

## **JROTC FAQ**

**1. Why do we drill?**

Most CCHS students will not drill again after leaving JROTC. This means that we do not drill just to become proficient at drill. We use drill and ceremonies as a well-defined, relatively easy to master training tool or vehicle. This tool is used to teach and develop teamwork, leadership, instructional skills, attention to detail, bearing, respect for authority and for others, responsibility, and endurance.

**2. Why do we wear the uniform?**

We wear the uniform to put all cadets on the same level. Any additions to the uniform are ranks and awards that are earned by the individual cadet. They are earned for application of positive traits and principles that will serve you and your community well in the future. These are not given on the basis of wealth or any such issue.

**3. How often do we wear the uniform?**

Normally, cadets will wear the uniform once each week. Members of JROTC teams may wear the uniform more often for events and competitions.

**4. How do we know which day we wear the uniform and which uniform to wear?**

The day and uniform to wear are posted on the bulletin board in the JROTC hallway. This information is provided on the weekly training schedules. The current and next week's schedules should be posted. All cadets are instructed to read the board daily. Also, the Cadet Company Commanders will normally announce this in your class room.

**5. Why do we take JROTC?**

JROTC is a course that provides excellent training materials and a fine POI to teach and then apply leadership and citizenship knowledge, skills, and abilities. All information taught in the JROTC classroom is then used in leadership labs, drill and ceremonies, service learning projects, etc. The leadership labs can include drill and ceremonies, service learning project work, the Cadet Challenge physical fitness test, and special projects.

6. **Can I compete on more than one JROTC team?**

There are limited possibilities to do this. Our teams compete up to the National level. To do that, they require a lot of practice time. If a student has a specific desire to compete on more than one team, they should discuss this with the team coach/moderator.

7. **Can I compete on a JROTC team and an athletic team?**

There are limited possibilities to do this. Since JROTC teams compete up to the National level and all our athletic teams seek district and state playoffs, practice time is the limitation. If a student has a specific desire to compete on a JROTC team, they should discuss this with the team coach/moderator.

8. **Can I take JROTC for four years and still be on athletic teams?**

That is possible and is done often. In the 2009 - 10 school year, the Brigade Command Sergeant Major is expected to be 1<sup>st</sup> string point guard on the varsity basketball team, one battalion commander will be a second year starter on the varsity football line, and the Second Battalion Command Sergeant Major will be a returning letterman on the track team.

9. **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. Also, this can be a fairly easy 90 grade or higher. This can help the overall GPA. Every student is capable to achieve this if they simply cooperate, follow instructions, pay attention in class, read the material, and study a little.

10. **How do I get school service hour credit thru JROTC projects?**

During JROTC class periods, the company officers will give initial instruction on service learning and lead the unit through a process to select, plan and organize the project. Each student who participates

fully in these sessions and then attends and participates in the scheduled project after school or on the weekends will earn the school service hour credit. The student will receive credit for the hours spent in class planning and organizing as well as the actual time conducting the project outside of class hours. The student must keep a service learning log, as discussed in the class sessions. Students who do not attend the actual project will have no school service hours credited for this event. The actual performance of the project validates the planning and organizational hours.

11. **What are Brigade Reviews?**

These are traditional military ceremonies that we conduct 6 times during the year. These Reviews are mandatory for all cadets, who earn both uniform and Performance grades for these events. These events are on the school calendar.

12. **Am I required to march in local parades with JROTC?**

No. The Corps usually marches in 4 parades: the Diez y Seis parade in September, the Veterans Parade in November, the Battle of Flowers Parade and the Fiesta Flambeau in April. The Drill Teams and Color Guard march with a unit of cadet volunteers. Do not confuse these city civic parades with the 6 Brigade Reviews we conduct at CCHS.