



JROTC LET 1 through 4 COURSE SYLLABUS 2020-21

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Course Information/Text:

First and Second Semester JROTC Cadets

Course number – (1312-015)

Designated Grade Level: 9-12

Prerequisite: None

Leadership, Education and Training handbooks and material are available on the HISD JROTC webpage.

Goals:

- Develop leadership and build character.
- Create informed, patriotic, and responsible citizens.
- Develop responsible young adults who are physically, mentally, and morally fit.
- Develop informed and civic-minded young adults prepared for higher education, civilian careers, and public service.
- Instill structure, respect, and responsibility through challenging activities

Learning Objectives:

During the school year, the student will have the opportunity to learn the following knowledge and skill objectives.

- Individual rights, responsibilities, privileges, and freedoms that underline good citizenship for constituted authority.
- Leadership potential and the ability to live and work cooperatively with orders.
- The ability to think logically and to effectively communicate orally and in writing.
- The importance of a well-balanced diet and physical training in maintaining good health.
- An understanding of the history, purpose, and structure of JROTC.
- Basic military skills, such as drill and ceremony, first aid, and map reading.
- Citizenship, as it pertains to American culture and its future.
- Knowledge of the dangers of substance abuse.
- The importance of goal setting and positive thinking.

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- Personal traits
- Teamwork and group dynamics.
- Community services

Uniforms:

As a part of JROTC each cadet will be required to wear a uniform. Proper wear of the uniform is a part of the cadet's grade and the weekly inspection will occur on Mondays of each week. The uniform consists of an Army Service Uniform; pants, shirt, jacket, belt/buckle, beret and black shoes. Physical Training Uniforms are required for activities and after-school (color guard, drill team, orienteering team, etc.). **Lost uniforms or uniforms damaged or destroyed through neglect will be the student's responsibility to replace.**

The uniform will be returned to Major Morton/SFC Bores at the end of the school year. Cadets will be issued a uniform by the third week of school and are expected to be in complete uniform for their first uniform inspection after the 1st 6 weeks of school year 2020-2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Cadets will also be issued a JROTC PT shirt. These are at no cost to the cadets.

Uniform Policy:

Wearing of the Cadet uniform is a vital part of a Cadet's evaluation during the school year. The Cadet is responsible to keep a clean, neat, and serviceable uniform. Also, the Cadet is responsible to wear this uniform when directed by the chain of command. The wearing of the uniform is required, normally once per week, usually on Mondays. On Thursdays and Fridays, the cadets will need to wear their PT uniforms **shirts and shorts**. **The uniform inspection grade constitutes 25 percent of the Cadet's overall grade.**

- **Cadets cannot wear facial piercings and males cannot wear earrings while in uniform.**
- **Female's hair must be off the shoulders in a bun and they must use rubber bands and hair pins/barrettes that match hair color. No feathers or colored hair like pink, purple, etc. while in uniform; and no fingernail polishes, except clear.**
- **Males must have their hair off shoulders and ears while in uniform. If selected to be on a team they must have a military haircut.**
- **ALL LEADERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ON A SPECIAL TEAM. Failure to be on a special team (color guard, drill team, etc.) will result in removal from their leadership position.**

Discipline:

Cadet discipline is a cornerstone of the JROTC program; conduct and behavior standards are reinforced through following the policy of the RAMS battalion and classroom rules, as well as, the "Cadet Creed". These policies are in effect for all classes always. If a cadet violates these policies in any of their courses, and a cadet in a leadership position views the violation, that leader will complete a merit tracker and turn it in to the instructors for disciplinary action.

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Physical Fitness is a part of JROTC and reminders of cadet standards are enforced through physical fitness standards complying with the Fitness Gram for the cadet's age group.

Grading Policy:

A numerical grade will be given for JROTC assignments using the following grading scale:

- 100 - 91 A
- 90 – 81 B
- 80 – 70 C
- 69 - Below Fail

Students that are not in attendance on uniform day will wear their uniform on the next school day to receive full credit. The following areas will be used to compute six-week grade average.

Attendance/Participation Grade	20%
Tests, reports, wearing of the uniform, written or oral	50%
Quizzes	30%
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	Total 100%

Supplies, Materials, and Equipment:

Each cadet will be required to have their computer for use in the JROTC Classroom. Each cadet will receive a grade based on their active participation and daily work contained in the computers. ** Failure to prepare for class; will result in a deduction for participation. **

Tutoring: (Mandatory-2 times a week/30 minutes). Students requiring additional academic assistance, can do so by contacting the Instructors during their office hours.

Classroom Behavior:

- Be on time for class and at your seat/computer when the tardy bell rings (Beginning of class time for online learning).
- Prior to the start of class daily; **All** cadets will recite the **“Cadet Creed”!**
- Bring all materials each day.
- Read the class information board at least once weekly.
- Respect yourself, your classmates, and the JROTC Instructor and all school faculties.
- Take care of your personal needs (bathroom, locker visit, etc.) prior to class.
- Listen carefully and follow all instructions related to subject matter.
- Stay in your seat and on task as appropriate when not actively engaged in activities that require movement/collaboration.
- **NO** Food, drinks or chewing gum in class.
- Stay up to date on current events by visiting the HISD HUB.
- Participate in classroom discussion and projects; Daily!
- **Wear your uniform when directed to do so!!!!**

JROTC Uniform Policy: Due to the virtual instruction; Uniform issue and wear will be determined!

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To instill pride, respect, and responsibility in each Cadet, the following policy is established.

- I will wear my uniform on designated days.
- I will wear my uniform during my JROTC class period, but I understand that I will be required to wear the uniform **PROPERLY** throughout the entire school day.
- I will wear my uniform correctly always, with all appropriate awards, decorations, and devices. I will wear my uniform with pride, and always keep my uniform buttoned, shoes shined, and shirt tail tucked in. NO bulky items will be placed into my pockets, including my hands, except to retrieve an item.
- Maintenance is my responsibility and I will ensure my uniform is clean, pressed, and serviceable always.
- If I am absent on uniform day, I will wear my uniform on the day I return to school. I understand that my uniform grade is a test grade and must be made up in the same manner. Failure to wear my uniform will result in an unsatisfactory grade, reduction in grade and/or other disciplinary action. When wearing the uniform to make up for missed day, Cadet will wear the uniform the entire school day.
- While in uniform, I will not wear extreme hairstyles such as braids, pigtails, dog-ears, etc. I will style my hair so that it reflects an attractive tapered military appearance.
- If I am a female, I realize that I am authorized to wear a small oval gold, silver, or white pearl earring, only, one on each ear lobe. My nail polish, if worn, must be conservative in nature and in good taste. If I am male, I realize that I may not wear earrings or nail polish while in uniform.
- I understand that I am responsible to correctly hem the length of my trousers and that this will be done using needle and thread or hemming tape. I further realize those staples, pins, and other types of tape, or any other device(s) are not authorized and unacceptable and will result in a failing grade.
- I will always wear my uniform with pride.

JROTC Special Teams:

Cadets that do not maintain a passing grade in all core subjects will not be allowed to participate on Special Teams. If a cadet is not allowed, due to grades, to participate they will not regain their position until the following six weeks grading period. Special Teams consist of:

- Armed Drill Team/Exhibition Team – 12 to 16 Members M/F/Mixed
- Un-Armed Drill Team/Exhibition Team – 12 to 16 Members, M/F/Mixed
- Armed Color Guard/Flag Folding Team – 4 Members per team / 4 Members per team
- Rifle Marksmanship – 4 Members per team; mixed
- Academic Team – 4 Members (Written Test); 4 Members (Jeopardy); mixed.
- Athletic Team – 4 Members (Male); 4 Members (Female) one or more teams each.
- Raiders Team – 8-10 Members All Male/All Female or a Combination

JROTC Physical Fitness

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The JROTC program earns each cadet Physical Fitness credit. Due to this each cadet is required to participate in physical training activities and there will be events requiring the cadets to run, perform push-ups, sit-ups and other physical exercises. Each cadet is required to have a physical fitness permission slip on file.

JROTC Events:

There are many different events and trips that will be planned throughout the year. Here is an abbreviated list:

Fiesta Patrias Parade
US Service Academies / ROTC Information night HMWESC Auditorium
JLAB Bowl Academic and Leadership; November and February
Fall Classic HISD
Wings Over Houston Air Show
MLK Parade
University of Houston JROTC Fitness Challenge
Bluebonnet Invitational Drill Meet
Outstanding Cadet Leadership Board
USACC Drill Team National Championship in San Antonio
Raider Competition Corpus Christi
HISD JROTC Final Review and awards Ceremony
Cinco De Mayo Parade
JCLC Leadership Summer Camp
As well as; other out of district events.

Conferences:

Parents wishing to speak with the JROTC Instructor should contact the JROTC Department and set up a time to speak to the instructor/s.

We can text updates for assignments, activities, events and reminders to your email or phone. Please send us an email to one of the above email address.

All assignments will be posted in the HUB. All assignments are due by the end of the week. All assignments will be turned in for a grade, late assignments will receive a letter grade reduction for each day it is not turned in.

For any questions concerning this document you may contact Major Morton or SFC Bores @
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