

## VI. Middle School Cheerleaders

### A. Purpose

1. To increase, develop and maintain high moral character, scholarship, fellowship, and individual responsibility.
2. To promote school spirit and interest by supporting the school at athletic, civic, and charitable events.
3. To coordinate activities with other groups.
4. To work and cooperate in group situations.
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## C. Tryouts

1. Each student will be judged on the basis of ability, loudness, clarity, appearance, and enthusiasm.
  - a. Each candidate will perform a cheer alone or in a group no larger than 3.
  - b. Each candidate will perform a group dance.
  - c. Each candidate will be required to do at least two jumps connected: one of which must be a toe-touch.
  - d. Each candidate will show gymnastic ability, tumbling runs are allowed.
  - e. A Clinic will be conducted for candidates during the week of tryouts.
  - f. The tryout process will be explained and learned during the clinic. Parents may not attend the clinic or try outs.
  - g. Tryouts will be held on a date determined by the sponsor with the approval of the principal.
2. Only candidates and personnel designated by the principal as essential to conducting the tryouts will be allowed to enter the gym and/or cheerleading waiting areas of the day of tryouts. There will be a separate waiting area set up for visitors. All persons not trying out must wait in the xkukvqtøu" yckvkpi"ctgc()
3. There will be a panel of three judges from outside the district.
4. Scoring procedures and criteria will be developed by the district and reviewed with the candidates and their parents at least two weeks prior to the day of tryouts. Parents will sign an affidavit of the rules, regulations and standards for the tryouts and membership in the organization.
5. **Students must be enrolled in the GPISD no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> day of class of the semester that try-out will be held.**

## 6. Notification of Tryout Results

1. At the end of the tryouts process, candidates will be dismissed to leave the campus. The results will be tabulated and each candidate will be notified of the results.
2. Individuals scores may be requested in writing from the principal.

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4. Practice for all squads and sports will be announced as needed.
5. Members will participate in sports and other events as directed by the sponsor.

#### H. Competitions

Competitions may be attended at the discretion of the sponsor and principal.

#### I. Officers ó all candidates for officer must declare their intentions prior to tryouts.

1. Head cheerleader will be selected from 8<sup>th</sup> grade candidates, currently in good standing who cheered for the school in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Head cheerleader will be selected from candidates by the sponsor.
3. Squad leader will be selected from candidates, currently in good standing.
4. Squad leader cheerleader will be selected by the sponsor.

#### J. Loss of Membership

All members must uphold the standards set forth in this policy. Any students that is dismissed or resigns their membership from the team may not tryout the follow year without the approval of the building principal. The following will result in automatic dismissal for the current school year.

1. Any violation of the district's Student Code of Conduct which would result in suspension or assignment of an AEP.
2. Failure to maintain requirements of membership.
3. Failing one or more classes in two nine-week grading periods, consecutive or not.
4. A third benching.

5. Failure to attend summer camp without  
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6. Receiving a total of three unexcused  
absences.

K. Summer Camp

1. All squads must attend camp. A member must  
attend camp or forfeit the privilege of joining the  
squad.

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