

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval for *Request to Add a New Course* forms for Middle School Elective Courses

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) has been offering elective JROTC like courses in the middle schools for many years. The popular courses that are currently being offered use a generic “Research” course code because the state does not have the appropriate course available. It has been challenging to pair qualified instructors and curriculum to support the desired outcomes of the program. BCPS is proposing that the National Middle School Corps of Cadets be approved from the state as this will standardize the content and flow of the current JROTC like middle school programs for grades 6-8. Upon approval, BCPS will submit these three course descriptions to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and request addition to the state Course Code Directory.

Proposed Course Title	Brief Course Description
National Middle School Corps of Cadets (NMSCC)/ Junior Leadership Courses, Grades 6-8	This course enables students to develop knowledge of the history, customs, traditions, and purpose of the Junior Leadership Course. The course includes the development of basic leadership skills including leadership principles, values, and attributes. Students should master appreciation for diversity. Active learning strategies are integrated throughout the course with an emphasis on writing skills and oral communication techniques. Financial planning as well as physical fitness, diet, nutrition, healthy lifestyles, awareness of substance abuse and prevention, and basic first aid measures is included. An overview of the globe and geography and basic map reading skills are incorporated. A study of the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, responsibilities of United States citizens, and the federal justice system is also provided.

Upon approval, BCPS will submit the NMSCC course description to the Florida Department of Education and request addition to the state Course Code Directory.

- The District has already purchased the curriculum and there is no additional financial impact.
- The Middle School Principal Executive Board requests this course
- This course certifies HS JROTC instructors to teach in the middle school