

KEY BENEFITS OF JROTC

JROTC is a leadership program that teaches cadets discipline and skills. It is an optional program that students can select (instead of PE during freshman and sophomore years) and for which their parents must approve. It is a choice made by students and their parents.

Statistics:

- 85% of the students polled (citywide) supported the program
 - 100% of the PTAs supported the program
 - 100% of the principals supported the program
 - 100% of the school alumnus groups supported the program
- 1) Cadets voluntarily commit to hundreds of hours of community service.
 - 2) JROTC is not discriminatory
 - a) 90% of cadets are from minority families; 72% Asian
 - 3) 1600 cadets are enrolled in program that has existed for 90 years

 - 5) Special education teachers at each of the high schools refer their students to the JROTC program because it provides a structured, well supervised program for special ed students.
 - 6) 50% of the instructors' salaries are funded by the military as well as all program expenses (computers, uniforms, etc.). Eliminating the program will not be "neutral" for the school district from a budgetary perspective.

 - 7) All the Board of Education constituents - students, parents, principals and teachers support keeping the JROTC program.

The fight for JROTC is about providing choices for our students.

Students and their parents should have more choices in high school, not less.

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