

- Abandoning someone in the middle of nowhere
- Forcing someone to break any law or do something harmful to the image of the school or Army
- Dares

Initiation is a rite of passage marking entrance or acceptance into a group or society and can be a positive experience if done correctly.

Here are some examples of positive initiations:

- Present new members with pledge cards with the rules and regulations of your organization
- Have new members announced at public events or in local newspapers
- Having ceremonies in which the new member receives a certificate of accomplishment or admittance, special uniform, badge, or other device

Examples of prohibited initiations:

- Tying someone up to cover them with silly string or other substances
- Forcing someone to consume food/drink not normally eaten
- Ceremonies that include physical contact with the new member

## Physical Discipline

Requiring Cadets to perform any physical activity as punishment is not allowed. These activities may only be performed as part of a regular physical fitness program.

## Physical Conduct

There will be no physical contact (touching) between chaperones and students or between students, except for contact that is necessary to protect the health or safety of an individual. For example, contact to provide first-aid is allowed.



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## A Guide to Chaperoning



## Standards of Conduct





## Introduction from the Commander, U.S. Army Cadet Command

First and foremost, thank you for volunteering to help us chaperone the Cadets. Your primary responsibility is to ensure the Cadet's health, safety, and well being.

As a chaperone, it is essential to ensure that the Cadets follow all unit, school district, and Army guidelines concerning student behavior. Our goal is for every Cadet to be a positive reflection on their community, school, and the Army. The lead instructor will inform you of these and other expectations.

If you see any misconduct on the Cadet's part, correct it on the spot and report it to the lead instructor immediately. Also report any rumored or planned misconduct to the lead instructor as soon as possible.

Once again, thank you for helping Army JROTC achieve its mission "To motivate young people to be better citizens."

W. MONTAGUE WINFIELD  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

## Inappropriate Behavior

Inappropriate behavior is prohibited while participating in Army JROTC activities.

Here are some examples:

- Disobeying instructions
- Disrespect
- Horseplay
- Public displays of affection
- Disparaging remarks
- Verbal threats
- Physical attacks
- Consuming alcohol
- Tobacco use
- Damaging public or private property
- Verbal maltreatment
- Hazing/harmful initiations

## Verbal Maltreatment

Any statement that degrades an individual based on race, religion, color, gender, marital status, political affiliation, physical disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or status of a parent is not allowed. Use of profanity and any language that condones immoral, unethical or illegal behavior, promotes sexual harassment or other unprofessional conduct is not allowed.

## Hazing/Initiations

Hazing is a situation where an individual is made to experience cruel, abusive, or harmful treatment. This situation is prohibited regardless if it is a common practice in your community. Asking or forcing someone to assist is prohibited. Hazing does not have to involve physical contact to occur. It does not matter if the victim agreed to participate; those individuals conducting the hazing will still be held responsible.

Some examples of hazing can include:

- Striking someone on any part of the body
- Performing unnecessary tedious chores
- Eating or drinking from an unusual container (e.g. pet food bowl) or food fights
- Wearing symbols, drawings, or text on clothing or bare skin, regardless of how applied
- Restraining someone with ropes, chains, handcuffs, or duct tape
- Forcing someone to pay respect to another by kneeling or groveling
- Exposure to extreme temperatures of weather