

Strategy in the Schools Developing a Policy for Military Recruitment at the School

In January of 2003, the Assistant Principal at Roosevelt High School in East Los Angeles, the second largest high school in the nation, introduced a policy on military recruitment to the Leadership Council for approval. This was the first time a formal policy specifying what is allowed and not allowed by military recruiters on campus was given. The reason for a school policy where none existed before was due to the increased military recruitment at Roosevelt HS. This school had the reputation of being the “number one Marine Corps recruited school in the nation.” Military recruiters were there all the time, including during lunch, between classes, and even gaining access to classroom, which the administration said negatively impacted on academic achievement.

A group of teachers, parents, students as well as an administrator can request a school wide policy to restrict military recruitment on campuses. Use this Roosevelt policy as a model, and ask your school decision making body for compliance with the NCLB Section 9528 which states that military recruiters are to have the same access as career and college recruiters. There is NO legal support for military recruiters to have MORE and unlimited access to our students.

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