

Buena High School JROTC

Course Syllabus 2024-2025

Fighting Colts Battalion

1. COURSE NAME AND NUMBER:

JROTC Leadership, Education and Training (LET), Level 1, 2, 3 and 4. In addition, verbal communication, team and collaboration skills will be utilized from the first to last day of classes.

2. INSTRUCTOR:

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3. MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT/RESOURCES/TEXTBOOKS:

All cadets will receive the prescribed textbooks for their perspective LET course which will remain in the classroom. Cadets will also have access to electronic textbooks.

4. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND CONTENT:

The JROTC Program prepares high school students for leadership roles in the community while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities and privileges as American Citizens. The program is a stimulus for promoting graduation from high school and it provides instruction and rewarding opportunities, which will benefit the student, community and nation. JROTC provides education and training in skills and knowledge like Applied Leadership, Service Learning, Community Service, Map Reading, Financial Planning, Goal Planning, etc. which are useful to students upon graduating from high school. The JROTC curriculum consists of both mandatory and elective Program of Instruction topics according to the Leadership/ Education/Training (LET) level in which the student is enrolled. Topics for Army JROTC classes have been planned and approved by the US Army's Cadet Command (USACC) at Fort Knox, KY. In addition to classroom instruction, students ("Cadets") are expected to properly wear the Army JROTC uniform one day per week (mandatory), and participate in physical training events as required.

5. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The JROTC program prepares Buena High School cadets for responsible leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens. The program will provide a quality citizenship, character, and leadership development program which has the mission to "To motivate young people to be better citizens." Upon successful completion of the year, Cadets will possess the skills to demonstrate the following:

- a. Ability to think logically and to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- b. Utilize personal awareness in the continued development of leadership skills.
- c. Knowledge of educational, vocational, and military opportunities, and the skills required to work as a member of a team.
- d. Applying physical and political geography to building global awareness.
- e. Relating events in U.S. History to choices and responsibilities Americans have today.
- f. Characterizing the role the U.S military plays in American society.
- g. Applying critical thinking skills to everyday life.

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6. COURSE PREREQUISITES.

Students should be in good standing in the 9th through 12th grades. You must be physically qualified to participate in the school's physical education program. Also, you must be of good moral character and maintain acceptable standards of conduct. Cadets must have their hair and piercings in accordance with AR 670-1 and CCR 145-2 before receiving their uniforms at the beginning of the semester.

7. MANDATORY ACTIVITIES.

During the school year, cadets must participate in 1 additional activity outside of the normal class schedule, not including the five mandatory events below (1, 2, 3, 4 or 5). This one activity performance can be any of the below in 6, 7 or 8:

1. Mandatory Event -Veteran's Parade in November
 2. Mandatory Event -Spring Battalion Picnic.
 3. Mandatory Event -Annual Car Wash
 4. Mandatory Event - Annual JROTC Awards Ceremony and Change of Command
 5. Mandatory Event - Uniform Inspection (Weekly or Biweekly depending on school schedule.
 6. Service Learning (Selected Individuals)
 7. Our Annual Military Ball is not mandatory but is highly recommended that the cadet attends. This is a lifetime leadership and camaraderie's gala experience for all attendants; plus extra credit is earned for all who attends this function.
8. It should be annotated that students are encouraged to participate in our community activities such as team competitions outside of school; fundraisers; parades; team sports; Christmas Parades, community service, etc. These activities are designed to provide good learning in the field of leadership and citizenship and all participants will earn an extra grade and promotion rank credits. These activities will be posted for sign-up.

8. GRADING:

The JROTC program will grade Cadets as follows:

- Participation: Uniform Wear and Community/Activity Participation	40%
- Tests	20%
- Assignments (Cadet Portfolio)	20%
- Homework	10%
- Projects	10%

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Cadet: I _____ have read and understand the JROTC Course Syllabus. I understand that as a Cadet, my duties and responsibilities have greatly increased as I represent Buena High School and the U.S. Army Cadet Command. I also understand that if I fail to set an example in everything I do, the consequences are much greater due to the responsibility of being a role model for the community. I understand that the standards to “Motivate Young People to Be Better Citizens” requires the Buena H.S. JROTC Cadets to perform at a higher level with regards to discipline, professional bearing, grades, community service, and participation in all mandatory events. I also understand that if I do not adhere to the Cadet Handbook, Syllabus, Cadet Command Regulations, and JROTC Instructors, I will be reassigned to another class other than JROTC. I also understand that I must wear my uniform when required for inspection and a grade. My hair, nails, and piercings must be compliant with the regulations and my uniform must be pressed, clean, and worn properly.

Cadet Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian: I _____ have reviewed the JROTC Leadership Course Syllabus with my student and understand the requirement and responsibilities of being successful in this program. I understand that the standards to “Motivate Young People to Be Better Citizens” requires the Buena H.S. JROTC Cadets to perform at a higher level with regards to discipline, professional bearing, grades, community service, and participation in all mandatory events. I also understand that if my child does not adhere to the Cadet Handbook, Syllabus, or Cadet Command Regulations, my child will be reassigned to another class other than JROTC. Please consider reviewing our Cadet Handbook and visiting our JROTC website at <https://sites.google.com/svusd68.org/buena-jrotc> (must be signed in your child’s account)

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

NOTE: Please also consider participating in our outstanding JROTC Parent’s Club. They meet once a month and execute numerous events for our program. Please email Buena High School JROTC Parents Club at jrotc.bhs@gmail.com for more information.