



Marion County Republican

Executive Committee (MCREC) meets
3rd Monday of each month

6:30 PM

Next Meeting

August 18th

Ocala Golf Club
3130 E Silver Springs Blvd

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Focus on Marion Co. Schools Statistics / 2025 Test Results

Annual Budget 2024 – 25 ~\$1.3B . . . +38% driven by new const.
Number of students: 45,5k (PK-12)
Marion cost per pupil: ~\$10k (U.S. News Ed. - Exact figure varies
Florida cost per student ~\$12k (42nd out of 50 states)

The Marion County School District - 20th largest in the state, ranked near the bottom and below in key subject areas (Ocala News Jul 2025)
English Skills / Reading: 56 out of 67 counties
Math – Gr 3 to 8: 56 out of 67 counties
Civics: 55 out of 67 counties
History: 43 out of 67 counties

**2025 Results Disappointing—across most grades
3rd Gr. key “marker for future student success . . .
test reflect student skills lagging**

Marion County 3rd Grade “Reading” Results
N= 3994



Role for REC to Advocate Change/Improvement?

- Meeting will present additional data
- Discussion for potential REC role / advocacy
- Next Steps

Need Your Ideas / Interest

Drive “**Republicans for Student Literacy**”

Invest in our County / Nations Future

EVENTS:

No Schedule

Ongoing Planning for

Sequence and Saddles Event

July 2025

Special Recognition

Brigitte Smith and Medical Team

Ghana Medical Volunteers of the
Paul Chester Children’s Hope Foundation
Fred Nannarone - Treasurer Transition Support

County Commissioners Update

July 21

WEC Expansion Review and Zoning
Variance Requests

July 23 and 24

Budget Workshops and Special
Millage Requests

Drafting Letter for Variance Thresholds

Final Review / Approval of Comp Plan and
Zoning Changes—TBD

School Board Update

July 9th SCOSOC Met - More Data Requested
before Follow-up Meeting

July 29th

Public Meeting—School Budget

MCREC MEETING AGENDA

July Agenda

(Operating under Robert's Rules of Order
Standard order of Business)

Call to Order/Quorum

Invocation/Pledge

Approval of Minutes: Secretary

Approval Absentees: Secretary

Vote upon new applicants: N/A

Reports:

Len Racioppi, Treasurer report

Len Racioppi, Chair Legislative Affairs

Discussion Topic:

Marion Co. Schools Test Results

Speaker: Len Racioppi—V. Chair

Special Announcements ?

Adjourn

Next REC Meeting 18 August

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**Marion County Republican Executive
Committee Website QR Code**



Florida GOP

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

*Election to office of qualified Republican persons

*Foster loyalty to the republican party

*Promote an informed electorate through political education

*Increase Republican Registration

*Seek qualified Republicans to become candidates for local, county, state and federal offices

*Promote the election of all Republican candidates in the General election

*In general, uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which Republican party and the government of this nation is founded, as set fourth in the Constitution of the United State and the state of Florida!

