

Braden River High School JROTC
Standard Operating Procedure
2021-2022



Drill Team

Coach: CSM Figueroa

Overall Team Commanders

Assistant Commanders

Unarmed Platoon

Armed Platoon

Exhibition Platoon

Armed Squad

Unarmed Squad

Exhibition Squad

Colorguard

Males

Cadet LTC Brett Brustad

Cadet Captain Ethan Mullet

Cadet Captain Reece miller

Cadet LTC Brett Brustad

Cadet Captain Ethan Mullet

Cadet Captain Ryan Mccoughney

Cadet First Sergeant Christan Bell

Cadet First Sergeant Taylor Fairchild

Cadet Sergeant Nathan Walmsley

Females

Cadet Major Elayna Andrews

Cadet CSM Julianna Chupp

Cadet First Sergeant Cristal Trejo

Cadet CSM Julianna Chupp

Cadet Major Elayna Andrews

Cadet Captain Ashley Beck

Cadet Sergeant Aurora Skuba

Cadet Sergeant Sophia Swim

Cadet Corporal Adanna Wharton

Pirate Battalion
Drill Motto

Born to March,
Trained to Drill,
Love to Win,
And Always Will!

Pirate Battalion Drill Team

Standard Operating Procedures

1. The Purpose of this SOP is to set standards and qualifications for membership on the Drill Team, and to establish criteria for Drill Team awards.

2. Breakdown of the Team:

a. Drill Team Commander

i. The commander will normally be a LET 3 or higher cadet who normally has at least two years of experience on The Drill Team. Specific duties of the commander are:

- 1.** Command the Drill Team at all formation, meetings, functions, and training activities, under the supervision of the Drill Coach (JROTC instructor).
- 2.** Plan training and other activities, under the direction of the Drill Coach (JROTC Instructor). If the team commander does not plan it, it will not happen.
- 3.** Call meetings of the team to plan events as needed, and to call team meetings to inform them of decisions, and to train them. These meetings should be coordinated in advance with the Drill Coach.
- 4.** Make recommendations to the Drill Coach for appointment of subordinate leaders.
- 5.** Train subordinate leaders and make sure they are doing their jobs properly.
- 6.** Forward to the Drill Coach a list of those members who should receive awards.
- 7.** Set an excellent example, and insure that members exercise good traits of leadership and citizenship at all times.

b. Drill Team Assistant Commander

i. The Drill Team Assistant Commander is a LET-3 or LET-4 cadet who is capable of assuming all the duties of the commander. In addition, the Assistant Commander will:

1. Assist in the training of The Drill Team
2. Insure that all administrative tasks are complete.
3. Take charge of the team in the absence of the commander.
4. Take role call at all formations, meetings, and other events, and keep an attendance log for all training sessions and events.
5. Make note of absences at all functions and determine if they should be listed as excused. If not excused, they should be reported to the team commander for necessary actions.
6. Track the progress for each Drill using the point system.

c. Team Members

- i. Membership on the Drill Team is open to all cadets in The Pirate Battalion, regardless their rank, class, or position. However, all members must meet minimum selection criteria:
 1. Be enrolled in the current school year as a cadet in JROTC
 2. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all classes and a grade “C” in all classes at all times.
 3. Be able to perform basic drill movements
- ii. Members will take orders from The Drill Team Coach, the Drill Team Commander, The Drill Team Assistant Commander, and their individual team commander. If a member of the team is a higher-ranking cadet, he or she is still outranked by The Drill Team Commander, who oversees the team. Higher-ranking cadets should be aware of this point before joining the Drill Team. The final decision-making authority for all Drill team issues is the Drill Coach (JROTC Instructor).

3. Procedures

- a. **Meetings:** The Drill Team may hold meetings before or after school. Team members will attend meetings as called for by the team commander or Drill Coach. Practices are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:30PM-4:30PM. Additional morning practices may be called as determined by each individual team commander.

4. Point System:

a. Standards: Every member begins with 0 points, and the lower amount of points the cadet maintains the better. The points consider competitions, rifle return, and attendance. Once 50 points is reached or exceeded, that cadet will no longer be eligible for awards at the award ceremony related to drill, regardless of if negative points place the cadet lower than 50 again. Once 100 points is reached or exceeded the cadet will immediately be terminated from the team.

b. Absences:

i. **Excused Absences** will be determined on a case-by-case basis, for instance, medical emergencies or car accidents. However, if the event was previously planned, for it to be excused by one of the overall team commanders, they must be informed at least 2 weeks prior to the event occurring. If a last-minute trip is planned or a last-minute doctor appointment is scheduled, these still do not count unless the cadet lets the commander know 2 weeks prior. If a cadet is sick and is unable to come into school that day, you must receive a doctor's note.

1. Excused Absences will count anywhere from 2-5 points as determined by the Overall Commander.

ii. **Unexcused Absences** are unacceptable, as a drill team member, it is expected that all practices are attended unless excused beforehand. Most common unexcused absence is academic probation. If placed on academic probation, this still counts as an unexcused absence (there's no excuse for academic failure). However, if on academic probation and the cadet still attends the practice to work on homework, less points will be added as specified below.

1. Unexcused Absences will count as 20 points

2. Academic Probation with continual attendance (not to practice drill, but to complete schoolwork) will count as 15 points

iii. **Late Attendance**

1. Tardiness is inexcusable and will cause addition of points.
 - a. Since there are 90 minutes in every afternoon drill practice, every approximate 10 minutes will count as 2 points.
 - i. 1 minute late will round up to 10 minutes (meaning 2 points added), 11 minutes will round up to 20 minutes (meaning 4 points added), and this continues until the maximum 20 points is reached

iv. **Bonuses from Competitions**

1. First Place: -3 points
2. Second Place: -1 points
3. Individual Awards: -3 points
 - a. Note: If the cadet has 0 points at the time of receipt of these bonuses, the cadet does not then have negative points, they will remain at 0.
 - b. Note: If the cadet has already exceeded 50 points, and their points go below 50 with the addition of bonus points, they still do not receive drill awards at Military Awards Night.
- c. Rifle Return
 - i. Failure to return rifle on designated date will cause an addition of 10 points for each day not return.

5. Awards

- a. Drill Team beret and The Drill Cord is authorized to be worn by active members after Drill Assessment and selection to the team. The beret is only authorized to be worn to Drill Team competitions or other community activities approved by the Drill Coach (JROTC Instructor). The Drill Team Cord is to be always worn with the uniform if the cadet is an active member of the Drill Team.
- b. The Drill Team Medal will be awarded annually at the end of the years JROTC Awards' Ceremony to the active members as determined by the point system and as defined in the awards book.

- c. The Drill Arc is awarded to all members meeting the criteria in the awards book.

6. Suspensions and Terminations

- a. Failure to retain eligibility from the activity/athletic office. All members will be placed on the eligibility list at the school and meet all eligibility requirements.
 - i. Failure to maintain a 'C' average in a JROTC class.
 - ii. Failure to keep a "C" grade in all other non-JROTC classes (no Ds or F's)
 - iii. Failure to adhere to the highest standards of conduct and appearance of the Drill team, to bring discredit to the Drill Team and the corps of cadets.
 - iv. Failure to wear the prescribed uniform on any cadet uniform day, and/or failure to maintain strict haircut and grooming standards set forth by the Drill Team.
 - v. The final decision-making authority for all Drill Team issues is the Drill Coach (JROTC Instructor). Failure to listen to a Drill Team commander or Assistant/Team commander repetitively. (2 Strikes)

7. Competitions

- a. The Drill Team can compete in six competitions each year within Florida (pending funding). Competitions will be scheduled through the JROTC Instructor and placed on the activity calendar. These activities include Varsity competitions, LET-1 competitions, and color guards in the community.