## Shelby County Schools JROTC Department





The <u>Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, or JROTC</u>, is designed to teach high-school students the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment, while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork, and self-discipline. Its focus is reflected in its mission statement, "to motivate young people to be better citizens." It prepares high-school students for responsible leadership roles 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 that will benefit the student, community, and nation.

Led by retired military personnel, JROTC courses in the Air Force and Army branches of service are offered to students at 21 SCS high schools, with entry into the program being preferred during students' freshman year.

Students enrolled in JROTC courses may earn substitute credit for lifetime wellness, physical-education, and personal finance credit while taking the classes.

## The JROTC program is designed to teach cadets to:

- Appreciate the ethical values and principles that underlie good citizenship
- Develop leadership potential, while living and working cooperatively with others
- Be able to think logically and communicate effectively with others, both in speech and writing
- Appreciate the importance of physical fitness in maintaining good health
- Understand the importance of high-school graduation for a successful future, and learn about college and other advanced education and employment opportunities
- Developmental management abilities
- Become familiar with military history as it relates to America's culture, and understand the history, purpose, and structure of the military services
- Develop the skills necessary to work effectively as a member of a team.

**To qualify for participation** in a JROTC program, cadets must be enrolled in and attending a regular full-time course of instruction at the school, in the ninth grade or above, of good moral character and conduct, to undergo all prescribed training as outlined in the program of instruction.

JROTC is not a recruitment program for the military services; there is no military obligation for participating in the JROTC program. Students successfully completing two or more years in the program may receive advanced promotions upon enlistment into a branch of the armed services.

Questions may also be directed to SCS 's JROTC Department, which is located at 220 North Montgomery Street, Memphis, TN 38104. The phone number there is (901) 416-7465.

