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SARASOTA MILITARY ACADEMY AS THE FIRST LEADER IN ME SCHOOL IN COUNTY

We are excited to announce the integration of *Leader In Me* at SMA Prep Middle School, the **only** Sarasota County Leader In Me school!

Based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, this innovative framework will be infused in every classroom, every day, enhancing our Military Studies curriculum and reinforcing the Army Core Values of Honor, Integrity, and Respect. By instilling these values in our students, we lay a strong foundation for character and leadership development, preparing them for the comprehensive JROTC program at the high school level.

[Leader in Me](#) focuses on five essential paradigms:

1. Leadership: Everyone can be a leader.
2. Potential: Every student has unique genius and strengths.
3. Change: Change begins with the individual student.
4. Motivation/Release: Faculty are equipped with tools to empower students.
5. Education: SMA partners with parents to achieve success for every student.

The *Leader In Me* framework complements our Military Studies curriculum by embedding leadership principles and character development into daily learning.

Here's how:

- **Leadership Development:** By recognizing that every student can be a leader, we foster a culture of self-confidence and responsibility.
- **Uncovering Potential:** We help students discover and leverage their unique strengths, aligning with the Army's emphasis on individual excellence and personal courage.
- **Empowering Change:** Encouraging students to take ownership of their growth aligns with the discipline and initiative promoted in Military Studies.

- **Faculty Empowerment:** Providing our educators with the tools to inspire and empower ensures a supportive and dynamic learning environment.
- **Community Partnership:** Collaborating closely with families, the program creates a cohesive and supportive network that reinforces the values of Honor, Integrity, and Respect at home and in school, ensuring a consistent and unified approach to student development.

As the only school in Sarasota County to become a *Leader in Me* school, SMA is dedicated to providing a values-rich education, complemented by resources and tools for all faculty and staff needed to ensure our students excel academically and grow as honorable and respectful leaders. *Leader In Me* not only enhances our middle school curriculum but also provides adaptable resources for the high school program, preparing students to embrace the challenges of the JROTC program and beyond.

We are excited about this new chapter in our educational journey and look forward to the continued success of our students. Together, we will embody our new motto, "Great happens here!"

[For Photos, please follow this link](#)

About Sarasota Military Academy: Founded in 2002, Sarasota Military Academy is a nonprofit, public charter school serving grades 6-12 on two campuses in Sarasota, Florida. With a focus on the seven Army Core Values and strong character development, SMA offers a value-rich education that prepares cadets for success in career, college and citizenship. Through a nurturing and structured environment, SMA instills leadership skills and fosters personal growth, enabling each cadet to excel and make positive contributions to society. Sarasota Military Academy High School is located at 801 N. Orange Avenue and Sarasota Military Academy Prep Middle School is located at 3101 Bethel Lane. Applications still accepted for grades 6-12. Soar with us as SMA Eagles this upcoming school year! A few seats are still available and can apply online [here](#). To learn more about SMA, please visit <https://www.sarasotamilitaryacademy.org/admissions/visit>

About Leader In Me: For more information, click [here](#).