

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2023,

***The instructors of the Navy JROTC want to welcome your students to Red Oak High School!***

You may not have considered NJROTC but we are probably not what you think we are. We believe we have something unique to offer; an elective with a diverse syllabus that includes academics, teamwork, leadership, and one that counts as a PE CREDIT (we have PE only once a week versus 5 times a week in a regular PE class). Students do not incur any military obligation if they sign up for this class but if they are considering the military in their future being a part of JROTC can result in advanced rank and pay when they join ANY branch of the service after high school.

***What we offer:***

- We are free!
- You get PE credit
- A Military Ball (Spring Formal)
- Field Trips and a Spring Trip
- Lessons in TEAMWORK and LEADERSHIP
- A place to belong and have fun
- ROHS Public Service Endorsement
- A chance to participate, compete, and lead in Drill, Marksmanship, PE, Academics, and Color Guard

Please read the quotes from many of our students that describe how they feel about this program. Most of our Cadets feel that JROTC is a second family and this helps to explain why our retention rate is over 80%. Your student has nothing to lose. If they decide that JROTC is not for them they can switch back to a regular PE class. It's not too late to sign up for the Fall 2019 semester. Just tell your counselor and your schedule will be adjusted. The freshman counselor is Ms. Angela Smith: [angela.smith@redoakisd.org](mailto:angela.smith@redoakisd.org) and she will be available for schedule changes in late May.

If you want to check out our program before enrolling, you can join us for a new student orientation this summer on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions you can contact either of the instructors listed below and please take a look at the following link to see some of the fun that our Cadets had at this year's Military Ball.

**[SmugMug-Red Oak ROTC Military Ball 2019](#)**

Thank you for your consideration.

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## 2019 Quotes from Red Oak Navy JROTC Cadets

I stayed in because I felt welcomed. I made friends and felt like I was finally a part of something bigger than myself. Joining JROTC was a breath of fresh air.

I joined ROTC because my life needed new direction. I needed structure. I stayed because I loved the environment and the bond I developed with the other Cadets and the new family I made for myself.

ROTC broke me out of my shell and I stayed because of the fun and the family atmosphere.

I chose to stay in JROTC because it was fun and challenging and the people in it are good genuine people. I stayed because it made me a better person.

I stayed because I made lots of new friends and because it was fun.

I love ROTC. The people and the culture that we created made it my second family.

Nothing can be compared to ROTC. Everyone is so inviting and they aren't afraid to show who they are. Everyone treats everyone like family.

I joined the unit for friendship.

I stayed in the Red Oak JROTC because I found a second family. I loved my time there.

I stayed because it was the most fun I've had in a while and honestly one of the only things I look forward to when I'm in school. It feels like a place where I'm accepted.

I stayed because I loved the experience and I love the family connection.

I stayed because of the friendships and memories I made with amazing people.

People in the unit want everyone to succeed and they were always looking out for me.

I decided to stay because the talks and discussions we were having in class had me thinking throughout the day. It helped me think about what I wanted to get out of life.

I love everything about ROTC.

I stayed because I found a family within the unit.

Amazing friendships. After joining ROTC, I felt a part of a family.

I stayed because ROTC was a challenge.

ROTC has helped me succeed in school.

I love the people in ROTC, and what we do, and what we stand for.

In the unit I found a family and a place to belong. I stayed in the unit because the other Cadets encouraged and supported me.