

THE PREPARED CURRICULUM: FOR POST-SECONDARY AND CAREER READINESS

Military Awareness Curriculum Course Overview

Each year thousands of people make the decision to leave the military because of pursuing higher education, retirement, or a civilian occupation and more. Whatever the reasons for their decision, the military must replace anyone that leaves regardless of the reason. An estimated 400,000 new recruits are welcomed by the U.S. military. All branches of the military must attract the most qualified candidates and train them to be able to accomplish its mission.

Compared to other forms of post-secondary options students have upon completion of his/her high school career, students and parents often view the military as investing an extraordinary amount of time and energy into planning for a career. High school students often report initial skepticism of the military planning efforts, but they come to appreciate them as an asset for the serious decision makers.

The military syllabus can help a student prevent surprises and provide tactical flexibility during the process. Our military syllabus is intended to provide students, parents and mentors who are working with military professionals with an overview of the military planning and decision-making process.

September

Week 1

- Program Walkthrough
- Twelfth Grade What to Expect
- Attending Twelfth Grade Orientation
- What's on my high school transcript?
- Creating My High School Student Resume
- What does it mean to join the ROTC?
- Top 10 Things You Should Know Before Joining the Military

Week 2

- Meeting Local and State Graduation Requirements
- How to Develop Great Organizational Skills
- Understanding Local and State Graduation Requirements



- Advantages and Disadvantages of Joining the Military
- Military Planning for High School Students
- Questions to Ask a Recruiter

Week 3

- Military Students - Back to School Basics
- Being Involved in Your High School
- How to Contact a Recruiter (Sean)
- Know What You Are Committing To

Week 4

- What is the ASVAB?
- What is the ASVAB? (Part 2)
- ASVAB Study Tips
- When is the ASVAB test given?

October

Week 1

- Military Fitness Requirements
- Community Service Ideas for Military Bound High School Students
- Which military branch is right for you?
- Should you attend college before joining the military?

Week 2

- The Facts and Fictions of Joining ROTC
- What scholarships are available to high school students interested in the military?
- How Joining the Military Can Help You Pay for College

Week 3

- How to Join the U.S. Army
- How to Join the U.S. Navy
- How to Join the U.S. Marines

Week 4

- How to Join the U.S. Coast Guard
- How to Join the National Guard
- How to Join the Air National Guard
- Understanding Military Pay



November

Week 1

- Attending a U.S. Military School
- Resources for School-Bound Veterans
- What's your backup plan?
- What to Expect at a Military Academy

Week 2

- Careers in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Opportunities to Pursue Your Degree When Serving in the Military
- Meeting a Military Recruiter
- Decoding the Military Lingo

Week 3

- Career as a U.S. Army Officer
- College Programs for Military Minds
- Cadets at Military Colleges Can Participate in College Clubs and Activities
- Q & A About Military Careers

Week 4

- The Military - Anything but Ordinary
- Thinking of joining the National Guard?
- Coping with Worry - Dealing with Enlisting
- Financial Benefits of Military Service

December

Week 1

- Military Academies May Be the Right Fit for You
- Learn About Careers that the Military Has to Offer
- What is boot camp?
- Are you eligible to join the military?

Week 2

- Weight Requirements for Joining
- Why should you consider a military career?



- Navy ROTC Marine Corps Academic Requirements
- Eligibility Requirements for Navy ROTC

Week 3

- Substance Abuse Could Keep You from Joining
- An Arrest Record Could Keep You from Enlisting
- Medical Conditions that May Prevent You from Joining the Military
- Careers in the Air Force

Week 4

- What's a typical day in the military?
- Five Myths About Military Recruiting
- Minority Success in the Military

January

Week 1

- Are you considering the military?
- Joining the Military - Your Options are Endless
- Go to college or join the military?
- Become a Soldier in Just One Weekend a Month, Two Weeks a Year

Week 2

- Service Pays
- What Question to Ask a Recruiter
- Three Ways to Get the Most Out of Your Enlistment
- Thinking about a military college?

Week 3

- Types and Locations of Military Colleges
- Government Internships and Programs for Students
- Careers in the U.S. Armed Forces
- Looking for Money and a Rewarding Career

Week 4

- Life in the Military
- The Many Jobs in the Military
- Is a military college the right fit for you?



- Careers in the U.S. Marine Corps

February

Week 1

- Become a U.S. Army Officer
- The ROTC Option - Air Force, Army and Navy
- Military Careers
- Become a U.S. Customs Agent

Week 2

- The Post 9/11 Bill and Montgomery GI Bill
- Pros and Cons of Joining the Military
- Top Degrees for Military Students
- Army Voluntary Education

Week 3

- Navy Voluntary Education
- Air Force Voluntary Education
- Marines Corps Voluntary Education
- Coast Guard Voluntary Education
- Will I need to complete the financial aid process to join the military?

Week 4

- Preparing for Your High School Final Exams
- Creating a Final Exam Schedule
- Complete High School Strong
- Ready for Boot Camp?
- Thanking your Teachers From 9th – 12th Grade