

## Overview of The Army JROTC Curriculum

The JROTC curriculum, which fully or partially addresses a number of national academic standards – to include Common Core State Standards (CCSS) – includes course work on leadership, civics, geography and global awareness, health, and wellness, language arts, life skills, and U.S. history. The curriculum is based on the principles of performance-based, learner-centered education and promotes development of core abilities: capacity for life-long learning, communication, responsibility for actions and choices, good citizenship, respectful treatment of others, and critical thinking techniques.

More important that “what” is learned in JROTC is “how” it is learned. Every classroom is equipped with leading edge technologies to teach, assess, and report student progress. Teachers are trained to utilize a range of technologies and develop social/emotional skills, support academic content through gaming and simulations, and promote the role of social media. Thus, students engage in meaningful, purposeful activities that lead them to demonstrate success through a portfolio of accomplishments. A cadet beginning the ninth grade might follow a course similar to the one below:

<b>Leadership Education &amp; Training</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
Unit 1: Citizenship in Action	Foundations of Army JROTC  Getting Involved	The Nation's Defense Forces		
Unit 2: Leadership Theory & Application	Being a Leader	Knowing How to Lead	Leading Situations	Leadership Lab
Unit 3: Foundations for Success	Know yourself – Socrates  Study Skills	Communication Skills  Conflict Resolution  Teaching Skills	Making a Difference w/Service Learning  Career Planning	Planning Skills  Social Responsibility  NEFE High School Financial Planning Program
Unit 4: Wellness, Fitness, and First Aid	Achieving a Healthy Lifestyle	Cadet Challenge	First Aid for Emergency and non-Emergency Situations	Drug Prevention/Intervention
Unit 5: Geography, Map Skills & Environmental Awareness	The Globe	Maps, Map Reading and Land Navigation	Orienteering  Air Navigation	Exploring the World
Unit 6: Citizenship in American History & Government	You the People – Citizenship Skills  Your Job as an American Citizen	You the People – Citizenship Action Group Process  Founding and Growth of a Nation (history 1776 to present)	The Federal Judicial System  Sources of power	Advanced Citizenship and American History

In addition to a typical JROTC curriculum, Cadets may have the opportunity to participate in a number of co-curricular activities offered by JROTC:

- JROTC Leadership Challenge and Academic Bowl (JLAB): a competitive program that imparts values of leadership and citizenship while preparing for higher education milestones like college entrance exams.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Camps: a one week college residential program at STEM labs with interaction with college-level professors and graduate and undergraduate students.
- JROTC Raider Challenge: A competitive program for JROTC Cadets in five different fitness and skill events.
- Air Rifle Competitions: Marksmanship programs that promote teamwork, self confidence and marksmanship skills.
- Drill Competitions: Programs for traditional drill formations including regulation and exhibition/pageantry categories.