



2025 BACK TO SCHOOL
Activist Kit

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NNOMY stands for National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth. It is a network of organizations and individuals who advocate for counter-recruitment and anti-militarism efforts, particularly in schools and communities. NNOMY works to promote peace, justice, and to challenge the militarization of young people and the perpetuation of violence and war. The network provides resources, support, and networking opportunities for those working against militarism and for a more peaceful and just world.

We are a heavily militarized society. The fiscal year 2024 budget for the Department of Defense was \$842 billion, which was an increase of \$26 billion over FY 2023 levels and \$100 billion more than FY2022. Additionally, there is a plan to raise U.S. defense spending from 3% to 5% of gross domestic product in the years ahead. We spend more on defense than the next 9 countries combined.

We have around 750 military bases around the globe in at least 80 countries. The actual number may even be higher as not all data is published by the Pentagon.

There are currently 27 conflicts going on around the globe and we are involved in almost everyone of them whether we actually have troops there or are supplying weapons.

To support this ongoing military effort in multiple countries around the globe our government needs recruits. We see evidence of recruiting all around us, with military involvement in television ads, social media, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, video games. Often this results in the military obtaining the contact information of young men and women. We decided to focus this year's Back-to-School Kit on privacy issues; protecting our young men and women.

WHAT IS IN THIS KIT? This year the Back-to-School Kit for counter-recruitment and school demilitarization organizing is focused on student privacy. We feature five areas in which the military has access to student contact information and present ways in which students, parents and community members can push back and, in the process, help to de-militarize our public schools.

HOW THE KIT IS ORGANIZED

There are five sections to the kit:

1. ASVAB testing
2. Opt-out
3. JROTC permission
4. Selective Service (the "draft")
5. JAMRS

We have included sample forms where applicable.

HOW TO USE THE KIT

The sections should be self-explanatory. All will require a bit of research to find out what your local school/school district is or is not doing to ensure the privacy of students and protect them from involuntary placement in military training classes (i.e., JROTC).

Please contact us with any questions. lfrank@nnomy.org or admin@nnomy.org.

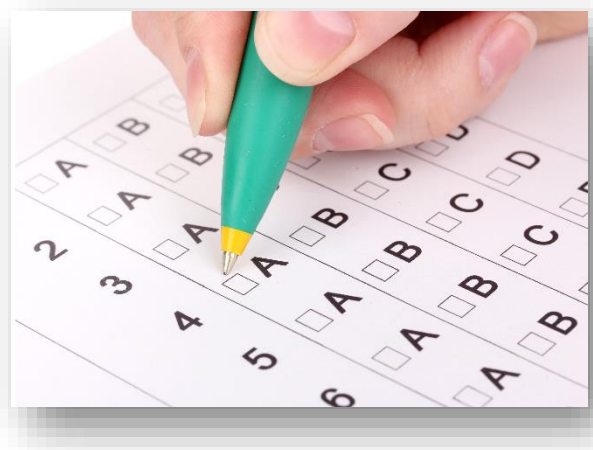
And check out our website for additional information: <https://nnomy.org/index.php/en/>



ASVAB

The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is a multiple choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States armed forces. It is often offered to high school students in the United States when they are in the 11th grade, though anyone eligible to and interested in enlisting can take it.

The ASVAB was first introduced in 1968 and was adopted by all branches of the military in 1976. In 2002 it underwent a major revision. In 2004, the test's percentile ranking scoring system was re-normalized, to ensure that a score of 50% really did represent doing better than exactly 50% of test-takers.



There are several issues related to the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test:

The military administers and scores the test and, therefore, has access to all the private information students surrender when taking the test.

Schools must choose from among the various options for releasing student test information to recruiters. Only one option, "Release Option 8," would withhold the information from recruiters. Students have no way to individually choose Release Option 8 when they sit down to take the test. Only the school may dictate which option is to be used for the group of students who are being tested.

Some high schools require all students to take the test. They argue that it is a career exploration test; that it helps the student figure out what they want to do with their life.

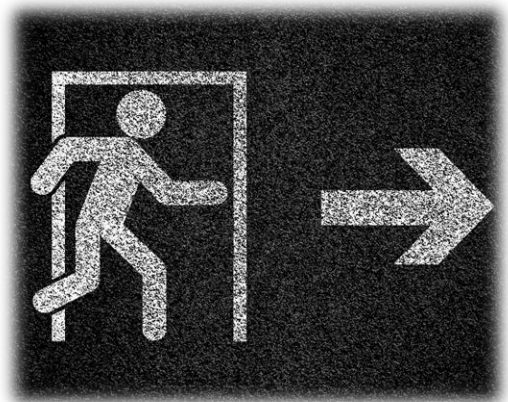
Schools are not always clear about who administers the test and what is done with the results. Although it should be obvious that a test named 'Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery' probably has some connection with the military, that understanding should not be assumed. Parents and students have a right to know exactly who administers the test and who gets the results.

Concerned students, parents and community members should find out if the school is requiring all students to take the test. Whether it is required or not, push for the school/school district to explicitly require the military to use Release Option 8 for all tested students. If students later wish to consider military enlistment, they can grant recruiters access to their test results.

At a minimum, the school/school district should make it clear that the test is administered by the military and the student contact information can be released to military recruiters.

Opt-Out

"Opt-Out" refers to the process defined in federal law that allows a student's parent or legal guardian to choose to withhold the student's contact information (name, address, and telephone number) from being released by their school district or school to military recruiters. Students who are age 18 or older are eligible to opt themselves out. Once an opt-out request is submitted to the school by letter or form, the law states that the school cannot release the student's contact information to recruiters unless written permission is given by a parent, legal guardian, or the student who is 18 or older. This is encapsulated in section 8025 of the Every Student Succeeds Act:



SEC. 8025. ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION. Section 8528, as redesignated by section 8001 of this Act, is amended by striking subsections (a) through (d) and inserting the following: “(a) POLICY.— “(1) ACCESS TO STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding section 444(a)(5)(B) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g(a)(5)(B)), each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, upon a request made by a military recruiter or an institution of higher education, access to the name, address, and telephone listing of each secondary school student served by the local educational agency, unless the parent of such student has submitted the prior consent request under paragraph (2).

(2) CONSENT.—

(A) OPT-OUT PROCESS.—A parent of a secondary school student may submit a written request, to the local educational agency, that the student's name, address, and telephone listing not be released for purposes of paragraph (1) without prior written consent of the parent. Upon receiving such request, the local educational agency may not release the student's name, address, and telephone listing for such purposes without the prior written consent of the parent.

Schools often have their own opt-out forms that can be used. Sometimes forms are sent home among a stack of papers students get in their first few days, and as a consequence are often overlooked. Whether or not a school has its own opt-out form to use, it must accept your request in whatever form you give them. Schools may give a deadline for opting out.

Schools have been slow to provide students and parents with a mechanism to opt-out of having their contact information forwarded to the military. It's important to find out what your school/school district is doing. Keep in mind you are asking for something that the law already allows.

Below you will find a sample Opt-out form.

Act to Protect Your Privacy from Military Recruiters

You may be bothered at home by military recruiters because your name, address and phone number is given to them by your school — unless you tell your school to not give out the information. To exercise your legal right to have this information kept private, you should notify your school office as soon as possible. Some school districts may provide their own forms for this, but they must obey your request no matter how you submit it. You can write your own letter or use the one below. Use a separate letter or form for each student and keep a copy. If you are under the age of 18, you must have a parent or guardian sign:

Date: _____

Dear administrator of _____:
(Name of high school)

I am exercising my right under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* to hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of:

_____,
(Print name of student)

who is a current student at your school, not be released to military recruiters without prior written consent. I do, however, consent to the disclosure of such information to colleges and universities other than military schools.

Print name of parent or legal guardian above

Signature of parent or guardian

Signature of student if age 18 or older

***Note to school administrators:** Once this request is given to you, it is a violation of federal law to disregard it and release the student's name and/or contact information to any military recruiter "without prior written consent." The law also grants students the right to opt out themselves if they are age 18 or older. Title 20 U.S. Code, section 7908.

Once the opt-out request is made, it continuously remains in effect. The law does NOT allow schools to require an annual re-statement of the opt-out request

This flyer was produced by the Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities, 760-634-3604,
www.projectyano.org. For more information on military recruiting and student lists, contact Project YANO.

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Proteja Ud. sus datos personales de los reclutadores militares

Los reclutadores militares pueden molestarle a Ud. porque la administración de su escuela les ha dado su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono. Para evitarlo, hay que asegurar tan pronto posible que la escuela no comparta sus datos personales. ES SU DERECHO LEGAL. LOS DISTRITOS TIENEN QUE CUMPLIR. Algunos distritos tienen su propia forma o se puede escribir una carta o se puede usar ésta. Hace falta una forma para cada alumno. Si Ud. tiene menos de 18 años, o los padres o un guardián legal tiene que firmar.

Fecha / Date: _____

Dear administrator of _____:
(Nombre de la escuela /Name of high school)

I am exercising my right under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* to hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of:

_____,
(Nombre del estudiante / Print name of student)

who is a current student at your school, not be released to military recruiters without prior written consent. I do, however, consent to the disclosure of such information to colleges and universities other than military schools.

Nombre del padre, madre o guardian / Print name of parent or legal guardian above

Firma del padre, madre or guardian/Signature of parent or guardian

Firma del estudiante si tiene más de 18 años / Signature of student if over 18

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JROTC

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) is a program offered to high schools by the U.S. Military. All branches of the military have JROTC units: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force.



It is promoted as a program to teach leadership and discipline. In reality, it is a program that attempts to put a “happy face” on the U.S. Military. It is a recruiting tool. Some schools welcome the program because participants can sometimes be allowed to use it to earn their physical education credit. Schools are often misled into thinking the program will save money by not hiring a physical education teacher, but JROTC is actually more costly because it requires hiring over twice the number of personnel required for students in P.E.

But it has come under increasing scrutiny over the years; reports of sexual abuse and forced enrollment. We are encouraging activists and community leaders to insist that any school with a JROTC program require a signed permission slip similar to the one below prior to enrolling a student in JROTC.

For those that want to dig further, we refer you to the resources located at <http://endcom.org/>. You will find instructions for requesting JROTC enrollment figures from your school or school district and how to tell if students are being placed in JROTC classes involuntarily.

**JUNIOR RESERVE
OFFICERS' TRAINING
CORPS (JROTC) [SCHOOL
DISTRICT NAME]**

**FORM FOR PARENT AND STUDENT TO CONSENT OR DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN THE JROTC
PROGRAM**

Student Name (PRINT LAST, FIRST): _____

My child has been asked to enroll in the JROTC program with the understanding of the following:

- JROTC is a military leadership class that is entirely voluntary and, therefore, cannot be required.
- The class may provide Physical Education credit required for graduation; however, the student will be giving up the opportunity to receive healthier physical conditioning provided by a regular Physical Education class.
- The credits for this nonacademic elective do not count toward meeting admission requirements for the California public university system.

We also acknowledge that during the student's enrollment, he/she/they may participate in practices, activities, and exercises that would include the following:

1. Wear a military uniform to school at least once a week.
2. Conform to strict gendered grooming requirements that might require cutting and styling their hair according to military standards.
3. Learn to march, salute, and perform exercises with facsimile rifles.
4. Conform to a system that organizes them in superior and inferior ranks, with certain students empowered to issue orders that their peers must obey.
5. Receive military produced lessons in topics like history and civics, taught by JROTC instructors who are not required to have the regular teaching credentials for those subjects.
6. Participate in JROTC activities during and after school hours, including weekends and holidays.
7. Transport to and from JROTC activities conducted off the school grounds by commercial bus, military furnished vehicles, or privately owned vehicles.

There may be a negative grading consequence if a student fails to comply with any one of these requirements of the program. Parents of a student in JROTC must agree to waive the right to make a claim for compensation in the event of an injury or loss of any kind arising from participation in JROTC activities.

Specific information on any event the student will participate in through the JROTC program will be provided prior to the event. Parents must agree that neither the sponsors, the corresponding military branch or supervising personnel shall be liable for any injury or damage to person or property resulting from accidents involving the above named or related equipment, or the above named or related demonstrations and exercises where such damage or injury is the result of mechanical breakdown or fatigue. Furthermore, parents must agree to assume full responsibility for any act of misconduct or negligence committed by the student in connection with an orientation visit which may result in damage, destruction or harm to any property or injury or death to any person or persons.

Please check one of the following:

YES, I DO give my child permission to participate in the JROTC Program and agree to the liability waiver above.

NO, I DO NOT give my child permission to participate in the JROTC Program.

NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SEC. 51750, THE SIGNATURES OF A PARENT (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) AND THE STUDENT MUST BE PROVIDED BELOW BEFORE THIS FORM IS TURNED IN. THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENROLLMENT IN JROTC UNTIL THIS FORM HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

PRINT name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Student

Dat

CUERPO DE ENTRENAMIENTO DE OFICIALES DE LA RESERVA JUNIOR (JROTC)
DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE _____

FORMULARIO PARA MADRE/PADRE Y ESTUDIANTE PARA ACEPTAR O RECHAZAR LA PARTICIPACIÓN EN EL PROGRAMA JROTC

Nombre completo del/la estudiante: _____

Se le ha pedido a mi hija/o que se inscriba en el programa JROTC y entiendo que:

- JROTC es una clase de liderazgo militar que es completamente voluntaria y, por lo tanto, no es obligatoria.
- Es posible que la clase de crédito de Educación Física (P.E.) requisito para graduarse; sin embargo, al aceptar inscribirse en la clase de JROTC, el/la estudiante renuncia a la oportunidad de recibir un acondicionamiento físico más saludable proporcionado por una clase regular de Educación Física (P.E.)
- Los créditos de esta clase optativa y no académica no son parte de los requisitos de admisión del sistema universitario público de California.

También reconocemos que estar en esta clase, el/la estudiante puede participar en prácticas, actividades y ejercicios que incluirán lo siguiente:

1. Usar uniforme militar para ir a la escuela al menos una vez a la semana.
2. Cumplir con los estrictos requisitos de aseo que pueden requerir cortarse y peinarse de acuerdo con los estándares militares y normas de género.
3. Aprender a marchar, saludar militarmente y realizar ejercicios con armas de fuego de imitación.
4. Ajustarse a un sistema que organiza a las/los estudiantes en rangos de jerarquía, donde habrá estudiantes facultados para dar órdenes a otros compañeros/as que deben obedecer.
5. Recibir lecciones producidas por militares sobre temas como historia y educación cívica, impartidas por instructores de JROTC que no están obligados a tener títulos de enseñanza para esas materias.
6. Participar en las actividades de JROTC durante y después del horario escolar, incluyendo los fines de semana y días festivos.
7. Transportarse hacia y desde actividades de JROTC realizadas fuera de la escuela, en autobuses comerciales, vehículos militares o vehículos particulares.

Puede haber consecuencias negativas en la calificación si las/los estudiantes no cumplen con cualquiera de estos requisitos del programa. Las madres/padres de estudiantes en JROTC renuncian al derecho de presentar un reclamo de compensación en el caso de lesión o pérdida de cualquier tipo que surja de la participación en las actividades de JROTC.

Se proporcionará información específica sobre cualquier evento en el que participará el/la estudiante a través del programa JROTC antes del evento. Las madres/los padres deben estar de acuerdo en que ni los patrocinadores, la rama militar correspondiente o el personal de supervisión serán responsables de cualquier lesión o daño a la persona o la propiedad que resulte de accidentes que involucren el equipo antes mencionado o relacionado, o las demostraciones y ejercicios antes mencionados o relacionados donde dicho daño o la lesión sea el resultado de una falla mecánica o fatiga. Además, las madres/padres deben aceptar toda la responsabilidad por cualquier acto de mala conducta o negligencia cometido por el/la estudiante en relación con una visita de orientación que pueda resultar en destrucción o daño a la propiedad o lesión o muerte de cualquier persona o personas.

Por favor marque uno de los siguientes:

SI, PERMITO que mi hija/o participe en el Programa de JROTC y acepto la renuncia de responsabilidad presentada anteriormente.

NO, no doy permiso a mi hija/o para que participe en el Programa JROTC.

NOTA: DE ACUERDO CON EL CÓDIGO DE EDUCACIÓN DE CALIFORNIA SEC. 51750, LAS FIRMAS DE UN PADRE/MADRE (O TUTOR LEGAL) Y EL/LA ESTUDIANTE DEBEN PROPORCIONARSE A CONTINUACIÓN ANTES DE ENTREGAR ESTE FORMULARIO. EL/LA ESTUDIANTE NO SERÁ ELEGIBLE PARA INSCRIBIRSE EN JROTC HASTA QUE SE HAYA COMPLETADO ESTE FORMULARIO.

Nombre de madre/padre o tutor legal (en letra de molde) _____

Firma de madre/padre o tutor legal

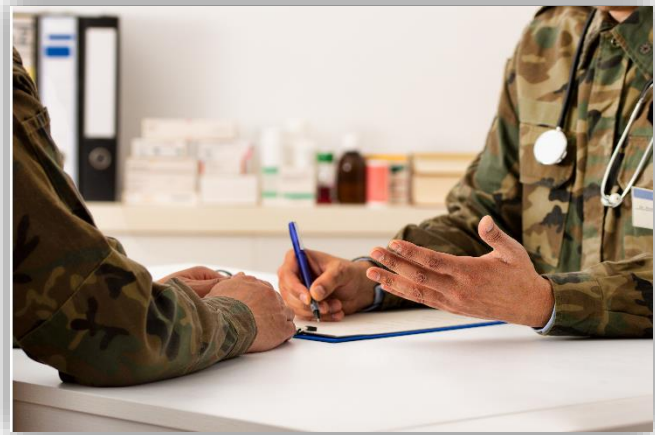
Fecha

Firma del/la estudiante

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Selective Service

The Selective Service System (SSS) is a program that registers male citizens and immigrants in the United States between the ages of 18 and 25. The SSS's purpose is to provide the Department of Defense with personnel in the event of a national emergency. The Selective Service System, otherwise known as the military draft or conscription, requires almost all male U.S. citizens and immigrants, ages 18 through 25, to register with the government.



The situation with Selective Service is a bit different in that it is a federal issue; not local. It is receiving a lot of attention currently as discussions are taking place on a national level about whether registration should be extended to women or whether the Selective Service System should be abolished altogether.

Most states tie Selective Service registration to applying for a driver's license or state-issued ID card. There are a few exceptions: Alaska, California, Massachusetts, New Jersey and North Dakota.

Young men are required to register for Selective Service when they turn 18. Most get their driver's license or state-issued ID card when they turn 16. In some states, the information they provide to obtain a driver's license or state ID card is automatically sent to the Selective Service System when they turn 18.

Currently (August 2024) legislation has been re-introduced that would eliminate the Selective Service System. Concurrently the Selective Service System is calling for a fully automated system. An amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is pending that would use existing databases, such from the Social Security Administration and departments of motor vehicles, to automatically register 18- to 25-year-old men.

We encourage you to monitor the websites listed below and lobby your Congressional Representatives to eliminate the costly and dysfunctional Selective Service System.

<https://hasbrouck.org/blog/archives/002733.html>

https://original.antiwar.com/Edward_Hasbrouck/2024/07/07/playbook-for-a-military-draft/

<https://www.fcni.org/updates/2024-07/abolition-not-automation-draft>

JAMRS

The Joint Advertising Market Research & Studies (JAMRS) collects information about the American public to formulate marketing and advertising strategies to aid in military recruitment efforts.



JAMRS is the Pentagon's secret super database that contains personal information on approximately 30 million young people between the ages of 16–25. This database, which has probably cost over \$1 billion to assemble, consists of lists of high school and college students from schools, Departments of Motor Vehicles, and commercial marketers. Started in 2002, the database seeks to include names, birth dates, ASVAB test data, email addresses, grade-point averages, ethnicity, and the subjects that students are studying.

JAMRS also targets "gate-keepers" like teachers, athletic coaches and other adults deemed to have influence over young people. Using sources outside of schools, JAMRS routinely collects information on those who have opted out of school-based recruiting under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Peace groups and privacy advocates have challenged JAMRS and have won some limited victories. In 2006, the New York Civil Liberties Union secured the Pentagon's agreement to accept a standard form to suspend the use of any information pertaining to an individual, but not to delete their name.

Most schools/school districts are unaware of the existence of the JAMRS database and so therefore do not provide an opt-out form. We encourage you to use the sample letter (below) to have your name and contact information removed from the database.

[MM/DD/YYYY]

Joint Advertising, Marketing Research & Studies (JAMRS)
ATTN: Survey Project Officer
Suite 06J25
4800 Mark Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22350-4000

Dear Direct Marketing Program Officer:

Please remove all information and data regarding the following individual from the JAMRS military recruitment database:

Full Name: [First Name Last Name]
Date of Birth: [MM/DD/YYYY]
Address: [Street Number, Apartment Number]
City: [City]
State: [State]
Zip: [ZIP Code]

I believe that the JAMRS database is an intrusion into my family's privacy and the Department of Defense should not be compiling this information.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(parent or legal guardian if individual is under 18 years old)



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