Field Trips and Special Events

Being in JROTC offers cadets many special field trips and events they may participate in. For example, JROTC went to March ARB and flew on an Air Force C-17, the Air Force’s newest cargo plane. Also, JROTC went to Pt Mugu and flew on a C-130 Hercules over Catalina Island. Cadets were thrilled to experience flying over the island with the cargo door opened. More recently, cadets experienced Air Force 1 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, as well as the Space Shuttle at the California Science Center. Our Color Guard has presented the colors for the National Anthem at Dodger Stadium, Staples Center for a Clippers Game, the Stub Hub Center for a Galaxy game, the LA Coliseum and the USS Iowa here in San Pedro. However, every year the cadets attend the LAUSD JROTC Military Ball held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in downtown LA. This is the biggest social event of the year for JROTC cadets.
JROTC Mission

The mission of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. JROTC is a 4-year program providing citizenship training and aerospace knowledge for high school students. Students are taught discipline and leadership while they learn among their peers as it is a cadet-led program.

How to Enroll in JROTC

There are multiple ways a student may enroll into JROTC.

- When counselors meet with 8th graders every spring to enroll them into SPHS.
- During new student/parent orientations every summer before school begins.
- Once school begins, students may request schedule changes with their counselors.
- Visit the JROTC classroom and an instructor will assist with enrolling in JROTC.

Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites for enrollment into JROTC. Enrollment is open to all 9th—12th grade students and students may stay enrolled for one or all four years of high school. JROTC is a voluntary program and cadets must request enrollment into the program.

JROTC Curriculum

There are three fields of study in JROTC including aerospace science, leadership education and wellness (physical Training). Classes meet every day, every period of the day.

Aerospace Science (AS)

AS acquaints students with the elements of aerospace and the aerospace environment. It introduces the history of aviation, principles of aircraft flight and navigation, space programs and technology, and rocket propulsion.

Leadership Education (LE)

LE helps students develop leadership skills and acquaints students with the practical application of life skills. LE emphasizes student discipline, citizenship, time management, career opportunities, financial literacy and management skills.

Wellness Program

Wellness is an official and integral part of Air Force JROTC. The objective of wellness is to motivate students to lead healthy and active lifestyles into

JROTC Scholarships

JROTC benefits from multiple sponsors who support and encourage JROTC cadets to do well academically. These sponsors are nationally recognized military and aerospace organizations who provide scholarships to cadets who meet certain academic requirements. In 2017, three $1,000 scholarships were awarded to SPHS JROTC cadets. Also, JROTC cadets receive special consideration for Air Force college ROTC scholarships.

JROTC Cost to Students

JROTC is completely free to every student. Students will be issued the JROTC uniform and will wear the uniform one day per week. Also, each student is issued one set of physical training (PT) clothes to be worn on the weekly physical training days. Uniforms must be returned to JROTC at the end of each school term; however, PT clothes and shoes may be kept by the student. We do not recruit for the military and JROTC students do not have any military

JROTC Extra-Curricular Activities

Color Guard: Presents and posts the colors during formal school and community events.

Raider Team: Focuses on physical fitness, mental toughness, teamwork and endurance.

Cyber Patriots: Competitive cyber defense team tasked with finding cyber security vulnerabilities and hardening the system.

Armed Drill Team: Military drill routines with inert replica Daisy Springfield rifles.

Model Rocketry: Building and launching of model

Community Service

A major part of the JROTC experience is school and community service. Cadets gain a sense of civic pride when giving back to the community. Every student at SPHS is required to complete 10 community service hours every school year. JROTC is an excellent opportunity to complete those hours while participating in our after school