



New Cadet Orientation

Dunedin's High School NJROTC New Cadet Orientation (NCO) period is designed to provide entry-level familiarity with the Navy JROTC Program. It is not a boot camp or a weeding-out period. The adjustment to a military style environment and high school can be stressful, and NCO will aid in transitioning new cadets into the program. Cadets who complete NCO will emerge with a solid foundation for the learning, growth, and opportunities that the next four years will present.

Specifically, NCO affords the opportunity for basic indoctrination in followership, Navy uniform regulations and grooming standards, an introduction to basic military customs, courtesies, traditions, and unit organization, obtaining basic competency in military drill, physical fitness testing and training, and instruction in the benefits of participation in the NJROTC program and responsibilities as a cadet. During NCO, new cadets participate in many activities with other members of their class. New cadets should expect to participate in some or all of the following: physical fitness training, drill, and class competitions. Safety is paramount during NCO.

All of the training at NCO is carefully scrutinized to eliminate any needless risk. Members of the Dunedin High School NJROTC staff are with the new students every step of the way. The purpose of NCO is to motivate by example, demonstrating excellence through leadership. Finally, while NCO is a serious event, there is also time for fun. Once acclimated to their new roles and responsibilities, new students begin to develop a special "esprit de corps" and sense of fraternity with their fellow cadets, and an appreciation and pride for the history and traditions of the naval service.

New Cadet Orientation (NCO) is not mandatory for incoming cadet freshmen, but it is highly encouraged. It is an opportunity for cadets to learn, become familiar with new environments, and bond with their peers. This bond will be continually developed and reinforced during their time here at Dunedin High School NJROTC.

The NCO program will include classes on the following subjects:

- Introduction to the NJROTC Program
- NJROTC Unit and Company Structure/Chain of Command
- Introduction to Drill
- NJROTC Uniform

We look forward to welcoming our new cadets and embarking on this exciting journey together.

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