



Manatee High School JROTC

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SUBJECT: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Parent Information for SY 2023/24

1. Welcome to Manatee High School JROTC family, known as the “Hurricane Battalion.” Your child has joined a unique program designed to build good citizenship, responsibility, teamwork, and leadership skills. This School Year (SY) we anticipate that we will have over 220 cadets enrolled in the program.
2. The expansion of the JROTC program started in SY 03/04 and with the additional rooms the program has doubled in size. We moved into the South Gym 15 years ago in anticipation of a large vibrant program. The South Gym has undergone major renovations and is well suited for the expansion of “The Manatee High School JROTC Program.” All LET level classes will be held in the South Gym and adjacent portable.
3. Manatee High School JROTC traditionally participates in many activities throughout the School Year. To participate in our extracurricular activities (Drill Team, Raider Team, Air Rifle, Color Guard, camping etc.), parents will have to purchase school insurance utilizing the **WWW.SCHOOLINSURANCEOFFLORIDA.COM** (website) or by mail. Cost for JROTC Insurance is **\$15.00 (mandatory for participation)**. Additional 24-hr extended protection is available for an **additional \$42.00**. Your son or daughter will receive these documents in the first week of school. As part of the enrollment requirements students will need to provide \$20 to their appropriate instructor to purchase their Physical Fitness Uniform (black shorts and moisture wicking tan T-shirt). Cadets will participate in Physical Fitness as part of their grade and are required to wear the JROTC PT uniform. Cadet’s receive credit for PE that goes toward graduation requirements.
4. Finally, I would like to recognize and compliment the great support from parents, guardians and other interested adults who have made this program so successful. We applaud them and look forward to other parents/guardians joining our JROTC family. We will be sponsoring many events throughout the SY and will ask for your support.
5. Any questions please feel free to contact any of the instructors: 941-714-7300 Ext 72117.

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