-grade classes. Current high school students can sign up when scheduling their freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year classes.

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