**JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER**

# TRAINING PROGRAM

 An Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Program (JROTC) was established at Fayette County High School in 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your cadet to the Tiger Battalion at Fayette County High School Army JROTC program.

 Our program is now in its second year and we look forward to another great academic year and we promise it will be fun and challenging. It is a great honor for me, Lieutenant Colonel Darryl Langford, and First Sergeant Anthony Bell to be a part of the teaching team and to serve the community by coaching, teaching and mentoring cadets. We both retired from the Army in 2011 and have a combined total of 45 years of active duty Army experience. We take our work seriously and especially look forward to working with your cadets.

**HISTORY**

 Congress established the JROTC program with the National Defense Act of 1916. JROTC’s consistent value to the American school system prompted Congress to expand the program in 1964 requiring each of the services to operate JROTC units. These units are supported through a cooperative effort between our Army and host high schools in the United States, its territories, and the U.S. military communities around the world. Another national effort to expand JROTC occurred in 2002, and Fayette County High School benefited from that decision.

**MISSION**

 The mission of the JROTC program as stated by Congress in 1916 is to

***“MOTIVATE YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE BETTER AMERICANS.”***

 Today’s program seeks to train students in leadership and motivational skills that will serve them during their school years as well as throughout their lives. It also provides the positive support many students need at this critical stage of their development.

**JROTC IS NOT A RECRUITMENT PROGRAM FOR THE MILITARY!**

 Although many graduating cadets pursue military training, equal numbers do not. Participation in JROTC is strictly voluntary, and incurs no military obligation what so ever, nor is it intended to apply any pressure in that direction. Rather, the military framework of the program is simply a very effective way to instill goal-directed, success-oriented attitudes and behaviors.

 Graduating cadets move onto college and careers with confidence and leadership skills gained from their experiences as part of a team, the Tiger Battalion.

**BENEFITS**

 The JROTC program is a valuable addition to the Fayette County High School’s educational program.

The goals of JROTC are:

1. To motivate students to learn, not just

 in JROTC, but in all their classes.

1. To foster a disciplined and constructive learning atmosphere, not just in JROTC classes, but throughout the school.
2. To teach and instill essential skills like time management, planning and organization, responsibility, goal setting and teamwork.
3. Provide extracurricular activities that build students’ self-confidence and their involvement with their peers, the school and their community.
4. For students who choose to enter the military, provide the opportunity for advanced promotions upon enlistment or advanced placement in college ROTC. Also, JROTC help students compete for Army ROTC scholarships, and position outstanding cadets to hopefully win appointments to one of the Military Service Academies.

**PRESENT STATUS AND**

**FUTURE DIRECTION**

 Interest and enrollment continues to increase, as JROTC becomes more involved in school activities. An elective course, one-half credit is awarded for the successful completion of each semester. The JROTC Program of Instruction centers around Character and Leadership Development, Leadership Theory and Application, Wellness, Fitness and First Aid, Geography and Earth Science, Foundations for Success,

Citizenship and American History, Air Rifle Safety and Marksmanship, Public Speaking/ Job Interview Techniques, Current Events, as well as Drill and Ceremonies.

 Each summer our cadets will be provided the opportunity to participate in a Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) Program.

 These cadets receive intensive training in leadership, discipline, teamwork, and individual responsibility. The cost to the cadet is minimal since the Army pays for food and lodging. The school district pays for transportation. This is a great opportunity for cadets to have fun, meet new people and learn at the same time!

 I am hopeful that Fayette County Area High School students will choose to take JROTC since enrollment is paramount to the success of the program remaining at the high school.

**QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK**

Q: Does my child have to wear a uniform?

A: Yes, but only once a week, or when taking

 part in special ceremonies. The rest of the

 time normal clothing is fine

Q: Are there any fees for uniforms, books or

 special equipment?

A: Yes, there will be a fee of $30.00 which includes the JROTC T-Shirt and the uniform rental fee.

Q: Are there any age requirements for

 JROTC?

A: Yes, a student must be at least 14 years of

 age to enroll in JROTC.

Q: Where can I obtain more information

 about JROTC ?

A: Contact us using the information

 contained in the letterhead, or call a

 Guidance counselor at the high school.