NJROTC SYLLABUS AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

For new cadets, this will be a completely new experience. For returning cadets, this will be a review of what you already know and a notice that some elements will have changed or been updated.

I. **Course Title:**

Naval Science I, II, III, IV, Leadership, Team Skills and NJROTC Special Elective

II. **Course Objectives**

a) Promote Patriotism  
b) Promote Academic Excellence  
c) Develop Self Discipline  
d) Develop an informed and responsible citizen  
e) Develop a strong and well rounded character  
f) Develop leadership traits  
g) Promote the development of teamwork skills  
h) Provide services to the local community  
i) Provide opportunities for students to assume leadership roles in the program  
j) Develop qualities of integrity and attention attention to detail

III. **Eligibility Requirements.** For a student to join or remain in the Myrtle Beach High School NJROTC Program, he/she must

a) Be enrolled in Myrtle Beach High School in grades 9 through 12  
b) Be physically qualified and medically cleared to participate in strenuous physical activities. However, careful consideration will be made for some physical limitations.  
c) Meet and maintain NJROTC Grooming Standards as outlined in the Cadet Field Manual  
d) Meet and maintain uniform requirements to include wearing the uniform at least one 8 hour day per week  
e) Maintain a GPA of at least 2.0 and show consistent progress toward graduation

IV. **Scope and Description of the Course.** The Naval Science Curriculum is designed as a 4 year program.

1. **Naval Science 1.** Includes but is not limited to, the following areas of study.

   f) Introduction to the NJROTC Program  
g) Introduction to Leadership  
h) Leadership  
i) Followership  
j) Citizenship: to include a review of The Constitution of the United States and The Declaration of Independence  
k) Military Drill and Ceremonies  
l) Uniform Appearance and Maintenance  
m) Navy Ships and Aircraft Missions and Organization  
n) Physical Fitness, Health, and Nutrition

2. **Naval Science 2.** Includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of study

   o) Leadership in the NJROTC Program  
p) Naval Orientation  
q) Naval Weapons  
r) Small Boat Seamanship  
s) Naval History: Revolutionary War to the present
3. **Naval Science 3.** Includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of study

   a) Naval Leadership  
   b) Astronomy  
   c) Sea Power and National Security  
   d) Challenges of the Future  
   e) Naval History  
   f) International Law  
   g) Meteorology and Weather  
   h) Maneuvering Board and Navigation

4. **Naval Science IV.** Naval Science IV cadets will pursue their learning independently and in groups. They also learn leadership techniques by teaching and leading NSI, II, and III Cadets. Their areas of study include, but are not limited to

   a) Fundamental of Leadership  
   b) Theory of Human Motivation  
   c) Responsibilities/Qualities of Leadership  
   d) Leading by Example  
   e) Carrying out Orders and Responsibilities  
   f) Leadership and Group Dynamics  
   g) Positive Leadership Techniques  
   h) Authority and the Leader  
   i) Moral Responsibilities and the Leader  
   j) Basics of the Effective Communications Model  
   k) Achieving Effective Communications (identifying the roadblocks)  
   l) Effective Oral/Written Communications  
   m) Getting the message across  
   n) Avoiding Communications Pitfalls

5. **Naval Science Leadership.** Includes, but is not limited to, the following

   a) A continuation of the NSIV Class designed for those senior members of the staff to allow them the opportunity to interact with junior cadets while maintaining time to complete administrative assignment applicable for their current position within the unit

6. **Naval Science Team Skills.** Includes, but is not limited to,

   a) A continuation of Naval Science I providing the student with a more thorough look at the the Cadet Field/Drill Manual  
   b) Study of the Leadership Model including the Study of Principle Centered Leadership as taught by Stephen Covey  
   c) Teamwork and the lifespan of teams

7. **Naval Science Special Elective.** A class designed for members of the various teams to allow a further study of the basics of drill and ceremonies. The cadets will be involved in:

   1) Preparations for Community Service performances  
   2) Review the basics of drill and ceremonies  
   3) The calling voice and teaching drill movements to junior cadets
4) Leadership Roles
5) Followership Roles

V. **Textbooks and Uniforms.** All textbooks and uniform items for this course are provided by the U. S. Navy at no cost to the cadets. However, the cadets will be required to reimburse for lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) uniform items or textbooks at the brand new cost.

VI. **Weekly Schedule.** A typical week will go as follows

a) Monday: Classroom Instruction/Drill
b) Tuesday: Classroom Instruction/Drill
c) Wednesday: Physical Training
d) Thursday: Uniform Inspection and Instruction
e) Friday: Physical Training

VII. **Requirements.** The following requirements are the basis for Cadet grades in the Naval Science Course. Participation is mandatory and will contribute greatly to the overall success of the program. The cadet must immediately bring to the instructor’s attention any conflict which may prevent them from participating.

1. **Attendance, Homework, Schoolwork, Assigned Projects.** Attendance and performance in every class is important. Timely submission, accuracy, and quality of work are equally important to the NJROTC Program. Therefore, late submissions will only be accepted on a case by case basis with prior approval from the instructor.

2. **Tests and Quizzes 20% of grade.** Good study habits will make taking tests easier. Weekly general knowledge assessments will be given as well as testing at the end of a unit of study. In addition, a weekly vocabulary worksheet will be given based on a list of words from the MAP, HSAP, SAT, ACT and ASVAB word lists.

3. **Military Bearing 20% of grade.** The ability to interact and work with others towards a common goal is a basic tenet of the program. Disruptive classroom behavior in class and inappropriate conduct outside of class will not be tolerated.

4. **Personnel Inspection for Uniform Appearance, Grooming and Bearing 35% of grade.** A cadet, especially in uniform, is a highly visible representative of Myrtle Beach High School and the NJROTC Program. Along with wearing the uniform, correct grooming and proper personal bearing is an integral part of our NJROTC Program. Cadets are required to “sport” regulation haircuts and hairdos. Haircuts that are considered “eccentric” such as a “Mohawk” is not acceptable at any time. Hair color should be natural and any faddish hairstyle is not acceptable. Body piercing jewelry such as nose studs, lip rings, and Ear gauges that are visible and permanent are not acceptable at any time. Male cadets may not wear earring while in NJROTC Spaces or at any time while in uniform. Cadets are expected to abide by the core values of the program at all times.

a) Cadets are required to wear their uniforms to school on Thursdays. The uniform will be clean and pressed with shoes and brass shined to a high gloss. Cadets will be inspected for correct wear, grooming and bearing. **Cadets are required to wear the uniform all day: from their residence to the school, in all their classes (except PT or where there may be some danger i.e. building construction), and back to their residence at the end of the day.** There are no exceptions for this requirement and no excuses will be accepted for failure to wear the uniform.
b) Failure to wear the uniform during the prescribed uniform day will result in a grade of **zero** for inspection. A cadet who changes out of their uniform after his/her NJROTC Class without prior authorization by the instructors will be awarded a **zero** grade for inspection.

c) When a cadet is absent from school on uniform day, but the cadet returns on Friday, the cadet will wear the uniform that day and be graded appropriately.

5. **Physical Training 25% of the overall grade.** PT is extremely important to our NJROTC Program and has become a grave concern throughout all schools in the nation. Our PT is both vigorous and challenging to the cadets and while each cadet is expected to participate, careful consideration will be given for some physical limitations.

   a. Freshmen, this course satisfies the State of South Carolina requirement for Physical Education required for graduation. PT is held every Wednesday and Friday. The authorized PT Uniform for all sessions is the NJROTC PT Shirt. Each cadet was issued a shirt at initial clothing issue. Only instructors may authorize a substitute uniform. A 25 point deduction will be taken for those cadets not properly dressed out. When a cadet does not dress out and does not participate a grade of **zero** will be awarded.

   b. A note from a doctor or parent/guardian is required to be excused from PT. In emergency cases the students will be sent to the School Nurse to be excused from PT for that day.

6. **Mandatory Events.** While participation in teams is strictly voluntary there are three events that we consider mandatory at Myrtle Beach High School. These events include: Veteran’s Day, Area Manager’s Inspection and Awards Night. These are all opportunities for the entire unit to showcase its talents and the support of all cadets is required to ensure a smooth performance.

   a. Veteran’s **Day** is a special day at Myrtle Beach High School. The student body has come to expect an excellent showing from the MBHS Corps of Cadets including Drill presentations as well as an appropriate ceremony honoring our nation’s veterans. As the cadets are the reminder of those veterans they are expected to be in the ceremony and carry themselves with the proper decorum.

   b. **Area Managers/Unit Inspection.** Each year the unit is inspected by a senior member of the military or the Area Manager. Each cadet is an integral part of this inspection. Uniform wear, military bearing, haircuts and unit records are all reviewed during this process. Parents are invited to attend the drill portion that usually begins at approximately 10:00AM.

   c. **Awards Night.** Awards Night this year will be held on May 13, 2010. This is a time of special recognition for our cadets and attendance is required. Cadets are presented with the ribbons and awards they have earned during the second semester as well as any special awards they have been nominated for. We have approximately 15 outside agencies who come and recognize our cadets with ribbons, certificates and medals. In addition, the next year’s staff is named and introduced.

7. **Special events.** While participation in these events is not mandatory, these events contribute greatly to the cadet experience and produce a well rounded cadet who is well mannered, confident, competitive, and self-disciplined. Special attention will be given to each cadet’s overall academic performance and behavioral performance and will be a major determining factor when participation is considered. A grade below passing in any subject will limit a cadet’s participation. Instructors may make allowances after a discussion with the parent/guardian and other teachers. Students who fail to wear their
uniforms on prescribed occasions or who are failing NJROTC will be exempted from participation.

a. Field Trips. Throughout the year our cadets will have the opportunity to participate in our field trips. The include, but are not limited to trips to Theme parks, The naval Academy, Washington D.C. and The Battleship North Carolina.

b. Teams. Our program has a number of award winning teams: Armed and Un-armed Drill, Color Guard, Academic, Orienteering, Athletic, and Rifle Teams are available to all cadets with the only limiting number being the Rifle Team. Participation on these teams requires a significant time commitment for the cadet and the parent as well as we practice two to three times weekly and participated in about 30 events per year. Participation in these teams will provide the cadet a leg up on his/her peers

c. Military Ball. The Annual Military Ball is the highlight of the Horry County JROTC season. It is one of the few times the entire program comes together with instructors and cadets for an evening of dancing, conversation, and fun. Female cadets are asked to wear a party dress (formal or semi-formal is appropriate) and the males (in the JROTC Program) will wear the appropriate services Dress Uniform. Each unit will select a JROTC SWEETHEART QUEEN and these young ladies will compete for the title of Horry County JROTC Sweetheart Queen. The competition includes a written resume of accomplishments, pictures and a face to face interview with the judges

d. Fundraising. As with all programs, to do all the things we like to do requires a number of special events directly aimed a raising funds for the program. The number of events we do is directly impacted by the amount of money we can raise through the efforts of the cadets and their families. To this end, we strongly encourage all cadets to participate whenever the opportunity arises