



# Cadet Core Introduction



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# What is the Cadet Core?

- The Cadet Core is a program that is based in leadership training, civics education, and military science appreciation.
- Cadet Core allows students to get out of their comfort zones and lead their peers daily.
- Although Cadet Core is a military styled leadership program, it is important to remember that there is no pressure or requirement to join the military by being in this program. You are free to explore any career option you want. Remember: leadership is a universal trait that will help you in any career path.





# What is a Cadet?

- A student enrolled in the Cadet Core is referred to as a Cadet.
- Cadets wear uniforms, earn rank, and develop leadership responsibilities based on their individual performance.
- Every week cadets participate in classroom instruction, physical training, and drill and ceremony marching.
- Cadets also wear a uniform typically once a week.







# How do I progress in the program?

**Level 1:** entry level with a focus on the basics at the squad level.

**Level 2:** everything in level 1 plus more advanced material at the platoon level.

**Level 3:** Everything in level 1 and 2 plus more advanced material at the company level.

**Level 4:** Everything in level 1 and 2 and 3 plus more advanced material at the battalion level of leadership.





# How would I lead?

- Cadet Core is a complex program with a chain of command structure that starts at the squad leader and team leader level, then advanced with platoon sergeant, platoon leader, company commander, battalion staff positions, battalion commander, and more.
- There is a lot of opportunity for cadets to learn in various positions that all present a different challenge and help you improve your leadership abilities.
- As you advance in rank through the years, you will receive rank promotion, take on more responsibility, and lead your peers who depend on you to help.





# How do I get promoted in rank?

- Rank promotion is based on four major categories: leadership, physical fitness, uniform, and academics. You must meet the minimum requirements in each of those categories to get promoted in rank.
- As you advance in rank, part of your responsibility will be to attend (and possibly even lead) leadership meetings that are designed to plan for future events and projects.
- A great way to advance quickly in rank is to be motivated, wear the uniform properly, get good grades, and learn as much as possible about being a leader so that when it is your time to shine, you are ready for the challenge!



# What does a typical week in Cadet Core look like?

- Monday: Physical Fitness Day (working out, sports, etc.)
- Tuesday: Instructional Class Day (lessons, projects, etc.)
- Wednesday: Uniform Day (inspections, drill & ceremony, etc.)
- Thursday: Instructional Class Day (lessons, projects, etc.)
- Friday: Physical Fitness Day (working out, sports, etc.)





# What are Cadet Core uniforms?

- CCTU (Cadet Core Tactical Uniform)
- CCPU (Cadet Core Polo Uniform)
- CCEU (Cadet Core Exercise Uniform)







# Here are pictures of CCTU







# Here are pictures of CCPU





# Here are examples of CCEU







# What is Color Guard?

- Color Guard involves the presentation of the American flag along with the state flag during an event such as graduation, sports game, assembly, or ceremony.
- Color Guard is designed to promote patriotism and show respect to our country and the American flag. Color Guard is extremely important to Cadet Core, the school, and the community.
- A cadet who earns the right to be in Color Guard is an elite member of the program who excels at almost every level. Every cadet should strive to be in Color Guard!



# Here are Cadets performing Color Guard







# What are Ranger Team and Drill Team

- Some schools don't just have Color Guard. They also have other teams such as Ranger Team and Drill Team.
- Ranger Team members focus on physical fitness and activities that have direct engagement, such as physical training, sports, land navigation, basic tactical training on operations orders (OPORD), and even learn how to tie a Swiss seat harness for repelling.
- Drill Team members focus on marching, formations, and uniform perfection. Their focus is to maintain the backbone of military discipline and train Cadets to make movements that are precise and visually extraordinary. Some schools even do rifle drills, which involves the movements of wooden fake rifles in a presentational format.



# Remember: uniforms, rank, and teams are earned!

- It is important to remember that uniforms, rank, and the right to be in teams like Color Guard, Drill Team, and Ranger Team are not given to you simply by being in the program.
- You must earn the right to wear the uniform and show respect to it.
- You must earn your rank through hard work and determination.
- You must combine your knowledge and experience with the motivation required to become part of Color Guard, Drill Team, or Ranger Team.
- Don't worry! As you gain more experience and leadership, you will naturally find it easier to overcome challenges and fears.





# What kind of subjects are covered in class?

- Cadet Core has over 100 major lesson blocks of instruction that span a wide variety of topics such as the Cadet Core Creed, Cadet Core Values, rank structure, phonetic alphabet, military time, and much more.
- More complicated lessons focus on land navigation, nutrition, physical fitness, ASVAB preparation, and more.
- Most lessons are designed with a pre-assessment, presentation, 2-3 activities, a study guide, a test, and a review.
- Some lessons involve projects that require special attention and help you learn and grow as a person.



# How can Cadet Core help me after graduation?

- Many Cadets who participate in Cadet Core go on to have successful jobs in the military with the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Some Cadets have even negotiated special forces contracts for elite schools such as Navy Seals, Ranger School, and flight school due to their high level of knowledge and ability to complete those schools.
- Some Cadets never enter the military and instead choose a civilian career in the field of medical, law, business, or real estate.
- Cadets usually attend highly accredited civilian colleges, military colleges, and/or technical colleges. Some of those Cadets contract with ROTC in those colleges and end up joining the armed forces as a military officer.





# Remember: Cadet Core prepares you for life!

- The bottom line is that no matter what career or college you pursue, whether you join the military or stay a civilian, Cadet Core teaches values, leadership, and elements of study that apply at a universal level to any situation.
- Whether you are a lawyer on a strict timeline, a doctor performing a surgery, and soldier flying a plane, or a student in college preparing for a major test, the ability to lead and perform under pressure will always help you in life.
- The mission of Cadet Core is to help you become your best version!



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