



JROTC stands for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The program is a cooperative effort between Gwinnett County Public Schools and the U.S. Army. The JROTC mission is "To motivate young people to be better citizens." While the program benefits from the Army's world-class leadership education and training programs, **there is no military obligation for participating in JROTC**. The program is designed to help all students improve their high school performance and to prepare for meaningful opportunities following graduation. JROTC helps students to improve their leadership abilities, self-discipline, sense of teamwork, organization and study skills, ability to communicate, knowledge of healthy lifestyles, and sense of service.

The cornerstone of the program is the Leadership Education and Training (LET) course which is taught as an elective during regular school hours and integrates the following topics: Leadership, Learning Skills, Wellness, American History, Geography, and Civics. Students also have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities, including: Raider Team (Physical Fitness and Adventure Skills), Drill Team, Color Guard, Academic Team and Leadership Team. These teams can participate in local, regional, and national competitions.

JROTC course material is academically sound and enhances the college preparatory curriculum. Students participating in JROTC are able to add unique leadership experiences and accomplishments to their college applications. JROTC students are always well-represented in the ranks of the National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship, and other scholarship winners. There are also specific scholarships available for JROTC students. JROTC instructors have been very successful in helping interested high school students to obtain ROTC scholarships and service academy appointments.

There is no cost for students to join the program. The course materials, uniforms, supplies, and equipment are issued to the cadets free of charge. Students are required to meet haircut standards and to keep their uniforms cleaned and pressed, which includes dry cleaning for some items. JROTC students will wear the uniform once a week on the day designated by the instructors (usually Thursday). Nearly all of the course requirements are completed in class. JROTC students are encouraged to be active in every phase of school from varsity sports to band to clubs and more. Whenever possible, JROTC

extracurricular group activities are scheduled so that they do not conflict with other practices and meetings. JROTC offers a student opportunities to serve their community, fill leadership roles, develop life-long skills, and continue participating in other activities.

All interested students enter the JROTC program by enrolling in Leadership Education and Training I (LET 1). This is a full-credit elective course that students can schedule through their guidance counselors. The program has four levels of LET classes that are taken sequentially, so students can take JROTC throughout high school if they desire. Students that complete three years of JROTC receive credit for Health and Physical Education. Grayson High School's JROTC program is a tremendous, all inclusive program for students of all abilities and backgrounds. For additional information please visit the JROTC website, [www.usarmyjrotc.com](http://www.usarmyjrotc.com), visit Grayson's JROTC website, <http://graysonjrotc.com> or contact COL(R) Ron Rose, [ron.rose@gcpsk12.org](mailto:ron.rose@gcpsk12.org) or 1SG(R) Franklin Brown, [franklin.brown@gcpsk12.org](mailto:franklin.brown@gcpsk12.org).

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