

# MCJROTC LE-1 (Leadership Education I) – 9th Grade Syllabus

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## Course Description

Welcome to Marine Corps JROTC! LE-1 introduces you to leadership, teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, and citizenship. This course helps you build confidence and responsibility while learning what it means to be part of a team. You will learn in the classroom, through physical activities, and by wearing the Marine Corps uniform with pride.

## Course Objectives

- • Learn and demonstrate leadership and self-discipline
- • Understand Marine Corps history, values, customs, and structure
- • Improve your citizenship and decision-making skills
- • Participate in physical training, drill, and uniform inspections
- • Show respect for self, others, and your community
- • Represent yourself and the Corps with pride

## Cadet Expectations

- • Follow the Marine Corps values: Honor, Courage, and Commitment
- • Wear the uniform properly and proudly on assigned days
- • Keep a clean and groomed appearance (Marine Corps grooming standards apply)
- • Respect instructors, classmates, and the American flag
- • Follow all school and JROTC rules
- • Participate in all class, physical, and extracurricular activities
- • Bring required materials to class daily (notebook, pen, laptop)

## Uniform and Grooming

Uniform Days: Monday–Friday (or as directed)

- Uniform must be clean, ironed, and worn correctly

- Hair and grooming must meet Marine Corps standards
- Cadets who don't wear their uniform will receive a zero for the week—no exceptions

## Grading Policy

Category	Weight
Physical Fitness	20%
Tests/Quizzes (Academics)	20%
Uniform Inspection/Drill	40%
Conduct	10%

Important: Missing uniform days, poor attendance, or inappropriate behavior will lower your grade.

## Tiered Intervention and Discipline

### Tier 1 – General Expectations (Most Cadets)

- All cadets are expected to meet attendance, behavior, and academic standards
- Uniform, grooming, and behavior expectations are reviewed weekly
- Teachers and parents communicate regularly if problems begin

### Tier 2 – Targeted Support

If a cadet:

- Misses uniform day 2+ times
- Struggles with behavior or attendance
- Fails to maintain a passing grade

Then:

- A parent conference is scheduled
- A behavior or performance contract is created
- Cadet receives extra help or mentoring
- Weekly progress reports are shared with parents

### Tier 3 – Intensive Support

If problems continue:

- A student success plan is developed with administration
- Cadet may be referred for alternative education support
- May result in rank reduction, disenrollment, or removal from program

## Discipline Guidelines

Cadets may face consequences for:

- Repeated uniform violations (3 or more per marking period)
- Failing JROTC or multiple other classes

- Disrespect, inappropriate behavior, or misuse of social media
- Poor attitude or motivation
- Violating school rules or Marine Corps values

Disciplinary actions may include:

- Verbal/Written counseling
- Referral to school administration
- Reduction in rank
- Failing grade
- Removal from the JROTC program

### **Parent Contact & Communication**

- Parents may contact instructors by phone, email, or in person
- Parent meetings are held as needed for support or concerns
- Instructors will notify parents if academic or behavior issues arise
- Parents are encouraged to attend JROTC events and ceremonies

### **Course Outcomes**

- • Show growth in leadership, self-discipline, and citizenship
- • Understand Marine Corps structure and values
- • Demonstrate basic drill and inspection skills
- • Improve fitness and teamwork
- • Be prepared for success in future JROTC levels and life

### **Key Topics Covered**

- • Drill & Ceremonies
- • Leadership and Citizenship
- • Marine Corps History and Customs
- • Physical Fitness Training
- • Community Service
- • Team Activities (Color Guard, Drill Team, Marksmanship)

### **Required Materials**

- • Cadet Handbook
- • Cadet Notebook
- • School-issued Laptop
- • JROTC-Issued Uniform

"Semper Fidelis" – Always Faithful.

This course is designed to push you to be a better person, and be part of something bigger than yourself!