



Marine Corps Junior ROTC  
Gateway High School  
93 Panther Paws Trail  
Kissimmee, Florida 34744

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From: Senior Marine Instructor / Marine Instructors

To: Prospective Parents / Guardians and Students of Gateway High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC

**SUBJECT: WELCOME ABOARD LETTER**

Gateway High School's Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) is a world-class, student-led academic course. Gateway High School MCJROTC is a member of more than 235 MCJROTC units worldwide. MCJROTC is an excellent elective for every career path and career major at GHS. MCJROTC encourages education after high school and its curriculum is geared for college prep. It is **NOT** military prep!

Please see our syllabus for this year, which provides a thorough introduction to MCJROTC and outlines this year's course curriculum (link: <https://goo.gl/AHKqi5>). We think you will agree MCJROTC is an exciting and unique opportunity to gain leadership abilities while preparing for life after high school and begin to build their professional career. The learning environment is respectful, friendly, and based on firm, fair, and high standards.

It is important to understand that the nature of MCJROTC as well as its high visibility within the school and community requires the members to adhere to higher standards than peers. Successful students eagerly conform to these high, yet attainable standards. **MCJROTC is not to be confused with a disciplinary or rehabilitation program.** Parents or guardians will be disappointed if that is what they expect. Grooming Standards can be found at the following link: (<http://goo.gl/LrCHjK>).

Students who develop their leadership abilities and meet our standards typically have a higher degree of self-confidence, self-discipline, poise, and social sophistication as compared to their peers. They excel as leaders or members in student government and on virtually every team, organization, or club on and off campus. The personal qualities they develop in MCJROTC and these other experiences will serve them well in the future. Additionally, as instructors we guide and mentor each Cadet to help them achieve their academic, extra-curricular, career, and life goals.

There is not an activity fee to participate in the program and all Marine Corps uniforms and physical fitness clothing will be provided to each Cadet free of charge. However, each Cadet will be required to return the issued items at the end of each school year for accountability and cleaning. Cadets are required to reimburse the program for all lost uniform items (link: <http://goo.gl/9C2BjF>).

We look forward to working with you this year, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Chief Warrant Officer Vu Tran in black ink.

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U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)  
Senior Marine Instructor

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