



JROTC SECTION

Alabama Association of Career & Technical Education

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CTE Directors, Alabama State Department of Education

FROM: Lieutenant Colonel Robert F. Barrow, US Army Retired, President of the JROTC Section of the Alabama Association of Career & Technical Education

SUBJECT: Recommendations How to Best Utilize JROTC Instructors as Members of CTE

1. JROTC is a program under the Government & Public Administration Cluster:

- We offer a Credential recognized by the State as a College & Career Readiness Indicator...it is the JROTC Completion Certificate.
- Ensure that our instructors submit a report to you identifying the number of certificates awarded AND that the credential is awarded in I-Now.

2. JROTC Instructors may only teach courses in the Valid State Course File:

- JROTC Instructors are certified by the State to ONLY teach JROTC courses (unless that individual holds a separate teaching certificate issued by ALSDE).
- Do not have them teach courses like "Tiger Block" or other such courses used for intervention purposes. We have valid courses that can be used for this purpose.
- The valid course files can be found at this website:

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/cte/Program%20Grids/Government%20and%20Public%20Admin%20Cluster%20Programs%20-%20CRIs%20-%20Careers%20Chart%202016-2017.pdf#search=jrotc>

3. JROTC Instructors are full players in Career & Technical Education:

- CTE Directors need to hold us accountable and ensure we fulfill our obligations as CTE instructors...this includes the on-line "Completers Report" due annually.
- JROTC Instructors should receive their fair share of CTE funding to include 1) Maintenance of Effort funding; 2) Operations & Maintenance (O&M) funding; 3) Perkins funding for professional development, etc.

4. JROTC Instructors that receive CTE funding SHOULD do the following:

- Be members of the ALACTE - JROTC Section.
- Attend ALACTE Summer Conference.
- Participate in the Joint Leadership Development Conference (JLDC) with cadets.
- Participate in the annual JROTC Cadet State Conference with cadets in Montgomery.
- Pay Dues (\$25.00 per program) to support the JROTC Cadet State Officers fund.
- STRONGLY RECOMMEND that those instructors who DO NOT participate in the above events NOT receive CTE funding other than Maintenance funds as required by law).

5. JROTC Courses receive an embedded PE credit:

- Ensure that JROTC Instructors teach to fidelity the 16 course standards associated with the ALSDE approved Lifelong Individualized Fitness Education (LIFE) program as outlined in the Alabama Course of Study – Physical Education.

- Instructors must ensure that they enter the test data into the Health tab in I-Now in accordance with the Alabama Physical Fitness Assessment manual.

6. JROTC Courses can be granted a waiver to receive an embedded credit for the state mandated Career Preparedness Course...However:

- Each district must apply for this waiver individually.

- Districts must demonstrate that all 23 course standards of the Career Preparedness Course are taught to fidelity in the JROTC pacing guide...must cross-walk JROTC curriculum to each standard and objectives as outlined in the Alabama Course of Study for the course.

7. JROTC is No Longer granted a state-wide waiver to receive an embedded credit for the state mandated Health Course.

- Some programs have asked for an exception...I do not know of any district being granted this waiver.

8. JROTC may offer a CO-OP Course using a state approved course code – 480076 “Senior Career Pathway Project – Government and Public Administration”:

- Mobile County Public School System has CO-OP Memorandums of Agreement with the City of Mobile Fire and Police Departments.

- Cadets must work in these positions for the entire semester to receive course credit.

- Currently, unaware of other JROTC CO-OP programs in the state, but am willing to assist those districts who have an interest in developing one.

I hope you find this information useful. I can be reached by e-mail at rfbarrow@mcps.com or by office phone at (251) 221-5100. My personal cell phone is (251) 423-0437. As the president of our JROTC Section, I am at your disposal if I can help assist in any way. Thanks for your support of the four JROTC programs offered in our state (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force). If you are interested in starting a program, let me know and I will help guide you to the application process. Have a fantastic school year!

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