



Delaware Military Academy

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NJROTC - NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

The NJROTC program was established by Public Law in 1964 which may be found in Title 10, U.S. Code, Chapter 102. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools throughout the nation, and taught by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel. The NJROTC accredited curriculum emphasizes citizenship and leadership development, as well as our maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship, navigation, and meteorology. Classroom instruction is augmented throughout the year by extra-curricular activities of community service, academic, athletic, drill and orienteering competitions, field meets, flights, visits to naval or other activities, marksmanship sports training, drone programs, sea perch (underwater robotics) and physical fitness training. Electronic classroom equipment, textbooks, uniforms, educational training aids, travel allowance are provided by the Navy.

The Mission of NJROTC (The mission is set by the Secretary of the Navy)

1. Promotes Patriotism
2. Develops informed and responsible citizens
3. Develops respect for constructed authority
4. Develops leadership potential
5. Promotes high school completion
6. Promotes higher education
7. Promotes community service
8. Develops a high degree of personal honor, self-reliance, individual discipline and leadership
9. Promotes an understanding of the basic elements and need for national security
10. Provides information on the military services as a possible career
11. Provides an alternative to gangs
12. Provides incentive to live healthy and drug free

A normal week at DMA

Monday and Tuesday usually will be classroom instruction. Wednesdays the cadets will be taught drill and they will practice drill (drill teaches discipline and team work). Thursday is inspection day; every cadet will be inspected by their instructor and upper-level cadets. Inspections teach discipline and attention to detail along with how to be a small unit leader. Friday is physical training – the cadets learn the importance of fitness, stretching and the benefits of a good cardiovascular workout.

The curriculum

DMA is unique because the cadets are in uniform every day, Monday through Friday. The Chief of Naval Education and Training prescribes the courses for naval science. The curriculum is customized by the Naval Science Instructors in any fashion they desire to accomplish the mission! The instructors strive to make the curriculum more interesting and an all-encompassing educational opportunity for the cadets.

9th Grade – Naval Science 1:

Purpose: To introduce students to the meaning of citizenship, the elements of leadership, followership, and the value of scholarship in attaining life goals. Additionally, the cadets taught the appreciation for the heritage and traditions of America, with recognition of the historically significant role of sea power; develop in each student a growing sense of pride in his/her organization, associates, and self. These fundamentals are pursued at the fundamental level. **Course Content:** Includes introduction to the NJROTC program; introduction to Leadership, Citizenship, and the American Government; introduction to Wellness, Fitness, and First Aid to

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include diet, exercise and drug awareness, introduction to Geography, Orienteering, Survival and Map Reading Skills; Financial Skills and introduction to the U. S. Navy

10th Grade – Naval Science 2:

Purpose: To build on the general introduction provided in Naval Science 1, to further develop the traits of citizenship and leadership, and to introduce cadets to the technical areas of naval science and the role of the U. S. Navy in maritime history and the vital importance of the world's oceans to the continued well-being of the United States. **Course Content:** Includes ongoing instruction into Leadership; introduction to Maritime History, including the American Revolution, Civil War, the rise of the U. S. to world power status, World Wars 1 and 2, the Cold War Era and the 1990s and beyond; introduction to Nautical Sciences to include Maritime Geography, Oceanography, Meteorology, Astronomy, and Physical Sciences.

11th Grade Naval Science 3:

Purpose: Broaden the understanding of students in the operative principles of military leadership, the concept and significance of teamwork, the intrinsic value of good order and discipline in the accomplishment of objectives, and the importance of sea power and national security. Students gain a more in-depth knowledge of Naval ships and aircraft and an introduction to marine navigation and seamanship. **Course Content:** Includes instruction in Sea Power and National Security, Naval Operations and Support Functions, Military Law, and International Law and the Sea. Provides introduction to Ship Construction and Damage Control, Shipboard Organization and Watch Standing, Basic Seamanship, Marine Navigation, and Naval Weapons and Aircraft. Ongoing instruction in leadership, citizenship, and discipline.

12th Grade Naval Science 4:

Purpose: Focused primarily on practical techniques and implementation of learned skills for life after high school. The intent is to assist seniors in understanding and planning for a future based on either further education or potential careers in public, private and non-profit sectors. Classroom activities include seminars, reading assignments, classroom presentations, and practical work to support learned principles. Seniors are mentored/guided in their preparation for life after high school to include college preparation, scholarship applications, and the variety of choices that are available to them in various careers. **Course Content:** Includes instruction in theoretical and applied aspects of College and Career Readiness, Personal Finance, Leadership and Ethics, Cyber Security, and Space Exploration.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

NJROTC cadets participate in several outside, or extra-curricular, activities throughout the school year and during the summer months. These opportunities are designed to stimulate learning by hands-on experience and to reinforce classroom instruction. Some of these activities include:

- School and local activities such as parades, community service projects and events, academic, athletic, drill, marksmanship, drone, robotics, sea-perch (underwater robotics), and orienteering (land navigation) events and competitions at local, regional, and national levels.
- Leadership training of about 2 weeks during the spring and summer months to include Basic Leadership Training, Leadership Academy, Sailing Academy, and other Orientation Training visits.
- Orientation visits (3 to 5 days) to various naval and military bases and cruises aboard U.S. naval vessels (1 day to 2 weeks) normally conducted during the summer month.

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