

Actions Students Can Take to Counter Military Recruiting in Schools and the Community

Note: More information and materials for many of these activities can be obtained from the groups listed at the end of this sheet.

1. **Oppose JROTC:** Use leafleting and other educational activities to encourage students not to join JROTC. When enrollment drops below 100 for 2 years, JROTC is supposed to be withdrawn from the school.
2. **Information racks/posters:** Insist that literature racks and posters with alternative information be placed in school counseling offices, libraries and career centers. Make sure counter-recruitment literature is always kept on display near military recruitment literature.
3. **School career fairs:** Ask career counselors to include counter-recruitment groups at career and college fairs. Let any local c-r organizations know if you hear about a career fair at your school.
4. **Keep student names from recruiters:** Let your school know that you do not want your name released to recruiters. Tell your school you wish to “opt out” at the beginning of the school year, before the lists are released. Ask if your school has a special opt-out form, or download one from www.nnomy.org, where you can learn more. Educate other students and parents about students’ right to “opt out.”
5. **ASVAB testing:** You can refuse to take the military’s aptitude test, the ASVAB, if it is given at your school. The ASVAB supplies recruiters with your personal information. If the test is going to be given, ask that it be done on weekends and that it be announced to everyone that it is completely voluntary. Demand that no test scores be released to military recruiters (the school can request this, see www.nnomy.org).
6. **Recruiter visits:** Protest by handing out leaflets when recruiters set up displays during lunch. Have a student stand silently next to the recruiters dressed as the specter of death (black robes and hood). Set up a literature table or demand that counter-recruitment groups be invited to set up a table during lunch.
7. **Student newspapers:** Write editorials. Write an article on how students can get out of the Delayed Entry Program if they have already enlisted. Advertise sources of information on alternatives, like counter-recruitment organizations.

8. General leafleting: Students can do mass leafleting of their schools, both inside and at the entrances outside. Contact Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (<http://www.comdsd.org/>) for more information on your legal right to do this.
9. Community events: Protest the military's participation in events like special conferences in the community. Organize an educational forum in the community to counter recruiting. Attend school board meetings and ask that the military only be allowed to recruit when civilian employers and college representatives will also be present. See www.nnomy.org for examples of such policies.
10. Recruiting offices: Organize a march and/or picket in front of a military recruiting office.
11. Literature/information in the community: Distribute counter-recruitment literature and posters to youth centers and other community agencies.
12. Educate parents: Distribute special brochures and leaflets to parents.

Some organizations that offer more information and resources on countering militarism in schools:

AFSC Youth Alternatives Program, <http://www.afsc.org/program/providing-peaceful-alternatives-youth>

Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (COMD), P.O. Box 15195, San Diego, CA 92175; (619)265-1369; www.comdsd.org (see the students' rights info. on the youth page).

National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY), www.nnomy.org.

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO), P.O. Box 230157, Encinitas, CA 92023; (760)634-3604; www.projectyano.org

War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., New York, NY 10012; (212)228-0450; www.warresisters.org

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