

Memorandum of Agreement for Participation in MCJROTC

1. Cadets are required to wear their MCJROTC uniform one full day to all classes (on designated Uniform Day). During their MCJROTC class, cadets will be inspected by senior cadets and/or MCJROTC instructors for neatness and compliance with regulations. Cadets are also inspected for hygiene and MCJROTC knowledge, and they receive a grade for this event. Except for traveling to/from school on Uniform Day and off-campus MCJROTC events, cadets are normally not allowed to wear the MCJROTC uniform off-campus. However, cadets can ask the Senior Marine Instructor for special permission to wear the MCJROTC uniform off-campus for special events (e.g., weddings, funerals, etcetera).
2. Male cadets are required to have neatly trimmed and tapered (faded) haircuts, which must comply with the following standards:
 - a. Hair length will be zero at the hairline and evenly graduated toward the top of the head.
 - b. Hair cannot touch the ears and should be tapered, not blocked.
 - c. Sideburns will not go below the top of the ear orifice.
 - d. The hair on top of the head will not exceed 3 inches in length, and it will be washed and neatly combed.
 - e. Hair must be a natural color, normally coinciding with the eyebrows.
3. Female cadets have no restrictions as to the length of their hair, while in civilian clothes (out of uniform). However, while in uniform female cadets must comply with the following standards:
 - a. Hair will be styled in a manner so that it does not fall below the top of the shirt collar.
 - b. Hairstyles must be neat and conservative in appearance, and must not interfere with the proper wear of the uniform headgear.
 - c. Hairpins will be hidden, and no other items are allowed in the hair.
 - d. Hair must be a natural color, normally coinciding with the eyebrows.
4. Male cadets are not authorized to wear earrings in uniform or in the classroom. Female cadets are authorized to wear plain gold or silver stud earrings (one on each ear) in uniform. No other jewelry will be visible around the neck. Watches are the only authorized jewelry on the wrist. One ring on each hand is allowed.
5. Male cadets will be clean-shaven on a daily basis, especially when wearing the uniform. Mustaches are the only facial hair authorized for male cadets. Mustaches must be trimmed so that the hair does not fall below the top edge of the upper lip and does not exceed past the corners of the mouth. **Beards of any kind are NOT authorized.**
6. Cadets represent the entire MCJROTC program on and off-campus and are expected to conduct themselves with respect and dignity at all times. Cadets never lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do.
7. Cadets will be given opportunities to perform community service throughout the year. It should be noted that cadets are expected to meet their obligations, when the sign-up for a community service event.
8. The MCJROTC curriculum emphasizes "leadership, citizenship, and scholarship." Accordingly, cadets are expected to abide by the rules established by the Redondo Beach Unified School District as well as the regulations taught in MCJROTC. Cadets are expected to exemplify proper behavior in all classes.
9. Uniforms and equipment are issued to cadets on a loan basis, which means that all items must be returned when a cadet leaves the program. These items are U.S. Government property (not school property) and are accountable. School fines or other formal legal action may be used to recover these items.
10. Any uniform item that is lost, stolen, or misplaced will require the parent/guardian to reimburse the government for the item at the market price established by the U.S. Marine Corps. Legitimately damaged, destroyed, or worn out uniform items may be replaced at no cost, pending approval by the Senior Marine Instructor.
11. Cadets are required to participate in progressive Physical Training (PT) which includes instruction on health, wellness, nutrition as well as warm-up, stretching, exercise, and physically challenging activities. Cadets are required to dress out in their PT uniform and to participate in all PT activities.
12. Cadets must be "fully physically qualified" to participate in physical training activities. Waivers are granted on a case by case basis. Cadets with disabling physical handicaps may be unable to meet MCJROTC physical requirements and may be unable to take the youth physical fitness tests. However, these cadets will still receive a grade base upon their effort and attitude. Doctor's notes with specific limitations and time frames are required to temporarily excuse cadets from physical activities.
13. The MCJROTC program is structured around leadership training, which requires the cadets to be placed in positions of authority commensurate with their knowledge, skills, and abilities. New cadets must understand the need for willingness to learn as followers, before they can become leaders in this program. Willing and immediate obedience to lawful orders from senior cadets and/or MCJROTC Instructors is expected by all.

By my signature below, I acknowledge this **Memorandum of Agreement** as instructed and outlined herein.

Cadet Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date