

MILITARY TEACHING, ADVISING and RECRUITMENT at WMST

WHAT IS BEING TAUGHT AT WMST?

As a STEM-focused school (Science –Technology – Engineering – Mathematics), it was a logical move to have a Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC) program at WMST. Ours is sponsored by the Air Force (AF-JROTC), which therefore provides us with two highly trained and experienced Air Force instructors for science and technology classes such as: Aerospace Science (I-IV) and Aerospace Engineering. Enrollment in one of these classes mandates participation in the JROTC program. In addition to a more rigorous curriculum of education, discipline and civic engagement, our AF-JROTC / Aerospace Science students perform many hours of community service, learn to fly, and represent WMST at Color Guard presentations and Drill Team competitions citywide (2012-2016 Champions).

HOW DO WE ADVISE OUR STUDENTS?

Military service has been attractive to two types of WMST alumni: those whose circumstances make it desirable or even necessary for them to become independent immediately following graduation, and those who are leaders and/or already are excelling. Service in the Armed Forces presents many opportunities for advancement, so it is no coincidence that WMST's most accomplished alumni are veterans or active service members.

At WMST, we know that a military career and a college education are not mutually exclusive; therefore, we counsel students on the many ways that they can use military service, or the educational opportunities the services offer, to help them reach their career goals that may or may not include a college education:

1. Military Junior Colleges (2-year degree programs followed by military service)
2. Service Academies (4-year degree followed by military commission)
3. ROTC Scholarships (to any 4-year college with an ROTC program, followed by military service)
4. Reserve Duty (while attending college)
5. Full Enlistment (with concurrent or subsequent college attendance)

WMST offers the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) for students 1) to identify and assess their innate strengths and career paths; and/or 2) who are considering entering the military. We also work with DC Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who hosts information sessions and nominates students for the service academies.

WHO RECRUITS AT WMST?

For the past 5 years, the following branches have actively recruited WMST students. Our current 2016-2017 recruiters' contact information is listed below.

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