

Our Miami-Dade Police Explorers

“Exploring” a Future Career.

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Police Explorers are young men and women part of an organization which allows them to receive career orientation and experience a program for individuals that might be interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. Our mission is to offer young adults a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities. Additionally, the program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism. Our Police Explorers are sponsored by our Miami-Dade Schools Police. Police Explorers groups have been in existence since 1959 and are well established and highly respected

programs that have served as a platform from which countless young adults have launched a successful career with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Many Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, and heads of other types of law enforcement agencies credit their participation in police explorers groups with providing them the foundation for a successful career.

Our police explorer group is based on certain areas which include: Career Opportunities, Life Skills, Citizenship, Character Education, and Leadership Experience. We seek to allow young people the opportunity to fulfill these areas of emphasis in its mission to offer Explorers interested in a career in law enforcement the opportunity to:

1. Gain exposure to various criminal justice careers and to have positive interaction with law enforcement professionals.
2. Obtain “hands-on” experience and awareness of the criminal justice system, thereby helping Explorers to make an informed decision on a career in law enforcement or a related field.
3. Receive comprehensive career focused training that in many cases qualifies for academic credit (i.e. career education credit).
4. Benefit from interpersonal growth through self-discipline, teamwork, challenging experiences, and high standards of performance and personal conduct.
5. Enhance character development and improve physical and mental fitness.
6. Learn responsibility to self and others through leadership.
7. Serve their community by assisting their sponsoring agency in a supplementary law enforcement and liaison capacity.

We require that our Explorer must be:

- Must be 14 to 18 years of age.
- Must have completed the eighth grade.
- Must not have a prior conviction for a criminal offense or serious traffic offense.
- Must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in high school or college.
- Must undergo a thorough background review to assess



character and integrity. Must pass an interview showing interest and commitment to the Explorer Program.

Police Explorers will learn: The importance of the rule of law in a free and democratic society and respect for diversity, human dignity, and civil rights in the application of law enforcement operations.

Police Explorers will have an opportunity to participate in: Law Enforcement Conferences and Law Enforcement Exploring Academies.

Police Explorers will have an opportunity to network with: Law enforcement professionals from local, county, state, federal, and military organizations, Judges, prosecutors, and other professionals involved with the criminal justice system, community leaders, representatives from private and public community organizations, and instructors and professors from educational institutions that offer criminal justice and related programs.



Law Enforcement Exploring will provide you with the following benefits: Career oriented training, practical experiences, and competitions, along with personal growth through development of interpersonal skills, leadership opportunities, and teamwork. Police Explorers will participate in community service and networking activities, with preparation for career related college degree programs and other advanced education opportunities. 

For more information about Miami-Dade Schools Police Department Explorer Program visit mdspolice.com call: 786-505-4009 or email Mr. Bert Finale at MDSPoliceExplorers@gmail.com. We are currently recruiting interested individuals for next school year class of explorers. We are also planning to have a couple of activities during the summer to prepare students for next year's explorers' class.

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