

Navy Junior ROTC Program

Focused on honor, courage and commitment

As part of the Belleville High School vision of Purpose, Excellence and ACHIEVEMENT, BHS presents our award-winning Navy Junior ROTC program, which was initiated in 2021 and is now officially certified as of this past summer.

The Navy JROTC program's mission is to instill in students the values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility, and a sense of accomplishment. At Belleville High School we accomplish this by emphasizing leadership development and discipline, increasing self-confidence, team building, and professional development.

Our class is led by two retired Marines, Captain Michael Bates and Master Sergeant Dominic Freda, with a combined 44 years of military leadership experience. Classroom instruction is augmented throughout the year by community service activities, drill competition, field meets, visits to naval and other military bases, marksmanship training, and other military training. Uniforms, textbooks, training aids, and field trip allowances are provided by the U.S. Navy.

In July 2023 the Belleville High School NJROTC received its official certification as a Navy recognized program and was awarded a substantial grant from the Navy. Prior to this certification the program had already received accolades as Distinguished NJROTC Unit in 2022 and second place overall in the 2022-2023 Detroit Public Schools Marksmanship Competition.

The students have participated in numerous events such as mini boot camp at Fort Custer National Guard Training Center, marksmanship competitions, parades, Sea-Perch water robotics competition, and several other volunteer events across the community. The NJROTC color guard is frequently requested to present the national flag for ceremonies and other significant events across the region.

At Belleville High School our NJROTC program is always actively seeking new students to join and become a part of this great team. The students and staff are committed and dedicated to the Navy core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and to build the foundation of trust and leadership upon which this NJROTC unit is based. These are the principles that will give us strength and guide us in our daily activities, and help us grow as professionals in the United States of America.



Captain
Michael Bates



Master Sergeant
Dominic Freda

