



WILLOWBROOK JROTC

Mission:

**“To Motivate Young People
To Be Better Citizens”**



Lieutenant Colonel Mike Reardon



What is Army JROTC

The U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a program that aims to motivate young people to become better citizens. It's a character development and citizenship program that's offered in high schools.

- **ALL GRADE LEVELS ARE WELCOME, FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS**
- **NOT A PART OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT**
- **A FUN, CHALLENGING AND EXCITING PROGRAM**
- **ALL UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES ARE PROVIDED**
- **THERE ARE NO FEES CHARGED TO PARTICIPATE**

Students that enroll in JROTC are referred to as: CADETS

JROTC, PE, Drivers Ed, Health & Varsity Sports:

- JROTC will not interfere with Health or Driver Ed Classes
- JROTC can serve as an alternative for PE Class
- JROTC will not interfere with participation in Varsity Sports

Extra Curriculars

- Color Guard
- Drill Team
- Archery
- Robotics
- Drones
- Raider Challenge (Obstacle Course Competition)
- JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (Championship round held in Washington D.C.)
- JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) Summer Camp
- Cadet Military Ball (Formal event/dance planned by JROTC Cadets)

All of these activities offer opportunities to compete against other schools' JROTC programs and represent Willowbrook!

The Excitement of JROTC

Color Guard

<https://youtu.be/vnQWn3d8f3E?feature=shared>



Drill Team:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOd7PcX-W4M>



Robotics:

<https://youtu.be/Dm73MpurcyY?feature=shared>



Raiders:

<https://youtu.be/M-Pcjpks70Y?feature=shared>



Leadership/Academic Bowl:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/IN7DhZDmHQ?feature=shared>



Summer Camp (JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge)

- When: Held yearly in June
- Duration: Four days and three nights

<https://youtu.be/9e0l0zOCxlo?feature=shared>



JROTC Classes: An Average Week

- **Classroom, covering curriculum:**
 - 2-3 days a week
 - Taught interactively
 - Will also include development of public speaking skills using student current events presentations (usually done weekly)
- **Physical Training (PT):**
 - At least 1 day a week
 - Team building sports like basketball and volleyball
 - “Cadet Challenge” (Calisthenics, flexibility & running up to 1 mile)
 - Archery
- **Drill & Ceremony/Uniform inspection:**
 - 1-2 days a week
 - Marching
 - Cadet leadership
 - Uniform worn & inspected once a week



JROTC Expectations, Assignments & Grades

Above all conduct yourself in a manor that displays proper respect for other JROTC Cadets, Other Students, Your Teachers & Yourself

- **Come to class and participate everyday & always give your best effort**
- **Assignments are either worksheets or physically completed activities associated with each lesson**
- **Some light reading**
- **Short current events presentations/briefings about subjects that you choose**
- **PROPERLY Wear your uniform on 1 assigned day a week**
- **Participate in Physical Training (PT) (Accommodations will be made for physical & health issues you legitimately have)**
- **Participate in Drill & Ceremony (Marching)**
- **Participate in JROTC Service Learning Project**
- **Participate in JROTC Extracurriculars as often as you choose to**
- **Grades will be based on quizzes, assignments, presentations & participation in class/drill/PT/attendance**

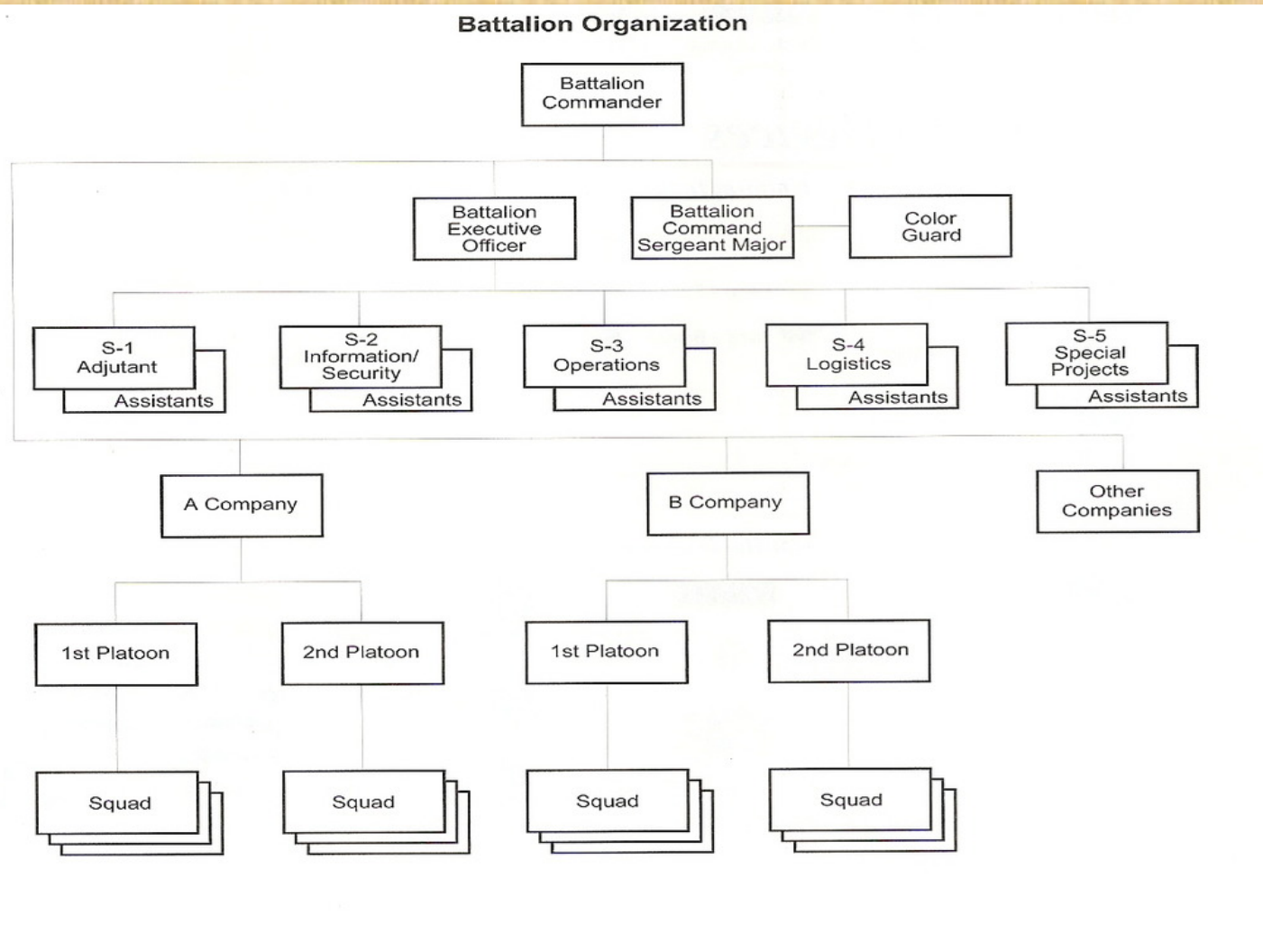
JROTC Class Levels (Curriculum)

- **Unit 1: Leadership Education and Training (LET) 1 – The Emerging Leader**
 - First year Cadets are introduced to content that will help the inner leader begin to emerge.
- **Unit 2: Leadership Education and Training (LET) 2 – Developing Leader**
 - Developing Leader builds upon the mastery of LET 1 skills and abilities, providing Cadets with new and more challenging opportunities in leadership development.
- **Unit 3: Leadership Education and Training (LET) 3 – The Supervising Leader**
 - Supervising Leader builds upon the mastery of LET 1 and 2 skills and abilities, providing Cadets with new and more challenging opportunities as a leader by overseeing planning, project implementation, and team personnel.
 - Cadets at this level can acquire battalion staff positions and responsibilities and help integrate improvements in the local JROTC program and community.
- **Unit 4: Leadership Education and Training (LET) 4 – The Managing Leader**
 - Managing Leader provides Cadets multiple opportunities to manage and lead in the battalion, in the school, and their respective communities
 - The LET 4 Cadet is ready to assume responsibilities and manage him or herself and others whom they work with or oversee as a Cadet manager.

Note:

- Each LET Level is a complete school year of instruction, however students will not necessarily have their LET Level aligned with their year of High School.
- For example a Sophomore, Junior or Senior may be a LET 1 depending on the 1st year they started taking JROTC Classes.

Organization:



Main Positions In The Warriors

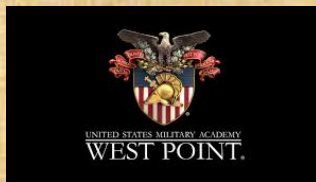
JROTC Battalion:

- **Battalion Commander:** Senior Cadet
- **Executive Officer:** 2nd in command, manages the rest of the Staff
- **Sergeant Major:** In charge of Drill
- **S-1:** Human Resources
- **S-2:** “Intelligence” Gathers important information & keeps up to date on upcoming school events
- **S-3:** Assists instructors with planning and executing training
- **S-4:** Manages equipment and supplies
- **S-5:** Public Relations

The Benefits of Enrolling in JROTC

- **Scholarships!**

- Illinois State Tuition Waiver
- Federal Senior Army ROTC Scholarships available at 100's of universities and colleges
- Other competitive scholarships offered to Cadets through many patriotic organizations
- U.S. Military Academies



- **Completing all 4 years of JROTC allows Cadets that are interested in going into the Army to enter 2 ranks higher than other new Soldiers.**
- **Opportunities to practice leadership, management, and administrative skills during high school**
- **Excellent items to enter in activities sections of college applications**

Are You Interested?



NEXT STEPS:

1. Scan this QR Code and add your name to the list of interested students.
1. Come to room C-11 during your lunch or free periods to speak to Lieutenant Colonel Reardon if you are interested the program.
1. Print out and complete the JROTC Student Code of Conduct & Parent-Guardian Consent Form (DD Form 3203)
1. Let your Counselor know that you would like to take JROTC.
 - Counselors will need to approve of & determine if JROTC can be added to your schedule.
1. Speak with your parents about JROTC.
 - You will need their approval to be enrolled.
1. You can start being involved with JROTC right away!
 - Learn how to march
 - Help set up our classroom and supply room
 - We will begin organizing a Color Guard Team as soon as we have interested students.
 - You can begin to work towards a leadership position now.
2. JROTC classes will begin 6 January 2025.



**Army JROTC Program
At
Willowbrook High School
“Pride Excellence Tradition”**



Questions?

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