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Welcome to West Point Prep

The purpose of the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) is to prepare candidates selected by the United States Military Academy Admission's office for the academic, physical, and military challenges of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Selected students (cadet candidates) are high school graduates or enlisted personnel from the Active, Reserve or National Guard force.

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, known as USMAPS, the Prep School, or West Point Prep, was formally established in 1946, but the "history" of "prepping" of soldiers for West Point has been done since Congress enacted legislation in 1916 authorizing appointments for soldiers to West Point. The school exists today as an "avenue of opportunity" to a carefully selected group of soldiers and civilians by providing them the academic, leadership and physical skills that will prepare them for success as cadets at the United States Military Academy.

Located at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, West Point Prep prepares cadet candidates for West Point with a foundation that will last them beyond admission to the Academy and well into the future as leaders of character for the nation.

USMAPS is primarily an academic institution that accepts students and soldiers from diverse backgrounds and challenges them to meet and exceed West Point's rigorous admission standards. As a military school with a career focus, USMAPS also develops the foundation of professional and physical attributes needed for growth as an officer in the U.S. Army.