



J. W. RILEY HIGH SCHOOL

Marine Corps Junior ROTC

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

The transition between middle school and high school is one of the most exciting, turbulent, and important years in the maturation of your son or daughter. This year forms the academic foundation for the final years of high school; it is a critical time in the development of their values.

In the weeks ahead, your son or daughter will be scheduling classes for their freshman year of high school.

An elective course that could make all the difference in the world to your son or daughter is JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps). The course name is really a misnomer. A more appropriate name would be "leadership

and character education." A past misconception has been that this program was only for students pursuing a military career. In this case, JROTC has been confused with college ROTC which does require several years of military commitment after college. JROTC is not a recruitment effort and there is no military obligation whatsoever.



This elective is designed to foster positive habits and attitudes that will help your son or daughter succeed no matter what their plans are after high school. JROTC focuses on character education by teaching the core values—honesty, respect, self-discipline, tolerance, and

more—that are essential to citizenship and that virtually every American recognizes as legitimate, good, even self evident.

Although JROTC is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps, it is tailored to the specific needs of the student and Riley High School. JROTC is just one facet of their overall learning environment. Students are also encouraged to be involved in other extracurricular activities—band, sports, drama.

Emphasis is on individual development and interpersonal skills such as:

- *Leadership
- *Self-worth
- *Self-motivation
- *Confidence
- *Goal Setting
- *Physical Fitness
- *Integrity and Respect

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CYBER PATRIOT PROGRAM

Cyber Patriot is the nation's premier National High School Cyber Defense Competition created by the Air Force Association (AFA) to excite, educate and motivate the next generation of cyber defenders and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) graduates to meet the future needs of our nation.

JROTC offers many varied optional activities

- Color Guards
- Drill Competitions
- Physical Fitness Competitions
- Marksmanship Training and Competitions
- Senior Leadership Camps
- Cadet Leadership Camps
- Cyber Patriot Program (NEW)

If your son or daughter has shown an interest to enroll in JROTC as an elective during the semester, I am encouraging you to show an interest in their desire to participate in a program of instruction that will benefit them now and in their future.



Color Guard for National Honors Society.

Special points of interest:

- PE Credit with 2 years of JROTC
- Advanced consideration for scholarships
- Military academy appointments
- Extracurricular awards and honors
- Opportunity for community service
- Accelerated promotion if entering armed forces

