



Sarasota Military Academy

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Your child is currently being instructed by Michael Finley, who is teaching Music, specifically Drum Line, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-MAJ Finley currently holds a teaching certificate in Social Sciences Grades 6-12, and has over 13 years teaching experience at SMA High School and 6 years at SMA Prep. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-MAJ Finley’s ability to fully instruct his classes and will actively pursue his certification in Music Grades K-12.

Thank you for your continued support of SMA and its academic excellence.

Sincerely,

SMA-COL Thomas Vara
Head of School, Prep Campus
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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Linda Diaz, who is teaching 7th Grade Language Arts, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Diaz currently holds a teaching certificate in Elementary Education, ESOL and has a Reading Endorsement. Her professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Diaz’s ability to fully instruct her classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Palmer Hicks, who is teaching Physical Education, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an "Out of Field" teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Palmer Hicks currently holds a teaching certificate in Social Sciences Grades 6-12, and has taught at SMA High for 1.5 years. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Palmer Hick's ability to fully instruct his classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Mick Fallis, who is teaching Social Studies, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Fallis currently holds a teaching certificate in Physical Education Grades 6-12 and has 30 years of experience. He is also planning to add Social Studies 6-12 to his certificate. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Fallis’s ability to fully instruct his classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT John Souders, who is teaching Outdoor Education and Recreational Activities, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Souders currently holds a teaching certificate in Mathematics Grades 6-12, and has taught at SMA High for 8.5 years. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Souder’s ability to fully instruct his classes.

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It is important to note that SMA-MAJ Finley currently holds a teaching certificate in Social Sciences Grades 6-12, and has over 16 years teaching experience at SMA High School and 7 years at SMA Prep. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-MAJ Finley's ability to fully instruct his classes and will actively pursue his certification in Music Grades K-12.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-MAJ Lorene Bauck, who is teaching Health Explorations, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an "Out of Field" teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-MAJ Bauck currently holds a teaching certificate in Biology Grades 6-12, and has taught at SMA High for 10 years. Her professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-MAJ Bauck's ability to fully instruct her classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Lina Hutchinson, who is teaching Latin American History, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Hutchinson currently holds a teaching certificate in World Language, Spanish. SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Hutchinson’s ability to fully instruct her classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Ernesto Ramirez, who is teaching Personal Finance and Money Management, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an “Out of Field” teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Ramirez currently holds a teaching certificate in Business Education Grades 6-12, and has 2 years teaching experience at SMA High School. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Ramirez’s ability to fully instruct his classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-MAJ Charlie Carver, who is teaching Physics, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an "Out of Field" teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-MAJ Carver currently holds a teaching certificate in Chemistry Grades 6-12, and has over 8 years teaching experience at SMA High School. His professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-MAJ Carver's ability to fully instruct his classes.

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Your child is currently being instructed by SMA-CPT Jessica Bangora, who is teaching Psychology, and is considered by the Florida Department of Education, as noted above, to be an "Out of Field" teacher for the start of the 2024-2025 academic year.

It is important to note that SMA-CPT Bangora currently holds a teaching certificate in Middle Grades Social Studies. Her professional and instructional experience is vast and exemplary and SMA is completely confident in SMA-CPT Ramirez's ability to fully instruct her classes.

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