

**LANGSTON HUGHES HIGH SCHOOL**  
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
7510 Hall Road  
Fairburn, Georgia 30213

3 December 2025

**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT:** Langston Hughes High School (LHHS) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Drill Team and Color Guard Meet Memorandum of Instruction(MOI) 03 December 2025.

1. REFERENCES:

a. Sixth Brigade Drill Competition Memorandum of Instruction (MOI)

b. Cadet Command Regulation (CCR) 145-2, subject: Personal Appearance, para 10-6.

c. US Army Field Manual, TC 3-21.5, Drill and Ceremonies, dtd 20 January 2012

d. US Army Regulation 840-10, dated June 1998

2. PURPOSE:

a. To establish responsibilities for the conduct of the Langston Hughes High School JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard competition for SY 2025-2026.

b. To establish procedures for the conduct of the Langston Hughes High School JROTC Drill Team and Color Guard meets for SY 2025-2026.

3. OBJECTIVES:

a. To assist participating teams in the preparation for and conduct of the Langston Hughes High School Drill Team and Color Guard meets.

b. To judge participating teams and designate the winners of the drill team and color guard events with streamers (Top 3).

#### 4. CONCEPT AND POLICY:

##### a. Drill Team and Color Guard Meet Locations:

(1). The Langston Hughes High School Drill Team and Color Guard competition will take place at LHHS on **07 February 2026 at 0830 hours**.

(2). **There will be no opening ceremony;** however, teams will remain in the LHHS area throughout its entirety.

(3). All drill team and color guard event competitions will be held on the **LHHS grounds**.

(4). Headquarters: Initially, Operations for all competition events will be located in the JROTC classroom, Rm 514, on the east side of the building, near the bus ramp entrance gate. All Instructors (coaches) and their Drill Team Captains (cadets) assigned to participating schools will report to the conference room NLT 0745 to receive their packets and sequence of events. Once the events start, the scorer room will be located in one of the concession stands at the football stadium.

(5). Awards/Closing Ceremony: The awards/closing ceremony will be conducted on the main football field (main gym - inclement weather). All schools will need to form up and be ready NLT **1330** hrs (subject to change).

##### b. Meet Overview.

(1). Entrance Fee: **There will be an entrance fee of \$100.00 for miscellaneous cost and the cost of awards. Make check payable to Langston Hughes High School JROTC, address: 7510 Hall Road Fairburn, Georgia 30213 by 31 January 2026 or you can pay the day of the event.** A receipt will be provided to all participating teams, the morning of the drill team and color guard meet.

(2). Schools that commit to participating but drop out after 31 Jan are still required to pay the entrance fee (Contact me please).

(3). Teams should arrive on site prior to the start of the meet and assemble on the main football field (or gym - inclement weather. Buses and POVs will be parked in designated parking areas; we will have road guards in uniforms and reflector vests directing traffic.

(4). All participating teams/cadets competing will always remain in uniform to include the awards/closing ceremony.

(5). All competing schools will form up NLT 1330 on the main football field (main gym -inclement weather) for the awards presentations and closing remarks.

(6). Judges for the meet will be members of the Georgia Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Recruiting Brigade, or from our Senior ROTC programs.

## 5. CADET RESPONSIBILITIES.

### a. Host School:

(1). Overall responsible for the conduct of the drill team and color guard meet.

(2). Provide streamers for each event competition.

(3). Coordinate for judges for each event competition.

(4). Coordinate facility, medical, security, and custodial support.

(5). Provide stop watches and clip boards for judges.

(6). Provide the final approving authority for any grievance or judging decisions.

### **b. Competing Schools:**

(1). Please submit registration and drill team participating events by using the following survey link:

[LHHS JROTC Drill Competition Participation Survey \(SY 26\)](#)

**Please submit ASAP and NLT 16 January.**

(2). Will prepare teams for competition events IAW the above listed references.

(3). Will supervise cadets at all times.

(4). Will ensure cadets are in their designated areas prior to the start of the awards/closing ceremony.

(5). Will maintain accountability of all assigned cadets, equipment, and weapons from arrival to departure from event. If you find that you are missing personnel or equipment please notify Operations, LTC Keaton (770) 304-6801.

c. Judges:

(1). Will know the US Army Field Manual, TC 3-21.5, the manual of Arms for authorized weapons, and the event guidelines and deductions to be judged.

(2). Check site prior to the start of the competition.

(3). Uniform will be the Army OCP with cap.

6. CADET AND CADRES UNIFORMS.

a. Cadre: The Senior Army Instructors (SAIs), coaches, and JROTC instructors will wear the ASU with berets. The judges and scoring Committee will wear the OCP.

b. Cadets:

(1). Cadets will compete in the ASU or Class A uniform with authorized accessories including rank, name plate, and ribbons. The low quarter shoes and authorized berets will also be worn. Additionally, the Color Guard may wear white, green, or black belts and harnesses. The Dress Blue and non-standard uniforms are not authorized.

(2). Cadets are not authorized to wear wrist/sweat bands of any type or color, spats, colored shoelaces (other than black), masks/blinds, multi-colored gloves, or dark blue (almost black), green, maroon, or tan colored berets. Schools will be given three minutes to take corrective action prior to moving on to the field or may be penalized up to and including disqualification. Personal items such as watches, bracelets, earrings as allowed by regulation may be worn by individuals. Hair styles will be in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6. Cadets in violation of haircut guidance will be assessed a 25 pt penalty. Hair ornaments may be used to secure the hair of female cadets, but must be in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6.

(3). The cadets assigned to the Panther Battalion serving as guides, escorts, servers, and/or runners will wear the OCP with patrol caps.

7. COMPETITION EVENTS.

a. Competition event categories will include:

CATEGORY 1

Regulation Color Guard

CATEGORY 2

Female Color Guard

Regulation Unarmed Platoon	Female Unarmed Platoon
Regulation Unarmed Squad	Female Unarmed Squad
Regulation Armed Platoon	Female Armed Platoon
Regulation Armed Squad	Female Armed Squad

b. Eligibility:

(1). A cadet may only compete in one category in like events. A female cadet may participate in either Male/Mix drill events or Female drill events, but she may not compete in both. A female cadet cannot compete in both Male/Mix Color Guard and Female Color Guard.

(2). A female cadet may compete in female drill events and Male/Mix Color Guard.

(3). Only active cadets will be allowed to compete. Active cadets are cadets who are currently enrolled as cadets.

(4). Male cadets must compete only in Male/Mix events.

(5). Females competing in Male/Mix events must use standard weight drill rifles.

(6). Coaches are responsible for monitoring their own teams and individuals for compliance.

c. Drill Team:

(1). A drill platoon will consist of at least 13, but no more than 22 cadets, including the commander. The platoon will be aligned in three squads. A drill squad will consist of at least seven, but no more than 11 cadets, including the commander.

(2). Drill Teams will enter the drill area from the entrance/exit area at the direction of the event head judge and request permission to use the drill area. Upon completion of drill and upon the direction of the event head judge, the teams will exit the competition area.

(3). Drill team commanders will be required to memorize drill sequences. Note cards are not authorized.

(4). The sequence of commands will be the same as those outlined in the Sixth Brigade MOI.

(5). Streamers will be awarded to the top three finishers of each competition event.

d. Color Guard:

(1). Color guard will consist of four cadets. The Color Guard will carry the U.S. flag and either the Georgia or JROTC flag. The flag staffs for male/mix Color Guard will be the standard 9.5 or 8-foot Army issued wooden staffs. The female teams may use the aluminum staffs that are 8 feet or 9 ½ nine and one-half feet in length.

(2). Color guard will enter the ready area with its Colors cased and assume the position of parade rest. At the direction of the event head judge, the color guard will come to attention, carry Colors, and enter the drill area. The Colors will be uncased and cased as part of the color guard competition.

(3). Color Guard commanders will be required to memorize sequences. The sequence of commands will be the same as those outlined in the Sixth Brigade MOI.

(4). The 'ONLY COMMANDER SALUTES' rule does not apply to color guard.

(5). Male/Mix color guard events require that all weapons be unmodified rifles, or chrome or nickel-plated standard weight rifles. No facsimile rifles will be used in the male/mix color guard regulation.

(6). Female color guard events require that all weapons be facsimile or modified standard rifles.

(7). All members of a team must use the same type of rifles. Judges will inspect rifles in the ready area prior to a team competing to confirm that they are similar in weight.

(8). Judges will conduct a walk through or walk-around inspection of cadets. If a cadet is not in compliance with CCR 145-2, para 10-6, the coach will be asked to replace him or her. If this is not possible, the team will be disqualified.

(9). Streamers will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finishers of each competition event.

f. Knockout:

(1). Tickets for the Knockout drill unarmed regulation will be sold for \$1.00. Please collect all the money for your participating cadets prior to reporting to Operations (before

the opening of the Drill Meet) all tickets will be issued at one time to each school.

(2). Cadets must have a ticket to participate. A medallion will be awarded to the first and second place winners.

#### 8. APPEALS AND INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT.

a. Should any appeal, protest, discrepancy in scoring, dispute or appeal of a judge's scoring, or any other similar circumstance arise, it will be the responsibility of the Panther Cadre to finalize a decision. No further appeal is available.

b. Failure to observe the Panther Cadre final decision concerning an appeal will result in immediate disqualification.

c. Any coach or team member approaching a judge with the intent to influence the competition or who enters the drill area without permission will cause his or her team to be immediately disqualified, except in the event of an emergency.

d. In any case of unsportsmanlike conduct involving team members or Coaches, LHHS Cadre will determine the severity of the infraction and may assess any penalty up to and including disqualification.

#### 9. COMPETITION AREA.

##### a. Competition Area Dimensions:

(1). All Platoon Drill areas: 80 feet X 100 feet

(2). All Squad Drill areas: 80 feet X 100 feet

(3). All Color Guard areas: 55 feet X 55 feet

b. Drill Area: Only Cadets performing in team competition events will be allowed on or near (inside 10 feet) the drill competition area. This precludes people from being on or near the drill field to function as boundary guides, or personnel to retrieve, catch or pass equipment, etc. Personnel used as boundary markers, or any type of artificial boundary marker are prohibited. Violations of these rules will result in disqualification.

##### c. Entry/Exit Area:

(1). Teams will form in the entry area or ready box five minutes prior to the competition. Team commanders will

ensure their teams are properly formed and that silence is maintained while other teams are performing.

(2). Once in the immediate vicinity of the competition area entry/exit box there will be no motivational chants. This is distracting to judges and other competitors on the field and delays the competition sequence.

10. AWARDS CEREMONY. An award ceremony will take place at the conclusion of the competition events down at the football stadium. Streamers will be awarded at that time.

11. REFRESHMENTS: A variety of snacks and food will be sold at the concession stand located at the main entrance of the football stadium. All proceeds will support the JROTC Panther Battalion events and activities.

12. MEDICAL SUPPORT: Medical personnel will be on site; available to provide medical support for minor illnesses and injuries. In case of a serious medical emergency, we will utilize the 911 system.

13. The POC for this drill team/color guard meet is Cadet Operations Officer Cadet Major Kathy Rodriguez at 470-254-3598 or LTC (R) Austin Keaton Jr, [keaton@fultonschools.org](mailto:keaton@fultonschools.org) or CSM (R)Anthony Bargaineer, [bargaineer@fultonschools.org](mailto:bargaineer@fultonschools.org).

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