

South Rowan High School JROTC

21 August 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am delighted that your son/daughter has elected to participate in the Junior ROTC program of instruction at South Rowan High School. As the Senior Army Instructor, I would like to assure you that Master Sergeant Morris, Master Sergeant Mullinax and I are committed to making your student's JROTC experience safe, challenging, rewarding, fun AND worthwhile.

Our program offers a challenging curriculum, and many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities to include Drill, Rifle, and Raider Challenge competitions, high adventure, community service and trips to places of interest. The program includes mandatory appearance standards (read haircuts of an appropriate length and no beards/goatees), Physical Fitness training as part of the JROTC Cadet Challenge (geared both to the individual and the entire unit), and a requirement to wear the JROTC uniform on a weekly basis for grade (as mandated by Cadet Command). Uniforms are provided at no expense to the student/parents (except for normal upkeep and cleaning). **NOTE: Some first year students may choose to 'opt-out' of uniform wear, but will not participate in non-curriculum activities and will be considered a participating student and not a cadet. However, every person whether a participating student or a cadet in our program will maintain a personal appearance that follows the Army's guidelines for males and females.**

Daily attendance is a key part of our program. Missed curriculum work and uniform inspections must be made up to be counted for grade. Classroom tardies are tracked by the Cadet Battalion S-1, and more than three tardies per 9 week grading period may cause the student to not be considered for promotion or awards.

South Rowan JROTC proactively supports all other academic activities and teachers in the school. Failure in one or more (non-JROTC) classes will be sufficient reason to deny the student cadet consideration for promotion and/or awards and decorations during that semester.

JROTC grading rubric is per attachment.

South Rowan JROTC actively supports our local community stakeholders through participation in numerous events and ceremonies. School Year 17/18, scheduled events by day include the following: VA and Salisbury Veteran's Day Parades – 10 NOV, Landis and China Grove Christmas Parades – 21 NOV, "Wild Bill" Corriher/American Legion Night – 13 FEB 18, and China Grove Farmer's Day – 21 JUL 18.

The success of our JROTC program is in large measure a reflection of the outstanding cadets here at South Rowan AND the support of their parents. I encourage all parents/guardians to attend our first semester, Information Night at 6pm, Monday, 11 September.

Once again, we are happy your student has chosen to participate in our program, and we invite you to get involved as well. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 828-403-1802.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. R. Lowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William R. Lowe
Senior Army Instructor, JROTC
South Rowan High School.