



Manatee High School JROTC

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SUBJECT: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) Parent Information for SY 2025/26

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 200 cadets enrolled in the program. Please visit the Hurricane Battalion website (<https://www.mhshurricanebattalion.com>) for updates, news, and events.
2. 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 must sign a JROTC Contract of Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement and 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**. Cadets must also maintain a "C" average (overall 2.0 GPA) to participate in extracurricular activities. A Sports physical is mandatory for Raider Challenge and must be completed prior to any Raider Challenge competition. As part of the enrollment requirements, students purchase their Physical Fitness (PT) uniform (black shorts and moisture wicking tan T-shirt). The PT uniform costs \$20 and can be purchased through the "Uniform Purchase" link on the Hurricane Battalion website or with cash to one of the JROTC instructors. 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.
3. 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 more parents/guardians joining our JROTC family. We will be sponsoring many events throughout the school year and will ask for your support.
4. Any questions please feel free to contact any of the instructors: 941-714-7300 Ext 72117.

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