



ATASCOCITA HIGH SCHOOL

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"Learning for life through Rigor, Relevance and Relationships"

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Greetings Parents/Guardians,

The time is near for your son or daughter to choose from among many high school options. We would like to share with you a tremendous opportunity—Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). Young people willing to rise to the challenge of living by a set of core values while learning the value of leadership, self-reliance and a sense of service will reap significant benefits and become better citizens.

We are not military recruiters; there is no requirement for JROTC cadets to join the military after high school. Historically less than one tenth of our graduates choose military service through an academy, college ROTC, or enlistment. Any student considering military service will naturally benefit from JROTC, and we can facilitate preparation, but our program is fundamentally about **citizenship, leadership, service, teamwork, self-confidence, and above all, developing character.** Cadets receive lessons in followership, leadership theory, and hands-on leadership experience. We do **not** teach (or tolerate) the stereotypical military leadership model of yelling, physical discipline/punishment, or any other form of physical or verbal abuse. Instead, we employ a positive leadership model, with emphasis on building relationships and leading by example. We believe this model better helps cadets become effective leaders in any endeavor they pursue.

Students drawn to JROTC typically enjoy the relationships, shared values, and variety of activities. It is a place where **good kids find the support to be great kids.** We emphasize academic performance, professional appearance, personal responsibility, discipline, and moral conduct. Our JROTC curriculum is built on character building, college and adult life skills, leadership development, and physical fitness.

As part of relationship building, many fun and enriching activities go along with marching, uniform wear, academic work, and fitness training. Our Color Guard, Close Order Drill Teams, Academic Team, Marksmanship Team (air rifles), and Physical Training Teams have been recognized at the Regional level for many years. Additionally, Cadets can **letter in JROTC.** Cadets also look forward to activities such as Cadet Leadership Summer Camps, team building exercises, games, field trips, college visits, field days, picnics, and the formal Military Ball. Community service is an important part of our program. We collectively contribute well over 3,000 hours of community service in the local area annually.

JROTC counts as either a PE credit (due to our fitness curriculum) or an elective credit. Students can participate in JROTC and still be in band, athletics, or other extracurricular activities. Unlike some band and athletic programs, there is no program fee. Cadets must get a school physical before participating. They must also adhere to Marine Corps grooming standards and maintain the Marine Corps uniforms, which will be provided free of charge. JROTC is **not just for young men**—a third of our cadets are female.

To answer any questions/concerns you may have, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Page on our website. Please scan the QR code below to visit the FAQ Page. Additionally, you are welcome to email me at justice.lasyone@humbleisd.net or MGySgt Fleming at daniel.fleming@humbleisd.net. This is a world-class program in a world-class school—thank you in advance for adding JROTC to your list of possible great opportunities!



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