



Pahrump Valley High School
Course Syllabus School Year 2020-2021
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1. Welcome to the Pahrump Valley High School Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) course syllabus. This syllabus will outline the course, your responsibilities and our expectations for you during the semester. Both Fall and Spring Semester will follow the same general format.
2. The mission of Army JROTC is “*To Motivate Young People To Be Better Citizens*”. Our program’s value to Pahrump Valley High School is to better prepare our cadets to perform as responsible and capable students. We look at every school day as an opportunity to prepare for the day after graduation. The Trojan Battalion supports the Pahrump Valley High School mission by focusing on three main areas: Attendance, Academics, and Behavior. Our program absolutely requires **DAILY PARTICIPATION**. All **UNEXCUSED absences will receive a ZERO grade**.
3. Understand that JROTC is a comprehensive course consisting of academic, physical fitness and applied leadership opportunities. All cadets **WILL PARTICIPATE** in the course activities in accordance with published guidance. If you are motivated, want to experience teamwork, like to work out and want to wear the cadet uniform one day each week then you want to be in Trojan JROTC.
4. JROTC is **NOT** a discipline program or a medical holding area. Cadets selected for attendance at the JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp **MUST MEET** rigid physical and medical standards.
5. The JROTC cadre (Senior Army Instructor-Lieutenant Colonel McKinney and Army Instructor-Master Sergeant Dante Smith) are in the office between 0715 and 1645 daily. We are available upon request as needed. Email is the most convenient form of contact jmckinney@nyeschools.org and dsmith@nyeschools.org. You can leave a message at (775) 727-7737 ext. 2134.
6. **Academic** standards include:
 - a. Coming to class prepared to learn.
 - b. Regular reading assignments from the Textbook or Google Classroom
 - c. Special topics for research papers and oral presentations.
 - d. Weekly quizzes.
 - e. Mid-term and Final Exams
 - f. Own and Maintain a Class Notebook
 - g. **Daily PARTICIPATION grade**
 - h. Maintain an academic calendar
 - i. Homework assignments
 - j. Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office.
 - k. Demonstrated proficiency with English grammar and spelling
7. **Physical fitness** will be evaluated by the following:
 - a. **ALL medical issues and prior injuries, required prescriptions and any mental health issues will be made available to the cadre prior to entering JROTC.**
 - b. **PARTICIPATION** in weekly physical training.
 - c. **Wearing** of the proper JROTC physical training uniform or approved alternative.
 - d. Demonstrated knowledge of current physical fitness exercises.
 - e. Successful completion of the Cadet Physical Fitness Test each semester.
 - f. Cadets need to be prepared for physical exertion to include wearing proper clothing and shoes.
8. **Leadership** assessments are based upon the following:
 - a. Presentation of a News, Weather, Sports Powerpoint briefing.
 - b. Demonstrated proficiency in leading physical training sessions.

- c. Demonstrated proficiency in successfully executing various leadership positions within the cadet organization.
 - d. Proper wear of the cadet uniform on designated Uniform Days.
 - e. All upperclass cadets are responsible for mentoring and advising newer cadets.
 - f. Designated Staff Officers will be evaluated on their knowledge of staff roles, duties and responsibilities.
 - g. Any cadet Staff Officer with any course grade of less than 'C' will be relieved of all leadership responsibilities.
9. The first 4 weeks of school will consist of **Cadet Basic Training** during which time you will become familiar with the following:
- a. School and JROTC rules and policies.
 - b. Uniform issue and correct wearing.
 - c. The Cadet Handbook
 - d. Physical Readiness Training exercises.
 - e. Drill and Ceremonies
 - f. Conflict Management
 - g. All cadets will be evaluated during the first four weeks. *Retention of rank from previous semesters is dependent upon continued performance at the current grade.*
10. Our **Weekly Schedule** is generally:
- a. Monday – Classroom
 - b. Tuesday – Drill and Ceremony
 - c. Wednesday – Uniform Day/Classroom
 - d. Thursday – Physical Training
 - e. Friday – Classroom
11. Our **Daily Schedule** is generally:
- a. Work Bell Ringer taskings
 - b. Take rollcall
 - c. Recite the Cadet Creed
 - d. Daily assignment
 - e. Dismissal.
12. Cadet **responsibilities**:
- a. Be responsible for yourself.
 - b. Be a student first and always. Cadets are required to follow JROTC guidance for correcting academic deficiencies.
 - c. Follow the posted JROTC Classroom rules.
 - d. Safeguard your JROTC uniform. Cadets/Parents will pay for lost or damaged JROTC uniforms and property. **Failure to wear the uniform on Uniform Day 2 times will result in a semester grade of 60. Uniform inspection ensures the standards of clean, complete and serviceable.**
 - e. Be considerate and respectful of others.
 - f. Represent the JROTC program and Pahrump Valley High School at all times.
 - g. Uniform wear is a PRIVLEDGE covered by regulation. No facial piercings, gauges, or inappropriate markings or unauthorized accessories will be worn with the uniform.
 - h. Participation in: 2 parades, Military Ball/Awards Ceremony/Pass in Review, All Unit Fundraisers, 2 Community Support Activities, Attendance (in uniform) at 2 school functions.
13. **Discipline**:
- a. Discipline is the framework for the successful conduct of the JROTC program, your education and surviving in the world of work after school. We can work with students who are motivated to succeed in an environment other than the normal classroom. We have high expectations for our cadets and we constantly strive to enhance cadet self confidence.

- b. Infractions of school rules or cadet standards will be addressed on an individual basis. The most common method of remediation is reteaching the standard, physical training and academic strengthening. **All discipline measures will be assigned by the cadre only.** Habitual failure to correct deficiencies are grounds for removal from the JROTC program.
- c. Cadets who are injured are not expected to participate in physical training. Legitimate medical excuses are required otherwise each cadet is expected to be **PARTICIPATING** (just like having a job).
- d. Excused absences will be given limited opportunity to make up missed work. Unexcused absences (skipping class, detention, suspension) will receive a grade of Zero.
- e. Any pattern of behavior indicating a lack of motivation will result in a reduction of rank and or significant loss of academic grade down to a failing grade. The following are considered significant shortcomings in a cadet:
 - (1) **Failure or Refusal to wear the uniform on designated days.**
 - (2) **Blatant disrespect to senior cadets, cadre or other teachers.**
 - (3) **Failure to correct inappropriate behavior.**

14. Parental Support:

We need your support! At best, we will have your cadet in our classroom for about 45 minutes each day. You can influence how your student performs with just a few actions. Try to ask what your student learned each day-not just in JROTC. Check your cadet for uniform wear on Wednesdays. Parents and cadets will be responsible for about \$400 of uniform items. We can use you when we do on campus events also. Please contact us as soon as possible if you can assist us with our events.

15. Grades:

- a. Attendance – If the cadet isn’t in class without prior arrangements then nothing is learned. Cadets are responsible for obtaining missed classwork. **Every cadet will have a notebook for JROTC.**
- b. Discipline – Proper behavior produces positive results. **Do the Right Thing Everytime!**
- c. Leadership Roles – All cadets will rotate through various leadership opportunities. Weekly PT is a leadership opportunity.
- d. Grades – We monitor all class grades weekly. Cadets with less than a ‘C’ grade will be given an Academic Performance Battle Drill to recover and improve that grade.
- e. **PARTICIPATION** – JROTC is a hands on program. As such, **non-participation and disruption of the class** is not an option.
- f. Uniform – Wearing the cadet uniform all day on Uniform Day is a privilege. It requires reasonable conformance to a well established standard of wear to include haircuts, no beards and representing our program at all times. Blatant disrespect will result in the uniform being taken back and the loss of a grade for the semester.
- g. Students **who choose not to be active PARTICIPANTS** will be counseled for each occurrence up to 3 times. The cadet will then lose his or her cadet status. Parent, counselor, administrator conference will be conducted to reassign the student.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Email: _____

Classroom Rules are attached:



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Classroom Procedures

1. Be On Time, On Task.
2. Be Prepared for Academic Work Every Day.
3. Cell Phones/Electronic Devices/Headphones/Earbuds Will Be Put Away Prior To Entering the Classroom.
4. Be Respectful of Others.
5. Keep Your Hands and Feet to Yourself.
6. Keep the Instructors Informed of Your Situation.
7. Know your Academic Status and Grades At All Times.
8. You Are Responsible for any Missed Days and Assignments.
9. You Have Asked To Be Assigned Into JROTC.
10. You Have Agreed to Abide By These Rules and The Cadet Creed.

Fine Print:

This is a JROTC classroom. These are our basic rules. If you can't follow them, don't come in.

1. Time Management is a skill we teach. You should always be reading, working or completing course work during class time. Idle talking is Not Being on Task. We intend to prepare you for the day after graduation.
2. School is your job; therefore bring your basic tools everyday-notebook and pen/pencil. On PT days be prepared by having appropriate physical training shoes and clothing.
3. There is absolutely no reason for you to have personal electronic devices in our classrooms. One warning and then the device will be confiscated. No excuses.
4. This a teamwork focused course. If you want to be the rugged individualist, you are in the wrong classroom. Vandalism of the classroom will be dealt with as a criminal activity.
5. You are responsible for one individual-yourself-during class time. DO NOT touch other students or their property. Backpacks, book bags, purses and other student items will be placed on the floor underneath the desk.
6. Instructors do not always know what is going on with each student. Tell us if you have special circumstances we need to know about. Bad news does not get better with age.
7. We will help you be successful, but we will not hold your hand. Maintain a relationship with all teachers and keep track of your grades each week.
8. Participation IS your grade in JROTC. If you are not in class, you do not get a grade. There are no excuses for Detentions, Suspensions or Truancy. Coordinate with all teachers Before you miss a class.
9. Whining is not acceptable in JROTC. Make an informed decision and stick with it.
10. Your Word is Your Bond. You have Chosen to **Become a Trojan JROTC Cadet**. Welcome!
11. For Learning at a Distance: It is the Cadet's responsibility to maintain two way communication with all teachers.