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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Officer Candidate School (OCS) Individual Student Assessment Plan (ISAP)

1. **References:**

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- e. AR 350-51, Officer Candidate School, 11 June 2001.
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2. Purpose.

a. **Scope.** This document outlines the standards and performance requirements for graduation from Federal OCS and receipt of appointment orders in the U.S. Army. This document describes the assessment criteria for the entire Officer Candidate Program of Instruction.

b. **Applicability.** This ISAP applies to all Candidates assigned to or attending training at Officer Candidate School, 3d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS), 199th Infantry Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia.

c. **Open Door Policy.** The Chain of Command in the 3d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS) has open door policies IAW with all regulations and policies.

d. **Standards.** Standards are the engine of discipline and essential to success on the battlefield. The primary goal of the OCS ISAP is to guide and reinforce the standards of conduct and appearance of all Soldiers to build Soldierly habits and confident leaders. Leaders adjust standards based on assessments and changing situations. The OCS Commandant is authorized to adjust this document per AR 350-51 in operational execution and will submit updates for formal approval at the earliest opportunity. Note that standards governing 3d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade are in accordance with AR 600-20 and AR 350-51, and TRADOC Regulation (TR) 350-36. TRADOC Regulation (TR) 350-6 does not apply to OCS students and cadre.

e. **Course Outcomes for the Officer Candidate School:**

(1) Values and Ethics. Newly commissioned officer who knows and embodies the Army Values.

(2) Leadership. Understands core leadership attributes and competencies and applies fundamentals of leadership with peers and in small units in multi-domain operations.

(3) Army Profession. Embraces the concept of being a member of the Profession of Arms, the requirements of the Army Profession, and the commissioning oath.

(4) Personal Development. Understands responsibilities of an officer for self-development (physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional) outside the institutional and organizational domains.

(5) Technical Competence. Masters fundamental basic military skills and familiar with Army management systems required of a junior officer.

(6) Tactical Competence. Executes TLPs, delivers clear and concise orders, and effectively employs small unit tactics.

f. Prerequisites:

(1) Physical Fitness: Candidates must meet Army height, weight, and body fat standards IAW AR 600-9 and AR 40-501. Candidates with more than six months of service who do not meet these standards will not be enrolled and either returned to their parent unit or assigned IAW the needs of the Army based on their status as prescribed by AR 350-1. New Soldiers with less than six months of service who do not meet height and weight standards will be held in HHC/3-11 IN until they meet height, weight, and body fat standards and begin an OCS class, or exceed six months of service. This is a courtesy: by AR 350-51, Officer Candidates are required to meet height and weight standards to even apply to Federal OCS. College option 09S Officer Candidates should not ship to Basic Combat Training until they meet height and weight standards. Students and cadre will ensure DA 5500 and DA 5501 forms are fully completed and correctly filed in student counseling packets.

(2) Incoming Candidates must meet the appearance standards prescribed in AR 670-1.

(3) Commissioned Officers must have a Secret security clearance or higher. Therefore, Candidates must have an open Single Source Background Investigation (SSBI) prior to the start of the course. Candidates who do not possess at least a Secret clearance at the time of graduation will not be commissioned until their clearance is favorably adjudicated.

(4) All Candidates must meet the requirements specified in AR 350-51 and adhere to standards established in AR 350-1 and TR 350-36.

(5) National Guard Officer Candidate: Must meet the requirements specified in National Guard Regulation 600-100 and NGB Pamphlet 350-51.

(6) Army Reserve Officer Candidate: Must meet the requirements specified in AR 140-50.

3. Administration

a. **General.** The Army selects Officer Candidates by trusted boards, and as such the Infantry School and OCS presumes Candidates to be leaders of character willing to live and lead by the Army ethic. OCS provides daily opportunities for Candidates to demonstrate their leadership potential. Commissioning is a privilege earned not only by successfully completing assigned tasks, but by also confirming suitable potential across the Army's leadership attributes and competencies. Each Officer Candidate is evaluated individually under the whole person concept based on their merit, performance, and potential. Course instruction will emphasize the Army Leadership Requirements Model with emphasis on a student's attributes and competencies throughout all training. Command teams and the battalion staff will periodically inspect student counseling packets during and after conduct of the course. Counseling packets will include all DA 4856 counseling forms, spot reports, grading sheets/rubrics, peer evaluations, etc. documenting course critical events and all officially documented positive and negative feedback provided to students by cadre. Candidates considered for recycle or dismissal will have their overall performance evaluated against the standards for graduation, course outcomes, and the Core Leader Competencies and Attributes, not historical precedent, or other individual cases. Therefore, the Officer Candidate's entire performance is considered along with the OCS course outcomes:

b. **Recycle, Resignation, and Dismissal From OCS.** Officer Candidate School provides the Army its scalable BOLC-A commissioning source, not a DA 1059 producing course. IAW AR 350-51 the OCS Commandant, or a named representative, may recycle or dismiss a Candidate whenever a lack of aptitude or qualification for commissioning has been determined. As such, this document contains policies and procedures that differ from DA 1059 producing courses governed by AR 350-1 and TR 350-18. For example, the OCS Commandant does not require legal review in decision not to commission an Officer Candidate, and candidates have a shorter appeal process than in DA 1059 courses. This section describes these authorities, procedures, and student appellate and rebuttal opportunities. A rebuttal is a written response to the OCS Commandant wherein the Candidate seeks to provide a formal administrative argument or countervailing proof that refutes the logic of a recycle or dismissal recommendation. Requests for compromise of standards for the Candidate's convenience, such as further retesting with subsequent OCS classes without recycling or to waive requirements to allow graduation with peers, are not rebuttals and may result in counseling and/or negative spot report from the Command Sergeant Major or Battalion Commander. Quibbling for additional points is not authorized; see also the OCS Honor Code. When a Candidate is recommended for recycle by that Candidate's Company Commander, they will have two (2) duty days to provide a written rebuttal to the OCS Commandant. When a Candidate is dismissed by the OCS Commandant, they may appeal the dismissal in writing within (2) duty days to the Infantry Commandant's designated representative as the appellate authority, the 199th Brigade Commander. If a Candidate is recommended for recycle or dismissal because of an investigation, they have ten (10) duty days to provide a written rebuttal to the OCS Commandant IAW AR 15-6. This rebuttal will be submitted with the dismissal appeals at the time of the Commandant's decision. While students may consult with external actors, the OCS Commandant and 199th Brigade Commander are not be subject to undue or unlawful command influence from in-service student's external chains of command. Cadre in 3-11 Infantry fully respect student's rights to protected communications and answer any questions raised by the chain of command, the Inspector General, and elected officials regarding student issues concerning these authorities.

(1) Upon final determination of the recycle/dismissal, the Candidate will report to HHC and will be placed into one of five categories under the HHC Commander per the OCS SOP. Candidates will not be placed into HHC until the rebuttal period is complete and the approval or appellate authority has made their final decision, unless specifically directed by the OCS Commandant. There is no rebuttal authorized to the Commandant's completed decision to recycle an Officer Candidate. The OCS Commandant may place Candidates in HHC for UCMJ or Honor Code Investigations, or when otherwise in interest of good order and discipline. Companies will transfer complete counseling packets of students to the gaining company. Counseling packets for dismissed as well as graduated students will be turned in to the 3-11 Infantry battalion S-1 section within 30 days of student departure and physically stored for a minimum of two years.

(2) Once a Candidate is identified as a recycle, they will be inserted into a class as determined by the OCS Commandant. Upon entry into the class as a recycle, the Candidate will be required to take all exams/tests and evaluations and conduct all training, to include any tests or training they have already completed/conducted. For instance, if a Candidate is recycled from A Co (Week 6) into B Co (Week 2), the Candidate will complete all tests and training from Week

2 to Week 6 in addition to the remainder of the course. This applies even if a Candidate passed the graded events.

(3) Upon dismissal from the course, in-service Candidates will be returned to their parent unit. Active-Duty college option Candidates will be expeditiously reassigned to AIT in accordance with the needs of the Army. National Guard and Reserve Candidates will be reassigned based on the direction of their parent unit. National Guard Candidates dismissed from Federal OCS may not be eligible for enrollment in State OCS programs based on National Guard and State policies and procedures.

(a) The Company Commander is the recommending authority for recycles and dismissals and will submit their recommendations to the Approval Authority.

(b) The OCS Commandant is the Approval Authority to recycle or dismiss Candidates for all situations IAW AR 350-51. All recycle decisions made by the OCS Commandant are final; rebuttals to the Brigade Commander are not authorized.

(c) The Commander, 199th Infantry Brigade, is the Appellate Authority for dismissals only. All dismissal decisions made by the Commander, 199th Infantry Brigade are final. If the Commander, 199th Infantry Brigade, overturns a dismissal, the OCS Commandant will decide where recycling Candidates insert back into the course. The OCS Commandant will take the logic of the appellate authority into account for all accepted appeals when determining the way forward.

(d) All Candidates relieved from OCS prior to graduation, regardless of the reason, must reapply to a new OCS Panel to be considered for readmission or future enrollment. This includes enrollment into State OCS programs. HRC is the decision authority for enrolling potential Candidates into Federal OCS. OCS will not create obstacles to reapplication for Candidates dismissed in good standing (i.e. compassionate dismissal).

(e) Rebuttals are authorized for the following graded events:

Garrison Leadership	Squad OPORD
Field Leadership (SL)	Platoon OPORD
Field Leadership (TL)	History Exam
Leadership and Military Justice Exam	Recommendation to Whole Person Concept Board
Tactical Operations Exam	Battle Analysis
Training Management Exam	WTBDs
Call for Fire Exam	Misconduct
Honor Code Violations	ISAP / policy / regulation violations
Bolton Obstacle	Medical Dismissal

Figure 1.1

(f) Rebuttals are NOT authorized for the following graded events; Students may contest validity of a test in writing to the company commander within 48 hours. Test

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failures may be declared invalid if test conditions or standards are not met. Students who fail invalidated test will be retested.

Land Navigation	9-mile foot march
Army Fitness Test	12-mile foot march
6-mile foot march	4-mile run
Medical Recycle	Graduation Run or PT Event

Figure 1.2: Non-Rebuttable Events.

c. **Administrative Recycle / Dismissals.** Candidates may be administratively recycled or dismissed. A recycle can constitute a day one restart or an insertion back into the course at the discretion of the OCS Commandant. For recycled Candidates, all grades received up to the point of insertion in the new class will remain in effect. Except for medical recycles, recycled Candidates may only receive a maximum of 70% in the event for which they were recycled in a subsequent class. Candidates who receive a day one restart or insert prior to testing a previously passed event will not carry over any grades from previous classes. Candidates who recycle will not be eligible for Honor Graduate or the Commandant's list except in the case of a medical or compassionate recycle. Grounds for administrative recycle/dismissal include, but are not limited to the following:

(1) **Administrative Recall Dismissal:** A Candidate is administratively dismissed from OCS when he / she is recalled by a controlling agency (component) or parent organization (unit) for reasons not related to academic or performance deficiencies. Unit deployment to combat is an example.

(2) **Compassionate or Hardship Recycle / Dismissal:** A Candidate is administratively recycled from OCS when personal or family problems substantially interfere with continuation of training or cause a Candidate to miss an excessive amount of training. Dismissal under this provision does not guarantee reassignment to a desired area, release from the program, or release from service.

(3) **Security Recycle / Dismissal:** Candidates who fail to possess, at minimum, an open Single Source Background Investigation (SSBI) prior to the start of the course will remain in a hold status at HHC, or may be returned to their unit, until their clearance investigation is initiated. Upon approval, the Candidate may start with the next available class if the investigation is initiated and open, at the discretion of the OCS Commandant. If a Secret Clearance is not adjudicated prior to graduation:

(a) The Candidate will continue to train with the company and participate in all mentorships, training, and social events, to include the graduation ceremony. However, the Candidate will not take the oath of office and graduation/ commissioning paperwork will not be processed until verification of an approved clearance is received.

(b) The Candidate will move to a holding status in HHC following the graduation ceremony. Once verification of an approved clearance is received, leaders will complete the required documentation for graduation and commissioning.

(c) Candidates who are unable to obtain a minimum Secret Clearance will not be eligible to commission and may be dismissed from the course.

(4) **Medical Recycle / Dismissal:** Inability to complete the course because of health reasons is grounds for dismissal from the course. Commanders will verify the medical readiness and eligibility of students to conduct training upon arrival and prior to commissioning. Mental health difficulties, other than situational maladjustment, are included in this category. A Candidate may be recycled if they receive a profile that will cause limited participation or missed training. Candidates missing a cumulative of eight hours of training or who are unable to participate in PRT in any capacity may be recommended for recycle.

(a) Candidates on profile may be recycled to HHC to heal and then be returned to a point in training at the discretion of the OCS Commandant. Candidates who are on a profile(s) for a cumulative 14 days or more may be dismissed from the course.

(b) If the physical condition of a Candidate changes from the time the OCS board reviewed their application until their attendance to OCS, and the Candidate is not able to meet the commissioning physical requirements, the Candidate may be dismissed from the course regardless of whether the Candidate has been on a profile for a cumulative 14 days or more.

(c) If a Candidate is identified as being pregnant, Active-Duty college option Candidates may be chaptered under AR 635-200, Chapter 11. In-service (AD, NG, RC) Candidates may be dismissed from the course and returned to their unit. Candidates who become pregnant prior to arrival and later dismissed will be dismissed in good standing.

(d) Candidates on a permanent profile may enroll in OCS, provided they pass all AFT events prescribed by their profile. Candidates on any temporary profile will not be permitted to enroll in OCS.

(5) **Failure to meet AR 600-9 Standards Dismissal:** Applicants are required to fulfill the height, weight, and body fat criteria set forth in compliance with AR 600-9 and AR 40-501 prior to commencement of OCS. Candidates who fail to meet these standards will not be eligible for enrollment in the course. In-service personnel originating from Active Duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve components are required to adhere to the AR 600-9 standards as delineated in Table B-1 and B-2 during their initial measurement. Failure to meet these standards will result in their return to their original unit or reassignment as per the Army's operational requirements. College option candidates entering Initial Entry Training (IET) are obligated to satisfy the standards outlined in AR 40-501, paragraphs 2-3c, and meet the criteria established in Tables 2-1 and 2-2 during the initial six months of their active-duty service. Following the initial six-month period, college option candidates are subject to the standards set forth in AR 600-9, delineated in Table B-1 and B-2. College option candidates who do not meet the established standards will undergo reassignment to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) based on the operational requirements of the Army. A final height and weight assessment will take place before graduation. Should a candidate fail this assessment, they may face dismissal based on their final height and weight results, as outlined in AR 600-9, Paragraph 3-6(a)(1).

(6) **Order of Merit List (OML) Recycle:** Effective 01 January 2026, if more potential Candidates arrive for a class start than there are available slots, the day one Army Fitness Test will be used to create an order of merit (OML) list that will determine who enters the next class.

Candidates who do not enter a class due to class size limitations will remain in HHC and class up at the next opportunity. See AFT section for additional details including interim AFT requirements through 31 December 2025.

(7) **Failure to Progress Recycle / Dismissal:** A candidate who fails to show progress in performance, physical fitness, leadership evaluations, motivation, attitude, aptitude, or conduct may be recommended to the OCS Commandant for a Whole Person Concept Board, recycle, or dismissal. Examples of failure to progress include first time no-gos of multiple course critical events, continuing to receive spot reports for similar infractions following a Whole Person Concept Board or previous recycle, or consistent demonstration of poor judgement and/or maturity expected of a commissioned officer. Officer candidates who have recycled with two previous classes may be dismissed following failure, academic or otherwise, in a third class. Officer Candidates receive more opportunities for retraining than their ROTC cadet peers by design due to the accelerated nature of the commissioning source. However the intent of the commanders of 3^d Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment and the 199th Infantry Brigade state that Officer Candidates should only be afforded a fourth class up opportunity for extreme circumstances, and Officer Candidates recycled multiple times should not return to a Company in which they have already been recycled.

(8) **Whole Person Concept Recycle / Dismissal:** At any time, the OCS Commandant may convene a Whole Person Concept Board to evaluate Candidates who fail to show progress in performance, physical fitness, leadership, academic, motivation, attitude, aptitude, peer evaluations or conduct to determine if they should continue training. Failure to progress is not applicable to a single failure of an event but is the culmination of two or more repeated failures or marginal performance of a certain category or multiple categories of events (may be POI or non-POI events). The OCS Commandant may initiate a Whole Person Concept Board for any student that is recommended for recycle from the course a second time. If the board determines that even though the Candidate passes all graduation requirements, yet they are not meeting the required Leader Attributes and Core Leader Competencies outlined in ADP 6-22 (Army Leadership), they may be dismissed from the course. See paragraph 3.f. for more details on the Whole Person Concept Board.

(9) **Suspension of Favorable Action (FLAG):** Any Candidate who has a FLAG initiated against them while assigned to OCS may be recycled or dismissed at the discretion of the OCS Commandant. This includes AR 15-6 investigations. Candidates flagged for investigation due to conduct in the course will not be dismissed before conclusion of the investigation and execution of standards discussed in paragraph 3.b.

d. **Academic / Physical Recycles or Dismissals.** All Candidates must meet standards outlined in Chapter 2 of this document or may be subject to recycle or dismissal from OCS. Applicable retests will be given within 72 hours (except under special circumstances) of the Candidate being notified that they did not meet the minimum standard. Unless required by separate policy or otherwise noted within this document, cadre are not required to provide students a full retraining session for academic failure. If a Candidate demonstrates a trend of first-time test failures, he/she may be considered for recycle or dismissal for failure to progress. A Candidate who is recycled for failure to meet a course standard and fails to meet the same standard in the next cycle may be dismissed from the course.

e. **Adverse / Disciplinary Dismissal from OCS**

(1) **Dismissal for Misconduct:** Failure to cooperate in routine requirements, adhere to course standards, local laws, rules and regulations of OCS, and Army regulations may result in disciplinary actions, UCMJ action, recycle or dismissal from the course. The OCS Commandant will decide on recycle or dismissal based on the seriousness and/ or frequency of the offense. Misconduct may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Unexcused absences/ late returns from pass or leave.
- (b) Alcohol-related incidents.
- (c) Fraternization and/or inappropriate (ex. romantic) relationships. This includes developing or attempting to develop such relationships with cadre or other any other permanent party personnel on Fort Benning, GA. See also AR 600-32.
- (d) Disrespect.
- (e) Possession of unauthorized ammunition or firearms.
- (f) Tolerance of infractions of OCS and/or Army SOPs, regulations, or written/ verbal directives.
- (g) Failure to comply with instructions.
- (h) Being outside company billets after lights out.
- (i) Any action of misconduct considered detrimental to the Officer Candidate School or the Army.
- (j) Violation of OCS SOP, regulations, or written/ verbal directives.
- (k) Security violations.
- (l) Accidental / Negligent Discharge of Weapon, including blanks.
- (m) Possession of notes/ materials that provide a Candidate with an unfair advantage.
- (n) Operation of a motorcycle while assigned to OCS.
- (o) Unauthorized visitation to adjacent company areas.
- (p) Bullying. A form of harassment that includes acts of aggression by Soldiers or DA Civilian employees, with a nexus to military service, with the intent of harming a Soldier either physically or psychologically, without proper military authority or other governmental purpose. Bullying is the exposure of an individual or group to physical and/or emotional aggression with the intent to cause distress or harm. Bullying may involve the singling out of an individual from his or her coworkers, or unit, for ridicule because he or she is considered different or weak. It often is indirect or subtle in nature and involves an imbalance of power between the aggressor

and the victim. Bullying can be conducted through the use of electronic devices or communications, and by other means including social media, as well as in person.

(q) **Hazing.** A form of harassment that includes conduct through which Soldiers or DA Civilian employees (who haze Soldiers), without a proper military authority or other governmental purpose but with a nexus to military service, physically or psychologically injurs or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury to Soldiers for the purpose of: initiation into, admission into, affiliation with, change in status or position within, or a condition for continued membership in any military or DA Civilian organization. Hazing can be conducted through the use of electronic de-vices or communications, and by other means including social media, as well as in person.

(r) Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program violations.

(2) **Dismissal for Knowingly Providing False Information in OCS Application:** Knowingly falsifying or omitting facts on an application to OCS may result in dismissal from the course IAW AR 350-51.

(3) **Dismissal for Violation of the Honor Code:** A Candidate will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do. Any violation of this code may result in dismissal from the course. Honor Code violations include any actions or the tolerance of any actions that provide an individual or individuals an advantage that someone else would not otherwise be entitled. See Chapter 2 of the OCS SOP for detailed information on the Honor Code. Lying includes quibbling, defined as deceitfully attempting to distort or distract inquiry into an alleged violation, or presenting false or irrelevant mitigation matters when confronted with objective failure to meet standards. **IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE.**

(4) **Dismissal for Contraband:** A Candidate found with unauthorized items, to include food in the barracks, may be recycled or dismissed. The poor judgment of a Candidate knowingly possessing contraband will be considered regarding their character when considering the Attributes of Leadership contained in ADRP 6-22. Candidates who unintentionally receive contraband by mail from friends or family should immediately surrender the contraband for disposal or storage as appropriate. Candidates who surrender such contraband will suffer no adverse action.

(5) **Dismissal for Breach of Physical Profile/ Missed Appointment:** Any Candidate found in breach of a medical profile issued to them by the CTMC, Hospital, Physical Therapist or any other medical establishment may be recycled or dismissed. Candidates are subject to the 199th IN BDE Missed Appointment Policy dated 19 January 2022. The first missed appointment results in negative counseling from a Company Commander. A second missed appointment results in negative counseling from the OCS Commandant. A third missed appointment results in negative counseling from the CDR, 199th IN BDE and may result in dismissal from the course.

(6) **Resignation Dismissal:** The OCS Commandant may approve the resignation of a candidate for personal reasons. Candidates may not resign until after enrolling in the class and completing at least four weeks of training. The only exception will be for the convenience of the Government when personal reasons or physical or mental deficiencies, unforeseen before enrollment, surface. If the Commandant approves an Officer Candidate's resignation, that

candidate's name will be reported promptly to Human Resources Command via the standard dismissal process. The College Option Officer Candidates will then be reassigned based on the needs of the Service. In-service Officer Candidates will return to their units. Resignation responsibilities are:

(a) Officer Candidate. The candidate must submit their request for resignation from Federal OCS in writing to the chain of command explaining why they request to resign. Candidates may not resign in lieu of academic, leadership, or misconduct dismissals. If the candidate elects to withdraw the resignation before it is forwarded to the Company or Battalion commander, the documents will be retained in the candidate's record.

(b) Company Cadre. The Company Commander or other designated cadre will counsel the candidate on a DA Form 4856 concerning the request for resignation. Counseling should include resignation procedure and potential consequences. The Company Commander or designated representative may include written comments on the candidate's potential before forwarding the packet to the Battalion Commander / OCS Commandant.

(c) OCS Commandant (Approval Authority). The Battalion Commander as OCS Commandant may interview the candidate, further counsel him/her on the consequences of the resignation, and approve or disapprove the resignation. Dismissal decisions will be recorded on a dismissal memorandum and DD Form 785 as with other dismissals.

(6) **Dismissal for violation of Candidate Privilege restrictions:** Outlined below are the three phases of OCS and the privileges restrictions each Candidate has during each phase. Any Candidate found in violation of these restrictions will be subject to recycle or dismissal from the course. Company commanders are the authority for intermediate phase up and reduction in phase, and the OCS Commandant is the authority for phase up to senior phase. Phase ups may be tied to competitions and/or inspections and may be delayed based on deficiencies or class performance.

(a) **Common to all phases.** Company commanders are the authority for intermediate phase up and reduction in phase, and the OCS Commandant is the authority for phase up to senior phase. Phase ups may be tied to competitions and/or inspections and may be delayed based on deficiencies or class performance. Students wear the corresponding colored OCS ascot as directed by the OCS Commandant while executing the course.

(1) Battle Buddy teams: Candidates will not travel alone. Candidates will always travel in same-gender battle buddy pairs unless in groups of 3 or more or during formal and graduation events where family members are present.

(2) Cell Phones: Not authorized during the duty day (to include sick call) or while in the field. Additional restrictions by phase.

(3) Alcohol: In accordance with AR 600-35, only permitted at official functions of Branching Social and Formal and limited in quantity by unit SOP.

(4) Nicotine: consumption or possession of nicotine-containing products, including but not limited to tobacco products, is prohibited.

(5) Caffeine / supplements: Caffeine permitted beginning in Blue Phase; not permitted eight hours before entering a field environment. Supplements prescribed by a medical provider are authorized.

(6) Formations: All administrative movements (3 or more people) will be conducted in formation; Company level formations will march to the drum.

(7) Overnight passes: Only authorized by the OCS Commandant, usually limited to holiday block leave.

(8) Lights out: Candidates are not authorized to be out of their barracks rooms after 2200.

(9) Off-post passes: Only authorized by the OCS Commandant.

(b) **Basic (Black) Phase:**

(1) Restricted to OCS Footprint and CTMC.

(2) Use of Shoppette for haircuts / necessities; only authorized to use Shoppette at intersection of Ingersoll and Wold Street. Approved by Company Commander on case-by-case basis. Squad sized formation minimum; escorted by Cadre.

(3) POVs not authorized.

(4) Civilian Clothes not authorized.

(5) With exception of required in-processing activities as determined by commanders, cell phones only authorized on Sundays (No cell phone usage in the field).

(6) Tobacco / Nicotine use not authorized.

(7) Alcohol not authorized.

(8) Caffeine use not authorized.

(c) **Intermediate (Blue) Phase: The Company Commander is the approval authority to place a class in Intermediate phase.**

(1) On post passes only authorized beginning last day of the duty week until 2100. Requires Company Commander approval.

(2) POVs not authorized.

(3) Civilian Clothes not authorized.

(4) Cell Phones only authorized after duty hours (Not authorized in the field).

5) Caffeine authorized in garrison, but not authorized in the field. Energy drinks are prohibited (Requires Company Commander approval).

(6) Tobacco / Nicotine use not authorized.

(7) Alcohol use authorized only at Branching Social (Limited by SOP).

(d) Senior (White) Phase: The Commandant is the approval authority to place a class in Senior phase upon completion of a phase-up inspection.

(1) On-post passes only authorized after duty hours until 2100. Off-post passes in ACU with white ascot authorized only by exception of the OCS Commandant.

(2) POVs authorized on-post after duty hours until 2100.

(3) Overnight passes not authorized unless approved by the OCS Commandant. See f.1.h.

(4) Business casual civilian clothes authorized during passes.

(5) Cell phones authorized after duty hours.

(6) Coffee authorized.

(7) Tobacco / Nicotine use not authorized.

(8) Alcohol consumption authorized only at Formal (Limited by SOP).

(e) Company Commanders reserve the right to return a class to a previous phase based on performance and adherence to standards.

f. Whole Person Concept Board. Students who show a lack of aptitude or qualification for commissioned status, as determined by procedures outlined in this ISAP and 3-11 IN (OCS) SOP may be nominated by Company Commanders to attend a Whole Person Concept Board. The board is administrative in nature, follows OCS procedures that are less intensive than the non-directive guidance for more formal boards discussed in AR 15-6, and makes recommendations to the Commander of 3-11 Infantry Regiment on whether a student should be retained, retrained, recycled, dismissed, and/or be subject to other administrative and disciplinary action. The approval and appellate authorities for board recommendations are outlined in paragraph 1-2 of the OCS ISAP.

(1) The board will be comprised of the following: the Battalion Executive Officer or Battalion Operations Officer as the board chair and 2x officers (Company Commanders are preferred). The Officer Candidate's Platoon Mentor or Company Commander will be present for the board. The OCS Commandant may appoint board members as necessary.

(2) The Candidate who is ordered to report to this board will be given the opportunity to make any statements to the board on their behalf and present any matters he or she feels

necessary. A Candidate will have no less than 48 hours to submit rebuttal and prepare for a Whole Person Concept Board.

(3) Once all matters are heard by the board, a majority of votes cast will determine if the Candidate will be recommended for recycle, dismissal, other disciplinary action, or be retained in their current class. The board's recommendation will be forwarded to the OCS Commandant for final decision. The Commandant is not required to accept board recommendations. The board may inform the Candidate of their recommendation, however no further rebuttal is required as the board is charged with considering the rebuttal as part of the whole person concept.

(4) If a Candidate is recycled, he or she will be placed in a later class at a point determined by the OCS Commandant. Parameters listed in paragraph 1-3 of this ISAP apply to Candidates recycled following a WPCB.

g. **Duty to Provide Aid.** Rapid response is critical in life-threatening cases including heat and other traumatic injuries. Candidates have a duty to provide medical aid IAW training received to fellow Candidates or Cadre in an emergency. During individual graded events, if a testing student observes another that requires immediate aid, he/she will terminate participation in the event to render aid. The student rendering aid will be given an opportunity to complete the event at another time without penalty.

h. **Spot Reports.** OCS uses Spot Reports to record a Candidate's behavior due to negative or exceptional circumstances (i.e., lifesaving or other exemplary demonstration of army values). Spot reports alone do not constitute a formal disciplinary action. Cadre from any company may recommend any Candidate for a Spot report. Spot Reports will be recorded on a Leadership Assessment card and be entered into a Candidate's counseling packet. Candidates who demonstrate a lack of adherence to the Army Values and Core Leader Competencies and Attributes, as demonstrated by receiving three (3x) Spot Reports, will be referred to a Whole Person Concept Board. Company Commanders may consider use of a positive spot report to 'cancel' negative report. The Company Commander is the decision authority on all Spot Reports.

(1) Students may not receive a Spot Report for failing a graded graduation requirement, except for the SQD OPORD and Team Leader Evaluations at squad STX.

(2) In addition to the Spot Report Form, Cadre may also counsel a Candidate in writing on a DA Form 4856 when they receive a Spot report if further counseling is merited.

(3) Cadre will have the Candidate sign the Spot Report Card at the conclusion of counseling. Candidates who refuse to sign a Spot Report Card will receive no further disciplinary action or additional counseling; the effect on the Candidate is identical whether they sign it or not.

(4) The Leadership Assessment Card for spot reports must be adequately detailed. The Company Commander will inspect all Spot Reports for thoroughness and be the approving authority before it is placed in the Candidate's counseling packet.

i. **Counseling.** All Candidates will receive initial counseling, recorded on a DA Form 4856, during the first week of the course outlining expectations regarding adherence to the OCS ISAP and OCS SOP. Candidates are responsible for knowing and adhering to the OCS ISAP and SOP. Candidates will be counseled, recorded on a DA Form 4856, at the end of each phase (weeks 5 and 9), at a minimum. This counseling will focus on an individual Candidate's adherence to the Army Values and Core Leader Competencies and Attributes. Candidates will receive feedback on each graded requirement they complete within a reasonable time frame, as mission allows. Candidates will know what they scored on each graded event NLT the day before Branching. Candidates may ask Cadre to confirm grades they believe are in error. Company commanders will report to the Battalion Commander on completion of the above counseling measures of performance. The Battalion Command Sergeant Major and battalion staff are empowered to inspect counseling packets during and after all courses.

j. **Peer Counseling.** All Candidates will receive counseling on the results of their peer evaluations, led by a Cadre member. Cadre may accomplish this counseling in an individual or group setting. For candidates ranking in the bottom 10% of their squad, results of peer counseling will be recorded on a DA Form 4856 and placed in the Candidate's counseling packet. Peers will be conducted in accordance with the OCS course map, currently templated in weeks four, eight, and ten. Peer evaluations alone will not be used to identify students for recycle or dismissal, however three negative spot reports for any reason results in a Whole Person Concept Board.

k. **Counseling Packets.** Company Commanders are responsible for maintaining updated counseling packets on each Candidate and transferring these complete packets to a receiving company if the Candidate is recycled. Receiving commanders will retain all counseling documents from previous classes. Counseling packets sent to the Battalion or Brigade level will be complete to assist in evaluation of the whole person concept. The S-1 will maintain counseling packets for two years following the graduation or dismissal of a Candidate.

l. **Corrective Training.** Authority to use corrective training is part of the inherent powers of command governed by AR 600-20. OCS cadre are not drill sergeants and are not governed by TR 350-36. The OCS cadre exercise general military authority on behalf of the Battalion Commander and are authorized to correct and administer nonpunitive corrective measures, regardless of the rank of the instructor and a student hold-under or training (ex. an OCS cadre staff sergeant has the Commander's authority to correct a DCC student lieutenant colonel or an OCS officer candidate master sergeant) One of the most effective nonpunitive corrective measures is extra training or instruction (on-the-spot corrections). For example, if Soldiers appear in an improper uniform, they are required to correct it immediately. If Soldiers have training deficiencies, they will be required to take extra training or instruction in subjects related to the shortcoming. The training or instruction given to a Soldier to correct deficiencies must be appropriately tailored to curing the deficiency. It must be oriented to improving the Soldier's performance in their problem area. Brief physical exercises are an acceptable form of corrective training for minor acts of indiscipline (for example, requiring the Soldier to do push-ups for arriving late to formation) so long as it does not violate the Army's policies prohibiting hazing, bullying, and unlawful punishment. Corrective measures may be taken after normal duty hours. Such measures assume the nature of training or instruction, not punishment. Corrective training should continue only until the training deficiency is overcome. Care should be taken at all levels of command to ensure that training and instruction are not used in an oppressive manner to evade the procedural safeguards inherent to the imposition of nonjudicial punishment. Deficiencies

satisfactorily corrected by means of training and instruction will not be noted in the official records of the Soldiers concerned.

4. OCS Evaluation Points Criteria

a. **General.** The Officer Candidate School program of instruction is administered by the 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment as a resident course of Fort Benning, GA. OCS Candidates will complete all requirements in the resident course and commission at Fort Benning. Constructive credit and commissioning *in absentia* is not authorized. Points are broken down into four categories: Leadership, Academic, Technical Competence, and Physical Fitness. See the OCS SOP for rubrics for applicable graded events.

(1) A Candidate who fails any initial assessment or test will receive no more than 70% of the original value for passing the retest.

(2) Candidates have 24 hours to protest the results of an exam to their company Cadre if they believe there to be an administrative error. The Candidate is responsible for drafting a memorandum that explains the issue to include all supporting documents as necessary. The appellate authority for the protest is the Company Commander.

(3) The company Cadre will be responsible for taking the complaint to the test facilitator. The test proponent will determine the validity of the complaint and adjust as necessary.

(4) The Class OML is calculated based on all grades received by the date of graduation. The OML is the primary, but not only, means of determining branching active duty O9S Candidates until full implementation of Talent Based Branching. Company commanders will ensure OML events are graded promptly and provided to students. Grades will be posted on Blackboard or a backup system within one week of the graded event.

(5) Unless otherwise annotated, events evaluated with a points scale require a Candidate to achieve a minimum of 70% to pass. A recycled Candidate who fails a test and re-test of a graduation requirement may be recycled. A Candidate who fails the test and re-test of the same event that is a graduation requirement in a subsequent class may be dismissed.

b. **Leadership Evaluations.** A maximum of 1900 OML points, further governed by rubrics contained within the 3-11 IN (OCS SOP), are earned by Candidates based on the following criteria:

Event	Max # of Points	OML Points
Garrison Leadership 1	100	100
Field Leadership 2 (Squad Leader)	500	500
Field Leadership TL 1 & 2	GO / NO-GO Spot Report for NO-GO	GO / NO-GO Spot Report for NO-GO
Peers Evaluations 1-3	Spot report for bottom 10% in the SQD	Spot report for bottom 10% in the SQD
Leadership Total		700

Figure 2.1

(1) Candidates will be evaluated for the following positions.

(a) Garrison: SL, PSG, PL, 1SG, XO, or CO x 1.

(b) SQD STX: SL (STX lane) x 1 and TL (STX lane) x 2.

(2) Candidates must pass 1x Garrison leadership position with a minimum of 70 points and 1x SL (STX lane) leadership position with a minimum of 420 points. Candidates will be authorized 1x retest for each leadership event. Failure of a retest may result in recycle. Cadre will consider context of leadership events and focus grading on demonstrated leadership attributes and competencies. Not all leadership experiences will be shared experiences. For example, garrison leadership is more challenging at land navigation than history academics. This context matters, and cadre will work to provide meaningful leadership feedback regardless of situation and reflect challenges as such. Leadership evaluations may merit "excellent" ratings for overcoming challenges, whereas 'successful' missions may demonstrate need for retraining.

(3) Garrison and field Leader Evaluation Reports are awarded points on a graduated scale. Candidates will be graded based on the ISAP's 'OCS Course Outcomes' and ADP 6-22, Army Leadership, and the Profession. Candidates will receive the following grades based on their performance and the performance of their subordinates:

(a) Excellent (90-100%). A rating of "Excellent" indicates the Candidate demonstrates above average proficiency in most leadership attributes and competencies. To achieve an "Excellent" rating the Candidate typically demonstrates clear understanding of higher mission and intent, conveys a clear and concise OPORD to his/her subordinates, use the principles of mission command to empower and manage subordinate leaders, spot checks critical tasks and equipment, manages time, decisively and violently accomplish the mission using sound judgment, doctrine, and units TTP/SOPs. Mastery of infantry skills and tactics are not required to achieve an "Excellent" rating in field training, however knowledge of infantry skills and tactics greatly reduces challenges observed in developing leadership attributes and competencies.

(b) Proficient (80-89.9%). A rating of "Proficient" indicates the Candidate demonstrates average to good proficiency in the preponderance of the leadership attributes and competencies. Candidates proficient in leadership attributes and competencies typically accomplish the mission, performs all critical tasks, have a working knowledge of small unit tactics, use subordinate leaders to help plan and execute the mission, and demonstrate reasonable judgment based on the situation with minimal guidance.

(c) Capable (70-79.9%). A rating of "Capable" indicates a Candidate passed the event, but demonstrates a need for improvement in a preponderance of leadership attributes and competencies. For example, a Candidate generally accomplishes the mission and most critical tasks but requires additional guidance, lacks initiative, relies on support from subordinates, etc. to address leadership attribute and competency shortfalls.

(d) Unsatisfactory (<70%). A rating of "Unsatisfactory" indicates that a Candidate requires retraining and significant improvement in one or more leadership attributes and competencies. Candidate fails to conduct critical tasks or fails to demonstrate leadership

throughout the mission. Indicators of unsatisfactory performance may include, but are not limited to: quitting, panicking or otherwise losing control of emotions, failing to treat fellow Candidates with dignity and respect when under stress, and loss of control of the formation resulting in major impacts to mission or fratricide. Lack of mastery of light infantry skills and tactics alone is not grounds for an unsatisfactory rating, however lack of these skills compounds a Candidate's difficulties in demonstrating leadership attributes and competencies. Task or mission failure may not automatically result in an unsatisfactory rating; rather, a Candidate's reaction to adversity may positively demonstrate leadership attributes and competencies.

Leadership Evaluations	E (90-100%)	P (80-89%)	C (70-79%)	U (<70%)
Garrison Leadership Point Values	90-100	80-89	70-79	0-69
Field Leadership (SL) Point Values	450-500	400-499	350-399	0-349

Figure 2.2

(3) Squad STX. Federal OCS as with other commissioning sources uses light infantry tactics and field exercises as an economical means to baseline future officers in doctrine, tactical theory, and fieldcraft. Federal OCS evaluates Candidates on leadership attributes and competencies. Candidates are not expected to master light infantry tactics, and infantry tactics alone will not be used to determine a passing grade on a lane. Candidates will be given three graded leadership positions during SQD STX: one evaluation as a Squad Leader and two as Team Leader. Squad leader evaluations will be delivered by AAR with leader development cards. If a Candidate fails their Squad Leader evaluation, they will be reevaluated before the end of the field exercise. Team Leader evaluations are GO/NO-GO. Passing Team Leader evaluations do not require leader development card generation. Failure of a Team Leader evaluation results in a spot report on a leader development card. During SQD STX, any Infantry Squad mission is testable for the Squad Leader and Team Leader evaluations. Candidates are not required to receive the same task during their evaluated mission.

(4) Peer Evaluations. Army schools and units often employ peer evaluations to help assess developmental needs and facilitate leadership development counseling. Peer assessments are used as a developmental tool and provide individuals with valuable information for personal growth. Candidates will receive three peer evaluations throughout the course, typically conducted following weeks 4, 8, and 10. These peer evaluations consist first of 2x squad level peer assessments using the Army Research Institute squad peer evaluation system when possible. Based on size of platoons, the final Platoon level peer evaluation assessment may focus on ranking Candidates in top, middle, and bottom thirds in addition to top and bottom 10%. The company may conduct additional peer evaluations for development purposes. Cadre must include peer evaluation results with mandatory counseling sessions, as applicable. Candidates who rate in the bottom 10% of their squad during their peer evaluations will receive a spot report and may be moved to a different squad or platoon for further evaluation. Peer evaluations will not provide sole cause for the recycle or dismissal of a Candidate, but peer evaluation spot reports may result in a Whole Person Concept Board. Peer evaluations will be considered by boards and the OCS Commandant as part of the whole person concept.

(5) Leadership Reaction Course (LRC). Candidates will be evaluated on their leadership performance on the LRC. This evaluation will be for initial development purposes and will not be included in a Candidates leadership grade.

c. **Academics.** A maximum of 300 points are available to Candidates based on the academic exams listed below. A minimum score of 70% on tests are required to pass, except for the Leadership, Justice and Ethics exam which requires an 80% to pass. The max score a Candidate can achieve on a retest is 70%. Candidates who fail to achieve 70% or a GO on a final re-test may be recycled. The history exam and battle analysis essay are TRADOC requirements IAW the BOLC-A Common Core Task List (CCTL).

Exam	Max # of Points
Leadership and Military Justice	50
Tactical Operations	50
Training Management	50
History Exam	100
Battle Analysis Essay	50
Squad OPORD	GO / NO GO
Platoon OPORD	GO / NO GO
Academic Total	300

Figure 2.3

(1) **Operation Order (OPORD) Briefs.** Candidates must pass a Squad Operation Order brief before beginning the Squad STX training event and a familiarization Platoon Operation Order brief before completing OCS. A Candidate's performance will be evaluated by an OCS Cadre member utilizing the OCS SQD/PLT OPORD Grade Sheet. Upon being provided the proper planning materials, Candidates will be given two hours to produce an OPORD ready for briefing to an OCS Cadre member. Candidates will be required to score at least 70 points out of 100 on the rubric to receive a GO for each squad and platoon OPORD brief. Failure to meet the minimum requirement will result in a retest. Failure of the re-test for the squad OPORD may result in a recycle. The Platoon OPORD will be done in team-sized groups and the grade received will apply to the entire team. This event will require research into Army doctrine and drawing from experiences throughout the course. The Candidates will be given four hours to create their Platoon OPORD. Failing the Platoon OPORD brief is not basis for recycle/dismissal on its own.

d. **Technical Competence.** A maximum of 300 points can be earned for Technical Competence. Students must pass all technical competence skill tests to graduate from the course. For warrior tasks, each student will be afforded two retests. If a student fails to complete the warrior task after their third attempt, they will receive additional training and be retested prior to executing Squad STX. Students will be afforded one retest on land navigation and call for fire. Candidates who fail to achieve 70% on a final re-test may be recycled.

Technical Competency	1 st Time Go	2 nd Time Go
Land Navigation	See figure 2.7	

Call for Fire	50	35
WTBDs	See Appendix C, WTBD Score Sheet	
Total possible points	200	

Figure 2.4

(1) **Land Navigation.** Candidates must individually pass the day and limited visibility (night) land navigation course examination. Each will be graded as a separate event and worth up to 100 points each. Candidates will have four hours for each test to successfully find and physically reach at least four out of seven points and return to the grading location with a correctly filled out grade sheet. Students must physically reach the point on each test iteration; logging a point without physically reaching it, whether the student previously found it or not, is cheating. A correctly filled out grade sheet must include the recorded number of the point and a perforation made by the “clacker” at that point, if present. Both requirements must be correct for the point to be counted as correct. The 199th Infantry Brigade and 3-11 Infantry are authorized to employ additional anti-cheating measures including but not limited to shakedowns, roving cadre, complex cyphers for point codes, and use of different points for training versus testing. Cadre will use GPS tracker data to screen for suspected cheating. The GPS trackers used by MCoE are also used by special mission units. They are accurate to within one meter and use up to five satellite constellations simultaneously. They update location, direction, and speed to an online database every thirty seconds. The GPS data is accessible well after land navigation testing. With exception of failure of batteries, which is noted in the data, the GPS system provides compelling evidence to assist in honor code inquiries and investigations.

(b) The examination is an individual Candidate's responsibility and will not be conducted with any form of aid from fellow students or notes. Per the 199th Infantry Brigade Land Navigation policy letter, land navigation failures require a full retraining session validated by Company Commander or First Sergeant. Candidates will conduct individual pre-combat checks (PCCs) of equipment prior to testing. In the event of loss or failure of necessary equipment during training, students may return to the startpoint for assistance from cadre, however event time will not stop. Students will not ask for assistance from, nor provide assistance to, fellow students with exception of life threatening circumstances. Except when filling out an official OCS land navigation test score card issued by OCS Cadre, Candidates are not permitted to record any information concerning the land navigation course, to include “clacker” punch patterns, point locations or point marker numbers or letters. Candidates found to be in possession of such materials will be assumed to be attempting to obtain an unfair advantage, which may be punishable under the provisions of the OCS Honor Code. Candidates are allowed one retest per test condition (day and night). Both conditions must be passed for a Candidate to successfully pass land navigation. Points are awarded IAW the chart below.

Correct Points Found	1st Attempt (Test day)	2nd Attempt (Retest day)
7 of 7	100	85
6 of 7	90	80
5 of 7	80	75
4 of 7	70	70

Figure 2.5

(2) **Call for Fire.** This exam is part of the technical competencies and awards OML points based on which attempt the exam is successfully completed (LAW Figure 2.6). Failure to achieve a minimum 70% on a re-test may result in a recycle.

(3) **Warrior Tasks.** See STP 21-1-SMCT. Skills testing will be based on the published performance standards found in Appendix C. Candidates will be given two separate attempts for each task. Candidates who fail to successfully achieve 35/50 available points may be recycled.

e. **Physical Fitness.** A maximum of 500 points can be earned by Candidates based on the following criteria. An asterisk denotes events which may result in a recycle if a Candidate receives a NO GO or failure on the event's re-test. Figure 2.6.B is effective 1 January 2026.

Event (01 JUN – 31 DEC 25)	Max # of Points	Minimum Standard
Bolton Obstacle Course*	100 / 70 retest	Complete 70% of active obstacles
4-mile Run*	100 / 70 retest	Complete under 36 minutes
6-mile Foot March	100 / 70 retest	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
9-mile Foot March	100 / 70 retest	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
12-mile Foot March*	100 / 70 retest	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
Class-up AFT	Diagnostic	60 points per event
Record AFT	Diagnostic; record DA 705 for passing available on request	60 points per event. May be used for positive spot reports and graduation PT honors.
Physical Fitness Total	500	

*Results in recycle for failure of test and re-test.

Figure 2.6.A

Event (Effective 01 JAN 26)	Max # of Points	Minimum Standard
Bolton Obstacle Course*	GO / NO GO	Complete 70% of active obstacles
4-mile Run*	GO / NO GO	Complete under 36 minutes
6-mile Foot March	GO / NO GO	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
9-mile Foot March	GO / NO GO	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
12-mile Foot March*	GO / NO GO	Complete w/ Formation (see 4.3(2))
Class-up AFT	500 (Must Pass to secure a slot on the class roster)	60 points per event
Record AFT*	500 (Counts towards OML/ Must pass to Graduate OCS)	60 points per event
Physical Fitness Total	500	

*Results in recycle for failure of test and re-test.

Figure 2.6.B

(1) Bolton Obstacle Course: Candidates that successfully complete at least 70% of active obstacles (i.e. obstacles not temporarily closed for safety or repairs) receive a GO. Candidates must attempt all active obstacles and will be provided with two attempts per obstacle. Refusal to train is violation of lawful orders and grounds for a lack of motivation dismissal or other adverse action. If a Candidate hesitates or refuses to complete an obstacle due to fear before or while on an obstacle, Cadre will give a verbal order to make progress. If the Candidate fails to make progress after the verbal order, the Candidate will receive a NO GO for that obstacle. The Company Commander may close, replace, or adjust obstacles based on weather or safety conditions. When standards must be adjusted based on changing conditions, commanders will ensure all Candidates have a fair chance to earn credit for that obstacle. The OCS Commandant and Company Commanders may waive an obstacle if an excessive number of students in the class cannot successfully complete the obstacle due to environmental factors, or if an obstacle must be ceased for safety considerations in execution due to breakage. Candidates who fail to complete the required 70% after their second attempts may be recycled. Company commanders may approve retesting of failed obstacles for all of a class's candidates who fail to complete the required 70% at a later date. This may occur if mitigating circumstances (ex. environmental or safety considerations) preclude a fair re-assessment of the Candidates' physical readiness.

(2) Foot Marches. Per AR 350-1, Soldiers applying to OCS must be able to walk 12+ miles with 48 lbs. in their rucksack within the authorized time limit. For course critical events, OCS employs 35 lbs. rucksacks, plus cumulative added weight of uniform, weapons, water, etc. Candidates will complete the following foot marches unassisted and in tactical formation: one 6-mile foot march (FM1), one 9-mile foot march (FM2), and one 12-mile foot march (FM3). All foot marches will be conducted IAW ATP 3-21.18.

(a) The time standard for all foot marches is 17:00 minutes (\pm 30 seconds) per mile. For example, the total time standard for the completion of the 12-mile foot march is 204 minutes (\pm 6 minutes). Company commander may authorize breaks if required to reduce risk of injury. Only breaks directed by Company Commanders to prevent injury may be considered by the OCS Commandant to give credit for foot marches that exceed time standards. Company command teams will take appropriate measures to maintain pace. If cadre error results in a consistently faster pace and early finish, the OCS Commandant will waive sub-paragraph d. below for any student who finishes within the correct time standard.

(b) The weight of the rucksack for all graded foot marches will be 35 lbs. (dry weight). Failure to meet the rucksack weight standard or finish with all required equipment will result in an event failure.

(c) The uniform for all foot marches is ACU with boots, field load carrier (FLC), water source, and rucksack. Company Commanders can modify the uniform based on their risk assessment. (FM2 & FM3 will include the M4 as part of the uniform)

(d) For all foot marches, if a Candidate falls more than 10 meters behind the rear of their assigned formation, they will continue dismounted movement but be considered a fall-out. If a Candidate fails to meet the foot march standards, they will be afforded a re-test. Only one re-test is authorized per foot march and will be administered no earlier than 72 hours following

the failed attempt. Failure of the 12-mile foot march re-test will result in a recycle. Failure of all other foot marches will result in a negative Spot report.

(3) **Army Fitness Test (AFT).** Students and cadre will ensure all DA 705 forms are fully completed and filed within student counseling packets.

(a) Class-Up AFT. Candidates are required to conduct the Class-Up AFT.

(i) Effective 01 January 2026, Candidates are required to pass a Class-Up AFT to secure a slot on the course. Prior to this date, AFT failures will be considered diagnostic.

(ii) Effective 01 January 2026, the AFT may be used to generate a class order of merit list (OML) for any previously recycled Candidate seeking entry on day one into another class that exceeds the maximum student load. All Students with an ATRRS reserved status will class up first unless precluded by instructor-student ratio. Due to the nature of the course, the Federal Officer Candidate School does not permit ATRRS “walk-ons” and as such no student is in competition with “walk-ons” for entry into the course at any time. From 01 June 2025 through 31 December 2025, HHC 3-11 IN will conduct a timed diagnostic execution of the OCS obstacle course to generate the OML, if required.

(iii) Effective 01 January 2026, Candidates who remain on the Class-Up OML will be slotted for the next upcoming class.

(iv) Effective 01 January 2026, Candidates who fail the Class-Up AFT will be denied entry into the course and administered as recycled.

(v) Effective 01 January 2026, Candidates who fail the Class-Up retest will be dismissed for the course.

(b) Record AFT.

(i) Candidates are required to conduct a Record AFT during the class cycle.

(ii) Effective 01 January 2026, the Record AFT is both an OML and Graduation requirement.

(iii) Effective 01 January 2026, record AFT scores will be calculated into the Candidate's OML points. Until 1 January 2026, the AFT will only be used to generate positive spot reports and physical fitness awards at graduation.

(iv) Candidates are not authorized alternate events unless required by a permanent profile.

(v) Candidates who fail the Record AFT will be given a retest NET 72 hours after the failed AFT.

(vi) Effective 01 January 2026, Candidates who fail the Record AFT retest may be recycled or dismissed from the course.

(vii) From 01 June 2025 through 31 December 2025, students who pass the Record AFT may receive a record AFT DA 705 scorecard for their records.

(4) 4-mile Run.

(a) During week 5, each company will conduct a 4-mile release run. The 4-mile run is not worth points on the OML but is graded as a GO / NO GO event. Candidates must complete the 4-mile run within 36 minutes. This standard is in keeping with typical unit "fit to fight" standards and has been re-affirmed by multiple Infantry Commandants and by the TRADOC Commanding General in 2025.

(b) If a Candidate fails to meet the time standard, they will be given a re-test no earlier than 72 hours from the failed attempt. If the Candidate fails the re-test, they will be recycled into the next available class. If the Candidate fails to successfully complete the 4-mile run requirement with a subsequent class, they may be dismissed from the course.

(c) Each company must conduct a 4-mile assessment during Week 2 or 3 of the course. This assessment must be shorter than 4-miles and at a 9-minute pace. The purpose of this assessment is to identify potential Hot Weather Injury (HWI) high risk individuals. The four-mile assessment is not a graded event.

(5) Graduation Run or PT Event. Prior to commissioning, each OCS Class will conduct a morale formation run or other PT event as directed. This event will be conducted at a time determined by the OCS Commandant and led by the Commandant or his/her delegated representative. Candidates that fail to complete the graduation PT event may be recycled. However, the intent of this event is to celebrate class accomplishments, not identify injured or ill students to put at risk of recycle. When conducted as a morale run, the pace for this run is nine minutes per mile (+/- 30 seconds) and a distance of up to four miles. Participation in this event is mandatory, health permitting. The OCS Commandant may grant exceptions due to mitigating circumstances such as injury or illness.

(6) Candidate Performance Feedback.

(a) Candidates will receive feedback on each graded requirement they complete within a reasonable time frame, as mission allows. Candidates will know what they scored on each graded event NLT the day before Branching. Candidates may ask Cadre to confirm grades they believe are in error. Company commanders will report completion of this to the battalion commander prior to branching.

(b) The OCS Commandant retains release authority of the Order of Merit List. While Candidates are entitled to view their grades, they are not entitled to view grades of others.

5. This ISAP supersedes all other previously published Officer Candidate School Individual Assessment Plans and is effective on 01 June 2025.

ATSH-TP

SUBJECT: Officer Candidate School (OCS) Individual Student Assessment Plan (ISAP)

6. The Programs of Instruction of the Federal Officer Candidate School fall under the proponentcy of the U.S. Army Infantry Commandant; this document is signed on his behalf. Per AR 350-51, the OCS Commandant is responsible for the operation of the OCS training program including enrolling attendees, evaluating leadership skills, and commissioning. The point of contact for this document is the 3-11 IN Battalion Commander / Federal Officer Candidate School (OCS) Commandant.

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Addendum: Change Log Since Last Version (14 APR 2025)

- Directed update by Infantry Commandant to reflect implementation of Army Fitness Test.
- Added note that 09S students who arrive not meeting height and weight standards are afforded six months to meet the standard as a courtesy as recruiters don't know the regulatory requirements of AR 350-51. Meeting height and weight requirements is an application prerequisite.
- Removed obsolete references, updated dates.
- Updated land navigation section to very clearly direct students to physically reach points on every test run, address alternate cheating control mechanisms due to ongoing theft of punches, and note use of GPS data to screen for cheating.
- Added explanation that cadre are not required to conduct full retraining prior to retesting. Exception added to land navigation noting 199th Infantry Brigade policy.
- Added expressed explanation that students cannot "walk on" to OCS.
- Added clarification that quibbling for points and asking to stay with peers are not authorized rebuttals for academic failure.
- Added note that using a rebuttal to request compromise of standards may result in counseling and/or spot report from the Command Sergeant Major and/or the Battalion Commander.
- Added expressed clarification that completed recycles are not rebuttable. Added expressed clarification that external chains of command will not influence OCS recycle/dismissal decision-making. Also added note that cadre fully respect protected communication rights and answer questions concerning recycle/dismissal authorities.

Change Log Since Last Major Revision (9 APR 2024)

- Added change log.
- Added clarification that OCS and 3-11 IN fall under AR 350-51, 600-20, and TR 350-36, not TR 350-6.
- Added failure to progress recycle/dismissal/whole person concept board category with some verbiage from ARNG OCS ISAP.
- Modified Whole Person Concept Board rebuttal process. Rebuttals due to the board; there is no additional rebuttal to the board's recommendation to the commander.
- Added clarification that Whole Person Concept Boards do not follow the optional guidance of AR 15-6.
- Clarified student ability to request cadre assistance in event of equipment loss or failure during land navigation testing, and further clarified prohibition against non-emergency student assistance.
- Added "inappropriate relationships" to clearly expand fraternization section beyond the UCMJ definition.
- Added bullying and hazing to misconduct.
- Added unauthorized visiting to adjacent company areas to misconduct section.
- Added notation that as Officer Candidate School is a BOLC-A commissioning source rather than a DA 1059 producing course, the recycle and appeal section contains differences from DA 1059 producing courses governed by AR 350-1 and TR 350-18.
- Added disenrollment category for Officer Candidate Resignation, with some verbiage pulled from AR 350-51 and the ARNG OCS ISAP. This replaces the incorrect "voluntary

withdrawal” category. Voluntary withdrawals refer to Candidates who withdraw prior to arrival to OCS.

- Adjustments to Bolton Obstacle Course, grants company commanders authority to waive obstacles due to excessive failures (ex. due to environmental factors). Added possibility to retest obstacles at a later date if circumstances require.
- Added MCoE Standards of Conduct to references, and added near-verbatim section explaining cadre authority to administer corrective training regardless of pay grade between instructor and student.
- Updated graduation run standards to reduce risk of injuries prior to graduation. Opens opportunity to execute as another kind of PT event. Participation remains mandatory, however the Commandant may grant exceptions due to injury or illness. Intent is to reduce students hiding injuries because they fear recycle just prior to graduation.
- Updated peer evaluation section to reflect current coursemap.
- Updated alcohol limitations at social events to reflect current practice in SOP.
- Closed “Bolton Loophole” where imprecise wording caused obstacles dead-lined for safety to count as automatic passing. Students must complete 70% of active obstacles. Clarified company commander authority to modify standards for environmental considerations and safety. Also added refusal to train explanation.
- Added foot-march control measures to address concerns of exceeding standard pace.
- Added AR 600-32 to references and adjusted text to clarify prohibited relationships with permanent party Soldiers.
- Made adjustments following feedback from TRADOC IG Inspection.
 - Added: Company commanders will ensure OML events are graded promptly and grades posted on Blackboard or a backup system within one week of the graded event.
 - Added: Students and cadre will ensure DA 5500 and DA 5501 forms are fully completed and correctly filed in student counseling packets.
 - Added: Students and cadre will ensure all DA 705 forms are fully completed and filed within student counseling packets.
 - Added: Course instruction will emphasize the Army Leadership Requirements Model with emphasis on a student’s attributes and competencies throughout all training. Command teams and the battalion staff will periodically inspect student counseling packets during and after conduct of the course.
 - Counseling packets for dismissed as well as graduated students will be turned in to the 3-11 Infantry battalion S-1 section within 30 days of student departure and physically stored for a minimum of two years. Counseling packets will include all DA 4856 counselings, spot reports, grading sheets/rubrics, peer evaluations, etc. documenting course critical events and all officially documented positive and negative feedback provided to students by cadre.
 - Updated: AD 2022-05, Army Combat Fitness Test, 23 March 2022.
 - Edited: In addition to the Spot Report Form, Cadre may also notify and counsel a Candidate in writing on a DA Form 4856 when they receive a Spot report if further counseling is merited. Noted that spot reports alone do not constitute a formal disciplinary action.
 - Added: Company commanders will report to the Battalion Commander on completion of the above counseling measures of performance. The Battalion Command Sergeant Major and battalion staff are empowered to inspect counseling packets during and after all courses.
 - Edited: For candidates ranking in the bottom 10% of their squad, results of peer counseling will be recorded on a DA Form 4856 and placed in the Candidate’s counseling packet. (reduces cadre written counseling burden)

- Added: Counseling packets sent to the Battalion or Brigade level will be complete to assist in evaluation of the whole person concept.
- Updated Leadership evaluation categories to reflect pending adoption of Cadet Command evaluation form.
 - Added to medical recycle/dismissal: "Commanders will verify the medical readiness and eligibility of students to conduct training upon arrival and prior to commissioning."
 - Clarified: peer evaluations alone will not be used to identify students for recycle or dismissal, however three negative spot reports for any reason results in a Whole Person Concept Board.
 - Added: Candidates who unintentionally receive contraband by mail from friends or family should immediately surrender the contraband for disposal or storage as appropriate. Candidates who surrender such contraband will suffer no adverse action.
 - Added page breaks for widow/orphan tables.
 - Reflected possible use of a positive spot report to 'cancel' a negative.
 - Clarified that new Soldiers with less than six months of service who do not meet height and weight standards go to HHC until they meet the standard with the next class, or exceed six months of service.
 - Added compassionate recycle to exceptions for preclusion from Commandant's List. No change to medical recycles.
 - Added commander authority to grant exception for cell phones during in-processing (facilitates PowerBI implementation).