



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY JROTC BATTALION, PINE GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
101 SCHOOL STREET
PINE GROVE, PA 17963-1699



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Dear Cadet/Parent/Guardian

1. Welcome to the Pine Grove Area High School Army JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) Cardinal Battalion. You are joining a unit that has consistently upheld the highest standards of Army JROTC for 35 consecutive years and is nationally recognized as an Honor Unit with Distinction.
2. The mission of JROTC is: **“To Motivate Young People To Be Better Citizens.”** This goal is achieved by developing self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, and leadership. It should be clearly understood that JROTC is **NOT** designed to prepare students for active military service, **NOR** a recruiting tool for the military.
3. Our cadets maintain high standards. Cadets do not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate those who do. Each cadet is expected to fully comply with school rules and policies. Cadets are expected to be on time to school and to all of their classes. Cadets are expected to attend school unless they have an excused absence. Cadets are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times, in and out of uniform. They are not to use profanity or forbidden substances. Cadets will not bully and will avoid fighting. Cadets are expected to treat all with dignity and respect.
4. We focus on teaching and reinforcing personal responsibility. We are here to guide and help you to be successful not only in JROTC, but in all your high school classes and activities. Cadets who struggle academically will receive additional accommodations to enhance their learning while those who excel will be assigned more challenging curriculum based exercises. Mastery of the curriculum comes before completion of the curriculum. Opportunities for extra credit are always available.

Cadet quarterly grades are determined using the following:

Uniforms -----	30%
Test/Quizzes -----	20%
Class Participation/Speaking & Writing Skills -----	20%
Mandatory Events -----	20%
Physical Fitness -----	10%

5. The JROTC 2018-2019 Key Events schedule is attached to this letter. Permission slips will be sent home for each of the events listed to secure parental/guardian permission for cadet participation. Please note there are several **MANDATORY** events during the year, both during and outside of school hours, for which cadets are graded. Changes may be made during the year and you will be informed well in advance to make needed adjustments. Cadets are responsible for knowing dates, times and locations for each event. We encourage our cadets to be a part of other school and community organizations. We understand that many cadets work part time jobs and have family commitments, so developing their time management skills will also be addressed in JROTC. Cadets are expected to inform their parents, guardians, workplaces and other educators regarding their JROTC commitments.

6. The Uniform Schedule 2018-2019 is attached to this letter along with a copy of the Weekly Graded Uniform Event policy. The schedule lists the uniform dates, typically Thursdays with few exceptions, and the type of uniform each cadet is expected to wear for the entire day. Cadets will be taught in class how to maintain, setup, and clean the different uniforms they will be wearing. Cadets are inspected and graded on the set up and attention to detail of each uniform they wear weekly.
7. To get the most out of the JROTC experience, cadets are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. These activities include: Color Guard, Drill Team, Rifle Team, Orienteering Team, JROTC Quiz Bowl Team, and various community service projects like the Roadside Cleanup, Wreaths Across America and assisting Elementary and Middle School faculty with reading programs and special events.
8. There is no cost to participate in JROTC inside our classroom; however, we do conduct three fundraisers each year that support our field trips and various extracurricular activities. The fundraising goal per cadet is \$100.00. Hamboat sandwiches are made in October and March. Saber Cards are sold December through March. Each Hamboat sold is worth \$2 to the individual cadet account. Each Saber Card sold is worth \$10 to the cadet's account.. All cadet funds pay for field trips, Battalion T-shirts that each cadet receives, and our Military Ball in March.
9. We want each cadet to have a positive and rewarding experience in JROTC. If you have any further questions we can be contacted at 570-345-2731 Ext 222 or mstefanchik@pgasd.com or lbates@pgasd.com

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We acknowledge having received the 2018-2019 Pine Grove Area High School Army JROTC Welcome Letter and reviewed its contents.

Cadet Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____