

# **MOOT CAMP**

**2005-2006**

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**Program Curriculum**

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**MOTIVATIONAL**

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**TRAINING**



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## MOOT PROGRAM

### "PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT"

As parent/guardian of a student in this program, named below, I agree to the following requirements:

1. I will participate in scheduled MOOT program orientations, student/parent/teacher conferences, teacher/parent reviews, counseling sessions, fund raising activities, etc. I will support the MEA Standing Operating Procedures (SOP) requirements and guidelines, and the MEA Code of Conduct.
2. I will participate in MEA sponsored parenting programs, program visitation, and attend special MOOT performances as often as possible.
3. I agree to provide continued support of my child as needed in compliance with MEA MOOT requirements and guidelines related to the following essential components:
  - a. Attendance
  - b. Behavior
  - c. Academic
  - d. Dress
  - e. Trips
  - f. Uniform Maintenance
  - g. Fund Raising Activities

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I agree by signing below, to the above MOOT program requirements. *Violations of this agreement may result in the loss of my child's opportunity to continue in this program.*

Signature of parent, guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of parent, guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MOOT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**  
(Motivational, Optimistic, Opportunity, Training)

**OVERVIEW**

**Mission:** To present a comprehensive training program of challenging paramilitary, multidisciplinary, individualized/group activities, techniques and strategies, incorporated with special selected structured and non-structured training to develop productive learners in educational and social environments, which serves as sound preparation for confidence building, discipline, motivation, academic readiness and achievement, character development, citizenship, leadership, teamwork, and vocational training, all necessary for future meaningful employment, and a life of fulfillment and happiness.

**Curriculum:** The MOOT Program Curriculum is an intense, comprehensive, and enriched educational support course of instruction. The program uses a special design, coordinated with recommendations of the "Alternative/Education Redesign Committee" of Hampton, VA, deliberately differentiated from "regular" school, in order to accommodate the special needs of the students selected for enrollment. The program features physical training, individualized and group competency based instruction in basic drill and tactics, MEA designed marching maneuvers, integrated disciplinary and behavioral instruction, academic and leadership training, counseling/mentoring services, service learning outreach activities, consultants, parental involvement, regular teacher input, coordination, and evaluation, team performance opportunities, individual progress critiques, dress inspections, and team performance evaluations. MOOT students learn by doing, and learn to lead by leading. They learn to show respect to everyone. They learn to think number one, dream number one, to be number one. The comprehensive curriculum and activities are presented by MEA trained, qualified, experienced, student oriented, caring instructors, placing significant focus on eliminating academic failure, improving disciplinary skills, self control, character, citizenship, leadership, self-esteem, self-discovery, self-awareness, self-value, career preparation skills, and other student support systems. The program is modified on an on ongoing basis in support of current Virginia SOL requirements.

**History:** The first Marching Elites Association MOOT program was designed to provide 85 suspended "at risk" students, between the ages of 12 –18, in Hampton, Virginia, an alternative educational support program to expedite their return to school. Upon presentation to the Hampton School Board, the program was approved for start-up in September 1997. Classes were held daily at the MEA Youth Development Center on Marcella Road. Daily transportation to and from the program was provided by the Hampton Schools Transportation Department. Additional classes were started later at the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton for students enrolled demonstrating immediate improved student behavior and leadership potential. The success of this coordinated MOOT program, funded annually from 1997 through 1999 by the Hampton School Board, was phenomenal, with 95% of these students successfully returned to their active classes by the end of the program. The huge success of the MEA MOOT program with this "at risk" population now practically non-existent, prompted the MEA to give valued program evaluation for proposal

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modification to serve students at a younger age. The Marching Elites Association, established in 1994, was already serving students in the Association from 5-18, in keeping with the following Mission Statement: "Committed to encouraging young Americans through creative programs that stimulate and motivate youth from diverse backgrounds to become dynamic leaders in our communities," and having served these students for nearly 5 years, they had gained valuable experience, and quantitative accumulated data demonstrating that "Early training achieves positive future lifetime benefits."

Consequently, the MEA MOOT Program was revised during the summer of 1999 to serve elementary school students in grades 3-5. Upon presentation to the Hampton School Board, the program was approved for start-up in the 6 year-round schools in the Hampton School System. During the 1999-2000 school year 85 students enrolled with all 6 schools participating; 94 students during 2000-2001; 104 students during 2001-2002; and 84 students during 2002-2003, with Smith and Merrimack elementary opting out of the program. The current 2005-2006 MOOT program is operational at the following 6 elementary schools in Hampton: Bassette, Tarrant, Lee, Smith, Machen, and Merrimack.

The current total MOOT Program enrollment in these 6 schools is 142 students, substantially over each annual subsidy provided by the Hampton School Board, and bringing the total number of Hampton students served since 1997 to over 2,500. Schedules are coordinated with designated MOOT Coordinators at each school. Transportation of students to selected school training sites and their homes is coordinated with the Hampton Schools Transportation Department. In 2003, the MOOT program was again revised, offering an expanded, more comprehensive Curriculum for children in grades 3-5. Principals at each participating school have been presented a copy of this revised MEA MOOT Program, accompanied by a new MEA MOOT Brochure. A comprehensive MEA MOOT Introductory Power Point slide presentation has been prepared to promote future program expansion.

**SUMMARY:** The Marching Elites MOOT program herein described in detail, based on a legacy of success, high praise by members of the Hampton School Board, Hampton City Council, school administrators, teachers, parents/guardians, and other MEA partnering/networking agencies, is now recognized as one of a few existing alternative educational enrichment programs designed specifically for children in the early elementary grades. The positive impact of this program on the lives of the participating able and disabled children served since 1997 well establishes MOOT's credibility. These children are challenged, and motivated to achieve maximum performance levels in school, at home, and in their communities for life. The success has been so great that the MEA Board of Directors are currently reviewing requests from other Elementary school officials in Hampton, and neighboring Regional Elementary School Systems, for start-up of this unique, and productive program at their locations. These requests for expansion demonstrate, proof positive, that the MEA MOOT program has, and is, providing positive support to students enrolled in a "Win, Win, Win" fashion. Winning at home, in school, and in their community, while additionally serving as a positive alternative to alcohol, drugs, and destructive behavior. Given the success of the MOOT program over the past 6 years, combined with the outpouring of support and requests for this creative program, the MEA Board of Directors recently granted approval to initiate a Regional



November 5, 2005

TO: Principal

FROM: Mark Cooper

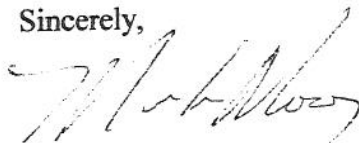
SUBJECT: MEA MOOT Program

The Marching Elites Association has an approved contractual agreement with the Hampton City School Board to conduct our MOOT (Motivational, Optimistic, Opportunity, Training) program at the following designated year-round schools during the 2005-2006 year:

Tarrant Elementary  
Machen Elementary  
Lee Elementary  
Bassette Elementary  
Merrimack Elementary (intersession)  
Smith Elementary (intersession)

We have conducted our MOOT program in these schools before with a high degree of success. Your assistance in the selection of students for this program and scheduling is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mark Cooper  
President/CEO