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Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Syllabus
School Year 2024- 25 (as of Aug 2024)

The United States Army's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (**JROTC**) is designed to teach high school students the importance of good character, leadership, citizenship and service to the community. The JROTC program strives to instill personal responsibility and accountability, a sense of accomplishment and positive self-esteem, teamwork and self-discipline by providing instruction in leadership development and rewarding opportunities that will benefit the student, the community, and the nation. **The Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage**

This syllabus applies to all students enrolled in the JROTC program at The B.E.S.T. Academy where **we have a college and career ready focus**, a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school which is reflected in the JROTC mission statement below. The Eagle Battalion prepares high school students for responsible leadership roles while making them aware of career choices, their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MISSION

Through rigorous and relevant instruction, we will uphold an environment that fosters pride in self, school and community, develop life-long learners by encouraging students to realize their college and career goals and gain the tools to achieve them.

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR OF ARMY JROTC INSTRUCTION:

"Cadet-led programs founded upon standards and discipline shine the brightest!"

SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR'S FOCUS for the program this year:

"Your future begins TODAY"

THE JROTC MISSION:

To Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens

CURRICULUM GOALS and OBJECTIVES for all cadets Levels 1, 2, 3, 4:

- To provide character and leadership development to enhance cadet leadership potential.
- To apply instructional strategies that promote student learning that facilitates the students' acquisition of key knowledge and basic [leadership] skills.
- To contribute to meeting the school's attendance goals.
- To increase the number of cadet graduates entrance into college, trade school or military
- To earn the distinction of **JROTC Program of Excellence (JPE) by achieving 95 percent or better during our program accreditation.**

CAREER PATHWAY COMPLETION AND SEALS

1) PATHWAY SKILLS SEAL:

- Must take the ASVAB
- Complete all components of Cadet Portfolio
- Complete at least three (3) years of JROTC (traditional 4x4 block schedule)
- 50 hours of JROTC documented community service
- **Participation in required activities and projects (i.e., parades, formal ceremonies, competitions, community service, fundraisers, etc).**

2) LEADERSHIP SKILLS SEAL:

- Earn a minimum score of 36 on the ASVAB
- Complete all components of a College and Career Presentation and Cadet Portfolio
- Complete at least three (3) years of JROTC
- 65 hours of JROTC documented community service
- **Participation in required activities and projects (i.e., parades, formal ceremonies, competitions, community service, fundraisers, etc).**

3) DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP SKILLS SEAL:

- Earn a minimum score of 36 on the ASVAB /dual enrollment
- Complete all components of the Capstone Project (College and Career Presentation, Cadet Portfolio)
- Complete four (4) years of JROTC
- Membership of local, state, or national organization ie. CTAE, Honor Society, 100 Black Men of Atl
- Hold a JROTC Command or Staff leadership position
- 80 hours of JROTC documented community service
- **Participation in required community service activities projects (parades, formal ceremonies, etc).**

JROTC PROGRAM OF ACCREDITATION (JPA):

Our goal is to earn the “Honor Unit with Distinction” rating (**achieving 95 percent or better**), last achieved in **November 2021** will remain in effect until SY 2026. All members of the JROTC program affect our performance and ratings directly or indirectly.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CADETS:

Cadets can improve their grades by fully participating in other voluntary events such as Drill Team and Color Guard competitions, community service, **Veterans Day parade, Cadet Leadership (summer) Camp, Service-Learning Projects, Military Ball, Fundraising and Awards Day.** Participation in these events will directly impact a cadets grades and community service hours.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS:

1) APS Student Behavior Policy; **JROTC programs founded upon standards and discipline excel beyond average programs.** Within the classroom and throughout the building, all cadets are expected to use standards associated with a positive leader.

- Address all Instructors by their rank, i.e., Lieutenant Colonel Robinson (or Colonel Robinson) and First Sergeant Slaughter (**not** Sergeant Slaughter). Address any guests as “Sir or Ma’am”.
- Eating in class is not allowed unless permission is granted for the entire class.

- Cadets should not use/operate an additional electronic devices/cell phone to text/chat, play games, watch movies, watch/record videos or take photos unless the instructor gives an exception, for example, to research for an assignment, participate in group academic games.
- Disruptions and inappropriate language and behavior during class will not be tolerated, and repeated disrespect will warrant contact with cadet's parent/guardian and/or a behavior referral to administration.
- Entering the classroom after the bell, without a pass from a teacher, is unauthorized tardiness.

2) Wearing of the Uniform

- Uniforms are not issued to ALL cadets. Uniform issue is a privilege as it represents one of the highly visible standards of the program; therefore, receipt is often based on maturity, willingness/pride in wearing it, years in the program, scheduled events and lastly, inventory.
- Uniform day is on Wednesday or Thursday of each week or any other designated day. **The uniform is to be worn during the ENTIRE school day; only your individual instructor may grant exceptions.**
- The uniform must be pressed, clean and complete with all accessories required for inspection (e.g., neck tie, nametag, black socks, ribbons, and medals).
- If you are absent on your scheduled uniform day, you are required to make up the uniform day. Penalties for failure to wear the uniform are dependent upon scheduled activities that require the uniform, years in the program and the number of offenses, including a failing grade for the day.
- Students and parents/ guardians will accept responsibility for the uniform clothing items issued. Moreover, you **voluntarily** agree to reimburse the U.S. Government for the value of any clothing items, which may be dirty, lost, or damaged through misconduct or carelessness. **These clothing items are the property of the U.S. Government and should be returned to the JROTC department in a "cleaned and protected" condition as they were issued).** Seniors are not permitted to receive their diploma without returning the uniform.

Description	Unit Price
Belt, Trousers Male	5.00
Buckle, Belt, Male	4.99
Shirt, Man's Short Sleeve, Gray	18.68
Coat, ASU, Male	125.44
Trousers, ASU, Male	47.78
Necktie, Man's, Black	13.00

4) Curriculum and Academic Performance and GRADES:

- The performance standards (**GPS / QCC STANDARDS FOR THE JROTC PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION**) in this course are based on the performance standards identified in the curriculum for Army JROTC. **Successful completion of at least three (3) years of credit in the Army JROTC program may qualify the student for advanced placement in a college ROTC program or possibly accelerated promotion in the military services upon enlistment.** Georgia performance standards are located at the following website:
<https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/GPS%20Support%20Docs/QCC%20Junior%20ROTC%20Army.pdf>
- Diagnostic, Formative, and Summative assessments for this course include how well student work relates to the following criteria: use of knowledge/critical thinking, drill performance, social & emotional (skills) intelligence, and personal engagement in class, display of teamwork and turning in assignments on time.
- Cadets will receive **numerical** grades in the following areas: uniform wear (35%), leadership labs/class assignments (40%), exams /quizzes (15%), final exam (10%).
- To qualify for an academic grade of 90 – 100 (A) you must consistently: **1) attend regularly AND during all major JROTC activities/events and projects, 2) maintain the online Cadet Portfolio which includes progression assignments towards career development. 3) take the ASVAB (10th-12th graders).**

The grading scale is as follows:

90 – 100: A 80 – 89: B 70 – 79: C 69 and below: F

Grading Categories

Uniform Wear -Individual practice	-- 35 %
Assessment during Learning – Cadet Portfolio/Leadership Lab/Classwork/Activities	-- 40 %
Summative Assessment – Mid-term / Quizzes	-- 15 %
Final Exam	-- 10 %

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are planning to attend a four-year college and are interested in receiving a tuition scholarship for a four-year program along with some of the best leadership training available, Army ROTC is the right choice ([those who are college-ready and have no physical / medical challenges](#)).

All **eligible** seniors are expected to apply for scholarships and/or register online for an ROTC scholarship or other suitable scholarships. They will be asked to provide proof of this completed requirement ([turn-in a copy of the email for a grade](#)). Any exceptions will only be granted by the Senior Army Instructor (SAI). Contact the Senior Army Instructor JROTC for scholarship qualifications.

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

The ASVAB is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test in the world. As an aptitude test, it measures strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success in multiple areas. **The ASVAB provides career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future careers whether you choose to go to college, vocational school or the military.**

Taking the ASVAB DOES NOT obligate you to join the military. The exam is required of all LET 3 & 4 cadets as a guide for their post-secondary options.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All activities support learning objectives and life skills required after graduation such as Ethical Values, Good Citizenship, Leadership Potential, Effective Communication and Logical Thinking, Improved Physical Fitness, Incentive to live drug-free, Self-Motivation and Self- Management. The following JROTC extracurricular activities are available to any cadet who desires to participate:

*Command & Staff (key leaders) *Color Guard *Drill Team *Robotics *Summer Camp

NOTE: *Georgia Athletic Association and State of Georgia “No-pass-No play” rules apply in any activity that is or will be a competitive part of the program.

JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) [aka JROTC Summer Camp]

Each summer (first week of June) selected cadets may attend the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge; a competitive event. Your overall standing and their performance on the annual Cadet Challenge physical fitness experience help your selection for the program. It is a week-long event at Fort Moore, Ga while staying on the campus of Columbus State University and are transported each day to participate in land navigation, marching, obstacle courses, rappelling and serving in leadership positions. JCLC helps build self-confidence, helps them conquer their fears, and makes them better leaders the next school year. See this article:

<http://www.army.mil/article/22278/jrotc-cadets-build-leadership-friendship/>) and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X41dpDss8Ns&list=PL-1IkRUzyjRdAn1S4aUz9i6Cv6ZwwKcVN>

Color Guard

The Color Guard consists of a minimum of four members. They carry the National (American) Flag, the State Flag or the School Flag, with two Guards that carry standard military drill rifles. The Color Guard performs at opening ceremonies at school sporting events, for community organizations and participate in local parades, and they compete in the annual competitive drill meets hosted by JROTC programs in the surrounding Atlanta area.

Drill Team

The Drill team is an activity that provides JROTC cadets a competitive program of mental and physical skilled events. Drill (marching) develops the spirit of cohesion, and builds pride in our program. Most notably, that pride can be seen when performing in traditional, practiced and well executed parades. The objectives accomplished by drill are teamwork, confidence, discipline and alertness, attention to detail, esprit de corps, and pride.

STEM/Robotics/Drones Team

The Robotics Education partnered with Army JROTC for a program that engages students in **hands-on problem-solving and STEM education**. This allows cadets to grow their skills through problem-solving, building, programming, and competing.

JROTC PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

1. **Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Reva Robinson**, Senior Army Instructor (SAI), email: reva.robinson@atlanta.k12.ga.us; cell phone: 404-500-9418, office: 404-802-4911.
2. **First Sergeant (Retired) Kwame Slaughter**, Army Instructor (AI), email: kslaughter@atlanta.k12.ga.us; phone: 404-802-4941.



Enclosures (4)

Syllabus Agreement

Uniform Agreement

Helpful Websites (do not return)

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Enclosure

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE SYLLABUS

I have read the JROTC Syllabus along with my teacher, which contains the rules and regulations for this course, AND my questions regarding the syllabus were clarified for my understanding. I **agree to sign this page and return it no later than Friday, August 23rd, 2024.**

Cadet's Printed Name

Signature

Date

I have read the JROTC Syllabus, which contains the rules and regulations that were issued to my son, AND my questions regarding the syllabus were clarified for my understanding.

Parents'/Guardians' Printed Name

Signature

Date

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING UNIFORMS

IF I/THE CADET OR YOUR SON IS ISSUED A JROTC UNIFORM, I understand that the uniforms that I have been issued are regulation U.S. Army uniforms and as such when worn, represent the reputation of the men and women who have worn them so proudly in the defense of our nation. I agree never to tarnish this proud reputation by wearing my uniform in a manner that would bring discredit or embarrassment to the Army JROTC program at The B.E.S.T. Academy.

I understand the requirement to wear my uniform once a week (normally on Wednesday or Thursday) or when advised by my teacher. I further understand the requirement to abide by the grooming and appearance standards as set forth by JROTC policies. These uniform items are the property of the U.S. Government, and they are to be returned to the JROTC department in a “cleaned and protected” condition. Clothing cleaned by reputable cleaners will be accepted in the clear protected plastic only.

Finally, I understand that failure to adhere to these standards could result in a failing grade and may jeopardize my chances of promotion and continuation in the Army JROTC program. Again I understand that my child will be given a grade based on the timely returning of this signed statement no later than Friday, August 23rd, 2024.

Cadet's Printed Name

Signature

Date

Parents'/Guardians' Printed Name

Signature

Date

UNIFORM CERTIFICATION

I accept responsibility for the uniform clothing items issued to my son / daughter. I understand that the clothing items are the property of the U.S. Government and they are to be returned to the JROTC department in the same “cleaned and protected” condition in which I received them. I voluntarily agree to reimburse the U.S. Government for the value of any clothing items due to loss or damage/ mutilated through misconduct or carelessness.

Cadet's Printed Name

Signature

Date

Parents'/Guardians' Printed Name

Signature

Date

HELPFUL WEBSITES

You may use the following websites that contain a host of helpful information. You should click on the URL or cut and paste into your browser.

Georgia Department of Education

<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/Pages/Home.aspx>

Georgia Department of Education / Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC)

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Pages/JROTC-.aspx>

Atlanta Public Schools

<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/atlantaps/site/default.asp>

U.S. Army Cadet Command

www.army.mil/rotc

U.S. Army Web JROTC Portal (to access see your instructor for LOGIN information)

<http://www.usarmyjrotc.com/>

Atlanta Public Schools JROTC Headquarters website

<http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Page/18611>

The B.E.S.T. Academy (with an early college focus)

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/besths>

Army ROTC (College & University) Scholarship Application (all juniors and seniors)

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

Free Scholarship and/or College Search

http://edu.fastweb.com/v/w_registration/flow/

Standardized Test Preparation Course (to help you improve your SAT & ACT scores)

<https://www.march2success.com/>

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

<http://asvabtutor.com/>

<http://www.asvabpreparation.com/>

QCC Standards for the JROTC program of instruction

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/GPS%20Support%20Docs/QCC%20Junior%20ROTC%20Army.pdf>

JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC)

<http://www.army.mil/article/22278/jrotc-cadets-build-leadership-friendship/>

YouTube – JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) Atlanta Public Schools 2013

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X41dpDss8Ns&list=PL-1IkRUzyjRdAn1S4aUz9i6Cv6ZwwKcVN>

TKES

<http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Teacher-and-Leader-Effectiveness/Pages/default.aspx#sthash.7L5Pe29U.dpuf>

Emotional and Social Intelligence [by Daniel Goleman]);

<http://www.amazon.com/Daniel-Goleman/e/B000APZC9O>

Other Helpful College links & Scholarship Information

http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php

Navy ROTC www.nrotc.navy.mil

Air Force ROTC www.afrotc.com

Marines ROTC

www.marines.com/becoming-a-marine/commissioning-programs/four-year-colleges/nrotc

Coast Guard www.uscg.mil