

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

Name of EDA: Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
School Level: High

Description of Activity: The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a federal program sponsored by the United States Armed Forces in high schools across the USA. The purpose of the JROTC is to instill in students the values of citizenship, service to the USA, and personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment. Specifically, its objectives are to develop: good citizenship and patriotism; self-reliance, leadership and a responsiveness to constituted authority; an appreciation of the importance of physical fitness; an increased respect for the role of the US Armed Forces; and a knowledge of basic military skills. The curriculum is taught by retired military professionals and it combines classroom instruction and extracurricular activities oriented on attaining an awareness of the rights, responsibilities, and privileges of citizenship.

Under the direction of the principal, the JROTC teacher/advisor is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing a number of after-school and weekend activities of the drill team and color guard. These activities include, but are not limited to: staff planning for color guard/drill teams; community events (parades); field meets; leadership camp weekends/camp summer; community projects (e.g., Adopt-A-Road); fund raisers; mentoring, and recruiting at middle schools; field trips; and the Military Ball and Awards Banquet. Drill competitions are sponsored on county, state, and national levels. JROTC units gather to participate in individual and team competitions. Drill teams and color guards meet to train. The practice of drill requires mental and physical discipline. Drill also instills habits of precision and automatic response to orders. Drill develops the leadership skills of cadets as well as a sense of accomplishment and pride.

Link to the Blueprint for Progress: JROTC teachers/advisors contribute to the system's mission to provide a quality education for all students by promoting a school environment that is safe and conducive to learning. JROTC supports the *Blueprint's* Performance Goal 4, Indicator 4.1, and 4.2 Strategy a, and b

Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor	Estimated Hours
Preparation and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan and indicate time and location to conduct practice • Obtains equipment needed for practices • Identify cadets who will hold leadership positions on each team • Enters team events on the school calendar 	35 – 45
Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets twice a week to practice drill and learn new formations • Determine which drill competition in which the teams should participate 	50 – 65

Other EDA Duties

50+

- Announces and promotes meetings (1/2 hour weekly – school announcements, local newspapers, flyers and bulletins, school newspaper and yearbook)
- If you are the sponsoring school obtains permission to use the school or other facilities to host the drill meet
- Prepares the letter of instruction mailed to the participating programs
- Recruits judges for the competitions
- Purchases trophies and other items to recognize individuals and teams
- Color guard will be requested in support of school sporting events, assemblies and special gatherings
- Color guard will support BCPS activities and community events
- Obtains proper protocols and arranges travel
- Acquires parental permissions and fees for travel and entrance fees
- Arranges for transportation to and from events
- Conducts fund raising activities as necessary

Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 159+

Minimum Number of Students Required: The team consists of 12 members and there are usually 2 color guards, 4 members each. In addition, we will train two 7-member squads, 1 with weapons and 1 without weapons.

Annual Compensation

JROTC is a Level III and Level IV activity.