

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MILITARY RECRUITING

WHEREAS, military recruiting in the public high schools, if not properly regulated, may be inconsistent with the education mission of the Department of Education;

WHEREAS, military recruiting in the public high schools raises important issues that require that students and parents receive full and complete information on such activity; and

WHEREAS, sound educational policy requires that regulation of the activities of military recruiters be centralized;

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. No recruiter for the U.S. military or the New York State National Guard shall engage in any information collection or recruitment activities in any facility or concerning any student of the DOE except in conformity with this policy.
2. The DOE shall assure that every student, and that student's parent or guardian, are given a copy of the form concerning military recruitment ("Recruitment Form"). The Recruitment Form shall be provided in both English and the parent or guardian's primary language. The Recruitment Form shall specify whether the student, parent or guardian either wishes information disseminated to the U.S. Military or does not wish such dissemination.
3. In addition to providing the Recruitment Form, the DOE shall assure that every student and that student's parent or guardian are provided with one page of information in favor of military recruitment and one page of information against military recruitment.
4. Every high school shall have an assembly of no less than forty minutes to discuss issues concerning military recruitment. Present at the assembly shall be one or more representatives of the U.S. military ("Recruiters") and one or more representatives of groups generally in opposition to recruitment into the U.S. military ("Counterrecruiters"). In such an assembly, Recruiters and Counterrecruiters shall be given equal time.
5. The DOE shall assure that the Recruitment Form in English and in the ten primary languages of parents shall be prominently featured on its website.
6. The Parent Coordinator shall assure that one Recruitment Form for each student is completed by October 31 of each school year and shall compile and return same to DOE, and shall contact each parent/guardian by telephone at least twice if the Recruitment Form is not received by October 10. No information shall be released concerning any student until after November 1 and only if the Recruitment Form is affirmatively completed to allow for the release of such information.
7. At any Job or Career Fair, each school shall provide notice to, and assure equal space for Recruiters and Counterrecruiters.
8. No Recruiter or Counterrecruiter shall be permitted to engage in recruitment or counterrecruitment activities except at Job or Career Fairs, or in a classroom at the invitation of a teacher.