



**NEW ORLEANS**  
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Dear NOMMA Senior Cadets and Parents,

As seniors this is an exciting time and in just a few months you will complete your high school career and embark upon a journey into the world of work or college. Every decision you make at this point in your life is critical. To ensure that you are taking the correct courses to graduate, Mrs. Long, Academic Dean, Dr. Krentel, Senior Counselor and I reviewed the transcripts and schedules of each senior. Some of you know this because you were called to my office and included in the conversation. This year you will have many opportunities to increase your opportunities for grants, scholarships and admission to college through rotation ACT Prep Classes, through sessions with Dillard's TRIO program, and through Dual Enrollment classes.

Parents, during the first days of school's orientation sessions, your cadet was provided a copy of their transcript and a brochure regarding TOPS. Cadets were reminded that TOPS scholarships require a minimum of 2.5 GPA. The GPA used for TOPS is the grade of the 19 core classes for TOPS (4 English, 4 math, 4 science, 4 social studies, 2 foreign languages and the arts course). Cadets have opportunities to increase their GPA. If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact Dr. Krentel.

As we begin to prepare for graduation, it is important for me to delineate NOMMA's policies as they pertain to graduation. Please note that full participation in the graduation ceremonies at NOMMA is a privilege and NOT a right for the individual cadet and his/her parents.

We want to ensure that everyone understands that the privilege of graduation with one's class is governed by the following principles:

- Successful completion of the course of study required by the State of Louisiana
- Successful completion of a senior project – cadets were made aware of the senior project in their JROTC class
- Successful attendance record as declared by the State of Louisiana – no more than 14 days absent
- Any cadet committing a suspendable offense (out of school) during the second semester will NOT be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony

Suspendable offences include the following:

- A. Fighting
- B. Possession of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and firearms or weapons

- C. Threats and/or battery of any kind against any school employee or any student
- D. Destruction of school property
- E. Disrespect of a school employee
- F. Engaging in any form of immoral behavior, lewd conduct and/or sexual acts
- G. Leaving campus without permission
- H. Use of the internet and/or Electronic communication equipment for non-educational purposes
- I. Falsifying information to intentionally mislead and/or deceive any school personnel
- J. Any other serious offense that may cause a major school disruption and/or create a situation that may endanger the life of students, visitors or employees
- K. Bullying-cyber bullying
- L. Cheating/plagiarism, Integrity Violations
- M. On and Off-campus uniform violations
- N. Stealing (to include possession of stolen items)
- O. Failure/Refusing to serve a consequence

If you have questions about any of these expectations, now is the time to ask for clarification.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cecilia Garcia  
Principal