

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**November 8, 2011**

**SUBJECT:**

A request for the teaching allocation required to begin an ROTC program at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Ridge Spring-Monetta High School has limited exploratory offerings and is the only high school in the District that lacks an ROTC program.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

An ROTC program will engage a large number of students that are currently not involved in any other activities and provide preparation for a career after high school. The program will also offer positive extracurricular activities and encourage on-time graduation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the request to establish an ROTC program.

**ATTACHMENT:**

ROTC Unit Application

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## Marine Corps Junior ROTC Program JROTC Unit Application

### Introduction

The Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) program serves to develop informed and responsible citizens as well as a deep sense of pride and character in high school students. It is a unique program that stresses the learning of leadership skills that will enhance the lives of the young adults who participate.

In order to fulfill its mission, the Marine Corps JROTC Program seeks to fulfill the following objectives:

- Give students an appreciation for the origin, advantages and responsibilities of citizenship in our country.
- Develop in students an understanding of good leadership skills and the advantages of strong moral character.
- Promote in the students an understanding for the need and application of our national security.
- Develop in students a sense of pride and direction in their maturity and personal discipline.
- Teach students to understand and respect the need for constitutional authority as the foundation of a democratic society.

We value our partnership with schools across America. MCJROTC is at its essence a Leadership Education program meant solely to develop character and citizenship. Although a comprehensive learning environment anchored in a military structure is not for all students, there is a body of defendable academic knowledge that clearly articulates the significant benefit to those that choose to participate. Our curriculum was the first to be nationally accredited under CITA/SACS and is directly linked to National Standards. Responding to local challenges, MCJROTC programs can be implemented in any one of several configurations to include a traditional model, cluster, school within a school, and stand-alone academy. In an environment of fiscal challenges, many School Districts find a cooperative relationship attractive, allowing them to provide curricular and extra curricular options at a significantly lower cost.

As partners, we share both common and unique expectations.

Your MCJROTC Program will be expected to not only excel during the school day, but also maintain robust extra curricular drill and rifle teams supporting the Program of Instruction and actively participate in community activities. School support for these activities is expected to be on par with support given to other like activities within the school.

There exists a contractual obligation for the school hosting the program to "provide a course of military instruction of not less than three academic years duration *as prescribed by the secretary of the military department concerned.*" This contractual language is lifted verbatim from USC 10

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that provides the legislative basis for program and financial support to the school system from the Department of Defense. Thus the school is contractually obligated to execute the program as intended and reflected in the military services' Program of Instruction (POI), provide the facilities and support agreed to, and maintain minimum numbers of *qualified* participants. However, because we view our relationship as a true partnership we are most willing to discuss concerns that may reflect the ever-changing social context of public education. We are not adverse to changes in contractual agreements when mutually agreed to. With the same degree of resolve however, we maintain the expectation that the contractual obligations of both parties under public law will be fulfilled and that the execution of the Marine Corps' POI will be as directed and that facilities and other support arrangements are provided as intended.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss possible partnerships. I encourage you to apply for Marine Corps JROTC unit.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bill McHenry, EdD

Director, Marine Corps JROTC Program

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## MCJROTC Unit Application and School Information

By direction of the governing authorities of Aiken County Public Schools,  
(Name of School District)

I, Elizabeth Everitt, hereby apply for establishment of a Marine Corps Junior Reserve  
(Name of Superintendent)

Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) Unit at Ridge Spring-Monetta High School  
(Full Name of High School)

under the provisions of Public Law 88-647, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Vitalization Act of 1964, Chapter 102, and Section 2031, Title 10, United States Code, as amended. I have reviewed the Terms of MCJROTC Unit Establishment and accept it in its entirety.

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(Signature of Superintendent)

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(Date)

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School Background Information

Name of School: Ridge Spring-Monetta High School

Address of School: 10 J. P. Kneece Drive

City: Monetta State: SC Zip: 29105-

School Phone Number: (803) 685-2100 School Fax Number: (803) 685-2108

Contact E-mail address:

School website: <http://rsmhs.acps.schoolfusion.us>

Name of School Principal:

Phone number: (803) 685-2105

Name of School System or District: Aiken County Public School District

Address of School System or District: 1000 Brookhaven Drive

City: Aiken State: SC Zip: 29105-

Name of School Superintendent: Elizabeth Everitt Phone Number: (803) 641-2428

Agency Accreditation: SACS

Type of School (please check below):

Public     Private     Vocational Technical     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3-year     4-year     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of School Schedule (please check below):

Traditional schedule     A/B Block schedule     4x4 Block schedule

Modified Block/Traditional Schedule

This school is on:     Semesters     Trimesters

Number of Periods per Day: 7 Length of Period: 48 minutes

Dates of School Year: August 15, 2011 to May 31, 2011 Total Enrollment: 254

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## School Demographic Information

Is the school Title I? Yes

Percentage of free/reduced lunch: 85%

Cohort drop out rate (current SY)(ex: SY 07 freshman (-) SY 10 graduates with difference expressed as a %): 6.4

Date that the school is able to accept and open a MCJROTC Program: August, 2012

## School Facilities Information

NOTE: Marine Corps JROTC Instructor office spaces, classrooms, storage rooms, armory, and rifle ranges should be co-located within the school building. The use of portable facilities on a permanent basis is discouraged.

### Marine Corps JROTC Instructor's Office

The program requires adequate space for military staff to accommodate files and reference materials. Additionally, the Senior Marine Instructor (SMI) should be provided a private office.

Dimensions of Instructor Office space: 24' x 28'

Location of Instructor Office space in relation to other Marine Corps JROTC facilities:

Uniform Storage Facility, Secure Storage Facility and Instructor's Office will be shared and temporarily house in a mobile unit. The school will undergo new construction in 2012. Mobile unit is located just outside of the classroom.

### Marine Corps JROTC Classroom

The Marine Corps JROTC program requires a minimum classroom space of at least 26' by 50' comprised of either two classrooms or a classroom that could divide into two areas in order to accommodate different level cadets. The school must provide all necessary desks, chairs and tables.

Dimensions of Classroom space: 48' x 58'

Description of Classroom space: Located at the end of the main hallway with outside door leading to mobile unit. The floor is carpeted and there is a large white erase board on one end.

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Uniform Storage Facility

The Marine Corps JROTC program requires adequate space for the storage of government property. Additionally, the storage space MUST be secure. We require the following minimum spaces:

Property Storage - 1000 square feet per 100 to 150 enrolled MCJROTC cadets.

Training Aids - 300 square feet per 100 to 150 enrolled MCJROTC cadets.

Dimensions of Storage Facility: 24'x 28'

Is the Room well ventilated and dry? Yes

General Comments: Uniform Storage Facility, Secure Storage Facility and Instructor's Office will be shared in a secure mobile unit.

Secure Storage Facility

The school must provide a suitable storage facility to ensure adequate safeguarding of all sensitive Government property. The storage facility must be capable of being securely locked. For drill and marksmanship rifles, the school will provide a satisfactory rifle rack located inside the secure storage facility.

The school will be issued, at Marine Corps expense, the following equipment that will need to be secured:

- 50 - 1903 Daisy Drill Rifles
- 20 - 853CM Daisy air pellet rifles
- 30 - Magnetic compasses
- 1 - CPS Unit with laptop and student response devices
- 1 - Digital Camera
- 1 - Digital Camcorder
- 1 - LCD Projector with screen
- 1 - Digital Television
- 15 - NCO parade swords
- 2 - Creedmoor marksmanship backstops
- 10 - Prone shooting mats
- 10 - Kneeling pads
- 10 - Spotting Scopes
- 10 - Spotting Scope stands

Dimensions of Storage Facility: 24' x 28'

Is the Room well ventilated and dry? Yes



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Marksmanship Training Area

The use of air rifles for familiarization is an important part of the overall training program. Training may be accomplished in a classroom if access can be limited with certainty and the dimensions of the room exceed 30' X 50'. Schools are responsible for the provision of appropriate firing backstops.

Please provide a description of Marksmanship facilities currently available.

48' x 58' Classroom Area

Drill Area

The program requires a convenient paved area be provided as a drill site. The physical size of this area is dependent on unit cadet strength but should not be less than 80' x 40'.

Drill Area Surface: Asphalt

Dimensions of Drill Area: At least 100' x 100'

Location of Drill Area: Behind the school

Physical Fitness Area

The program requires access to the gymnasium and other physical fitness areas (weight room, pull up bars, etc.) on an equal access basis with Physical Education classes not less than once a week for each class period.