

Codes of Conduct

PURPOSE

This lesson introduces you to codes of conduct. It provides the basic requirements for conduct in school and conduct as a MCJROTC cadet.

Introduction

Did you ever wonder why there are always rules? Have you noticed that there are signs on businesses and organizations everywhere you go that tell you what you can or cannot do? If you go to recreation centers, parks, or your local swimming pool, there are rules. In order to use any of these facilities, you must follow their rules.

Schools and MCJROTC also have rules or behavior standards that must be followed. These rules establish standards of personal behavior (**conduct**) in the school setting and MCJROTC. They are called **codes of conduct**. Codes of conduct are a system of principles or rules that govern conduct. The codes of conduct provide specific expectations or rules for appropriate behavior and the consequences for violating them.

School Codes of Conduct

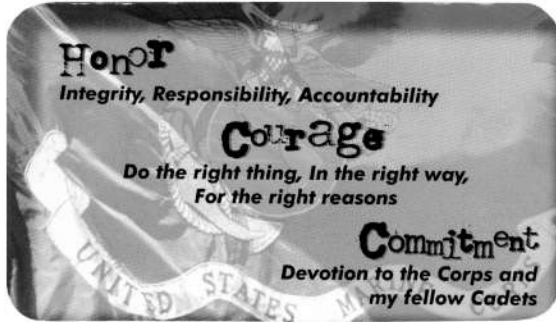
School codes of conduct vary from school to school depending on their specific needs. Therefore, general guidelines are provided here for school codes of conduct. School codes of conduct usually include the following policies:

- Stated responsibilities of school, students, and parents
- Attendance
- Chemical or substance abuse
- Dangerous objects
- Disruptive behavior
- Fighting/aggression/threats/violent behavior
- **Integrity**
- Transportation
- Tobacco products
- Trespassing
- Vandalism
- Sexual harassment
- Technology and the Internet

Schools typically provide students with the school codes of conduct at the beginning of the school year. Teachers and administrators reemphasize rules throughout the school year as necessary. Students may be required to read, sign, and date the codes of conduct. Parents are usually involved in this process and obliged to ensure that all concerned parties understand the rules and the consequences.

School codes of conduct normally apply to students on school property, on school buses, at school bus stops, and when attending school-sponsored activities. It also applies to student conduct that interferes or obstructs the orderly operation of the school system or the safety or welfare of students, employees, or volunteers of the school system.

MCJROTC Codes of Conduct



As a MCJROTC cadet, you have certain responsibilities to the Corps. You are expected to maintain high standards for yourself and others. You cannot ask others to do what you will not do. You must set the example by displaying **honor**, **courage**, and **commitment**. However, what are these terms and what do they mean to you?

Honor is the quality that guides ethical and **moral** behavior. It includes integrity, **responsibility**, and **accountability**. To have integrity (honesty) you must have **ethics** and morals. Ethics is a set of standards or a value system by which human actions are determined to be right or wrong, good or evil. Moral behavior is conforming to a standard of right behavior. To be responsible is to be trustworthy or reliable. When you are accountable, you have an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility. This means that you must have integrity and exhibit moral and ethical behavior. It means you must be responsible and accountable for your actions. How can you be a role model, if you do not lead by example? How can someone else depend on you, if you cannot be depended on?

Courage is the mental quality that recognizes fear of danger or criticism but enables a leader to proceed in the face of it with calmness

and firmness. What does this mean to you? It means that you will do the right thing, in the right

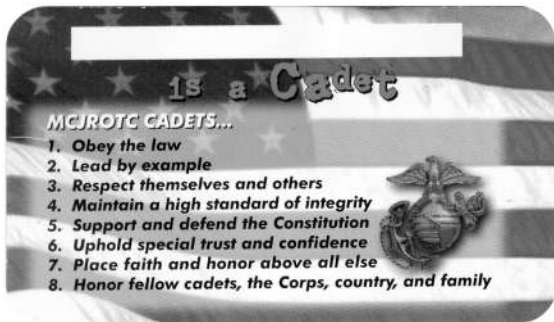
way and for the right reasons. Does this only involve dangerous situations? No, it means that you will stand up for what is right even when you are the only one to do so. It means that you will not do something just because everyone else is doing it. It means that in your daily life, you will encounter situations that may require courage and you will be expected to exhibit that courage. Does it mean that you will not be fearful? No, it means that you are willing to work through your fear to overcome it and do the right thing, or make the right choice for the right reasons.

Commitment is an agreement or pledge to do something. If you are committed, you will stick with it no matter what. Your commitment includes your devotion to the Corps and your fellow cadets.

As an MCJROTC cadet, you represent more than yourself. You represent the Cadet Corps, the school, and the Marine Corps. The following are the MCJROTC Codes of Conduct you should live by:

- Obey the law
- Lead by example
- Respect yourselves and others
- Maintain a high standard of integrity
- Support and defend the Constitution

- Uphold special trust and confidence
- Place faith and honor above all else
- Honor fellow cadets, the Corps, country, and family



Conclusion

As a cadet in the MCJROTC program, it is important that you obey the school and MCJROTC codes of conduct. You are a role model and are expected to exhibit the highest standards.❖

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