

**George West High School**  
**Cheerleading Constitution 2020-2021**

**I. PHILOSOPHY/PURPOSE**

Being a cheerleader/mascot is an honor and special privilege. Cheerleaders/mascot and spirit groups exist to promote good sportsmanship, good citizenship, wholesome and enthusiastic school spirit and are first and foremost representatives of their school. Cheerleaders/mascot should exemplify both individual and group behavior suitable to their position and in accordance with the rules as stated in the GWISD Student Code of Conduct. Members of these groups have a fundamental responsibility to play a leadership role in building teamwork and helping the school achieve its goals and objectives. Because of these responsibilities, members of the cheerleading squad will be expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior both on and off campus and academic achievement than that of their peers.

**II. OBJECTIVES**

Cheerleaders are expected to be physically and mentally skilled in learning and remembering cheers. They are also expected to be able to publicly demonstrate a skill level suitable for the team position and the timing necessary for group performance. Off the field, they are to enthusiastically support all athletic teams through advertisement, personal attitude, and attendance at events chosen by the sponsor and approved by the principal.

**III. TRYOUTS**

**Eligibility**

- The student must be an enrolled student in George West ISD and sign up for tryouts **before** the deadline date.
- The student must obtain and complete all necessary documents needed for tryouts and meet all eligibility requirements for tryouts since enrollment for the current year.
- The student must have a good attendance record, which is defined by no more than **two unexcused absences** for the academic year through tryouts. Excessive excused absences and tardies will be reviewed by the sponsor and principal.
- The student must have a good disciplinary record, which is defined as no more than one day in ISS, no expulsions, and no DAEP placement. The student must also not have been suspended from school during the current school year. Coach/sponsor may review disciplinary record with the administrator in regards to athletes as related to constitution.
- All students trying out must submit a physician's statement to state the level they are able to perform the athletic skills required by cheerleading and being a mascot. If the student is unable to perform the requirements for a category, they will receive a score of zero for that category.
- When trying out, the student must wear a **solid** pair of shorts, a predominantly white t-shirt, and tennis shoes. **ABSOLUTELY NO JEWELRY**. The student may not be able to participate in tryouts if they do not meet this requirement. They are not permitted to wear any "cheer gear" for tryouts. (including shoes)

- In order for a previous squad member to be eligible to try out, their uniform account balance must be paid in full.

### **Academic Grades**

- The student must have a 70 or higher in all subjects throughout the tryout year. A copy of the report cards and progress reports must be submitted to coach.

### **Commitment**

Candidates selected to be a member of the cheerleading squad are expected to make a commitment to the activity for the *full cheerleading year*. Any cheerleader who voluntarily quits the squad before the end of the cheerleading year without the approval of the principal and sponsor will not be allowed to try out for the next year at GWISD.

### **Tryout Guidelines**

The cheer sponsor/coach is responsible for the preparation and distribution of a packet of information to be made available to all candidates. This information will include specific tryout dates, times, attire and procedures. The principal will approve this information prior to distribution.

Candidates and parent/guardian will be provided a copy of the cheerleading constitution and rules and will be expected to understand these documents and agree in writing to abide by the constitution and accompanying rules. The constitution is a binding contract and will be enforced and followed. No student can try out until all documents are understood and signed by the student and parent/guardian.

Prior to tryouts, there will be a **mandatory** meeting for students and parents/guardians. During this meeting, the sponsor and administrator will explain tryout procedures, rules, and regulations, expectations, etc. If the student and/or parent/guardian cannot attend the meeting, they should make arrangements to meet with the sponsor and an administrator at another time. Failure to attend the meeting may result in the student being ineligible to try out.

There will be a minimum of 2 practice sessions prior to tryouts. Students are required to attend at least one practice, but encouraged to attend both. (Absences -if contacted they day of practice, it will be deemed unexcused absence: emergency situations will be evaluated) unexcused absence from a practice session will render the student ineligible to try out. Tryout practices and practices throughout the year will be **closed** to the public, including parents, friends, other students.

If a cheerleader or mascot quits or is removed from the squad, they are ineligible to try out for the next year. Administrators may make special provisions depending on circumstances. An official appeal must be filed with the administrator prior to try out process. If a cheerleader or mascot is placed on probation during the year, they are ineligible to qualify as head captain next year or shall be removed from the position they are currently serving.

**Squad Makeup**

The George West High School cheerleading squad will contain no more than 12 varsity cheerleaders. All candidates must have a minimum of 60% of their total points in all categories combined to be placed on the squad. In the event that there are not enough candidates who earn the minimum score, the squad makeup may be smaller than indicated above.

**Selection**

Cheerleaders will be selected by a combination cheer sponsor evaluation from the prior year (25%), teacher evaluations (15%), and judges scores (60%). If a student was not a cheerleader the prior year, then the judge's evaluation will count 85%. Students from 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade may tryout provided that they meet the eligibility requirements. Cheerleader candidates will try out in random order. Candidates will draw a number to determine the order in which they try out.

**Coaches/Sponsor's Evaluation**

Cheerleading sponsor from current year will complete evaluation forms on each student. The sponsor will evaluate the candidate based on spirit, cooperation, attitude, dependability, character, leadership, work ethic, enthusiasm, performance, and punctuality/attendance throughout the previous season.

**Teacher Evaluations**

The cheerleading candidate is responsible for providing ALL teachers, including athletics/band an evaluation form for the current academic year by the designated deadline. The teacher will then evaluate the candidate based on their classroom performance- i.e., attendance, responsibility, character, etc. The cheerleading sponsor, principal or designee, and another teacher will tabulate evaluation scores. Evaluation sheets will be strictly confidential and not released.

## Judging Criteria

Entrance	
Presence/Poise	5 points
Spirit/Enthusiasm	5 points
Tumbling/Gymnastics	5 points
Jumps	
Toe Touch	5 points
Herkie	5 points
Individual Cheer	
Motion Technique	5 points
Voice/Projection	5 points
Incorporation (Jumps/Standing Tumble)	5 points
Smiling/Enthusiasm	5 points
Group Cheer	
Motion Technique	5 points
Voice/Projection	5 points
Timing	5 points
Smiling/Enthusiasm	5 points
Group Dance	
Motion Technique	5 points
Timing	5 points
Memory	5 points
Smiling/Enthusiasm	5 points
Overall impression	15 points

## Judges

Three qualified judges will provide scores for each tryout participant. Judges will be selected from NCA, UCA or other professional cheerleading associations, universities.

Judges should not be hired to judge tryouts if they have tutored or taught the cheerleader candidates during the current school year. Every attempt should be made to hire judges who have not worked with students in the George West area. However, with the hundreds of camps in the state of Texas, attended by thousands of cheerleaders and taught by hundreds of instructors, it may be possible at some time that a member of the judging panel may have had some contact with a candidate who is trying out. Professional judges with outstanding credentials and references will be hired for all tryouts. They will be instructed to judge the candidates based only on the mastery of the skills that they see demonstrated during the tryouts. Tryout results will not be challenged because of prior knowledge of judges and candidates.

GWISD Cheerleader sponsors may not serve as a judge for cheerleader tryouts.

### **Panel (Judge) Tryouts**

Panel (judge) tryouts will be closed to everyone except judges, principals, and principals' designees, cheer sponsor if they do not have their own child trying out. There will be no students, parents, or existing cheerleaders in the tryout room/area, nor will they be involved in the collection or tabulation of scores. Current cheer Captain will handle music during the tryouts if they are a senior.

### **Tabulation of Scores**

After each candidate completes their cheer and dance before the judges, the cheerleader sponsor will collect the score sheets and take them to the scoring table. At the scoring table, there will be two tabulators. Each tabulator will take the score sheets for each candidate, verify the addition on each page, and calculate the judges' score for each candidate. Each tabulator will then add the judges' score to the sponsor's, teacher and student scores. The administrator or sponsor will then verify that each tabulator calculated the same final score for each candidate. Candidates who do not meet the minimum scoring requirement will be disqualified. The final score will then be used to rank the remaining candidates.

Each of the three judges will provide a score out of 100 possible points (300 points total).

In the event of a tie in the final scores, the candidate with the highest judge's scores will be selected. If the highest judge's scores are still tied, the candidate with the highest teacher/coaches evaluation scores will be selected. If the highest coaches/teacher evaluation score is still tied, then the candidate with the highest student vote will be selected.

### **Notification**

After all tryout scores are tabulated and confirmed by the principal and sponsor, squad announcement will be posted on the GWISD website at a designated time. There will be an official meeting the same day following the announcement.

### **Parent Request for Scores**

Score sheets will be kept confidential. A parent can request to view their child's judges' score sheets only. All decisions are final.

## **IV. REPLACEMENTS**

If a cheerleader is selected who leaves or is dismissed from the squad **prior** to the uniform fitting day, the candidate with the next highest total score will be added to the squad. No cheerleader may be added to the squad after uniforms have been ordered.

If a mascot is selected who leaves or is dismissed from the squad at any time during the school year, then the second highest score will be selected. If the second highest score chooses not to accept the position, then the third highest score will be selected, etc.... If there are no more candidates to accept the position, then the candidate may be chosen by a committee consisting

of but not limited to sponsor, head cheerleader, teacher, and principal.

## **V. ELIGIBILITY**

Each member must meet the requirements of No Pass/No Play, which means they must retain an overall grade average of 70 in each class. If an average of below 70 exists for two six week periods or more, the student will be removed from the cheerleading squad for the balance of the school year and ineligible for tryouts the next year. If a candidate/cheerleader has failed two six weeks or more they also become ineligible to tryout.

All members must be in regular school attendance. Excessive absences (more than two unexcused) will be dealt with according to the decision of the principal and the sponsor.

Students may not have failed or be failing any six-weeks directly connected to the tryout process.

## **VI. GENERAL CONDUCT RULES**

Cheerleaders are expected to behave in a manner that is becoming to the individual, as well as to the organization they represent. They should be aware that in or out of uniform they are representatives of the cheerleading squad and the high school they attend and should act accordingly.

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that cheerleaders' websites/social media are appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Any communication such as Facebook, or Instagram, Finsta, Twitter, Snapchat Etc. appearing on the internet is public domain even if it is marked private or shared with a select group of friends. Cheerleaders are responsible for their personal websites, social media, and postings as well as for postings on other students' websites/social media. The area of appropriateness will include but are not limited to, language (abbreviated or alluding to), pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, a reference to alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. If a student is seen or reported there will be immediate review by the principal and coach. Any question of appropriateness will be decided by the principal and sponsor. Punishment will be determined by coach/sponsor. Punishment may vary from verbal warning/demerit to removal from the squad depending on severity and following review.

Any cheerleader removed from the squad for disciplinary reasons during the current cheerleading year on any GWISD campus will not be eligible to participate in the next tryouts **without** approval from the principal and sponsor. Areas to be reviewed will include but not be limited to a review of the reason(s) for removal and student records since removal (academic grades, discipline records, attitude, etc.)

Students who have been removed and those who voluntarily quit will retain no rights to team awards, recognition, etc., which are received after dismissal, although they may have accrued

over the duration of the school term. They lose all privileges associated with cheerleading membership, including attending cheerleading only events, using cheerleading facilities, and wearing cheerleader attire.

Proper manners should be used at all times to address adults. Mutual respect and politeness toward members within the squad are basic elements that contribute to the total success of the squad.

Anyone sent to ISS or given out of school suspension for any reason will be subject to the following actions:

- First Offense – Benched for next event, Principal/Sponsor Review, placed on probation for the duration of the school year.
- Second Offense –Removal from the squad.

Students assigned to ISS or given out of school suspension may not perform, wear the cheerleader uniform, or practice with the squad while in ISS or while suspended plus one calendar school day.

Any member failing to abide by published school rules relating to conduct, possession and/or use of drugs, alcoholic beverages, or other illegal activities will be subject to review by the sponsor and principal. Dismissal from the group may result from that review.

Any member who is expelled from school will be removed from the cheerleading squad. Any member placed in the Alternative Education Program will be removed from the cheerleading squad.

## B. VII. TOBACCO-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

A. ANY STUDENT ATHLETE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF OR USING TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS:

B. OR FOUND WITH SOMEONE IN POSSESSION OF OR USING TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR DRUGS:

C. OR IF IT CAN BE DETERMINED BY ANY MEANS THAT ANY STUDENT ATHLETE WAS IN POSSESSION OF OR WITH SOMEONE IN POSSESSION OF OR USING TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL, OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. DRUGS—FIRST OFFENSE—30 day suspension with GWISD approved counseling at the expense of the parent. SECOND OFFENSE—suspension for one calendar year, successful completion of a drug education program at the expense of the parent, and the student will be required to submit to drug testing each district test date for the remainder of the students' participation in the program. THIRD OFFENSE—The Student/Athlete may no longer participate in athletics/cheer in the district.

2. Alcohol—First Offense-Athlete will be suspended for 7 days in addition to consequences

at the discretion of the head coach. Violation of policies on campus may result in additional penalties.

--Second Offense-Athlete will be suspended for 14 days in addition to consequences at the discretion of the head coach.

--Third Offense—Removal from all athletic programs.

3. Tobacco—Athletes are prohibited from possessing or using tobacco products. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and disciplinary action will be taken as deemed necessary.

Days of suspension—Are counted in calendar days. The rule will be enforced from August 1st through the end of the school year or at the end of athletic play for that school year, whichever is later. If an athlete is in the middle of a suspension at the end of the school year, the suspension will resume at the beginning of the following year. If an

athlete is not in a sport at the time of the violation, the suspension at the start of the next sport in which the athlete participates.

4. Misdemeanor Offenses-(other than traffic violations) each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and disciplinary action will be taken as deemed necessary. (Athletes detained or incarcerated for violations of law may be suspended from participation in athletics pending resolution of the case).

5. Felony Offenses-Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis and disciplinary action will be taken as deemed necessary. (Athletes detained or incarcerated for violations of law may be suspended from participation in athletics pending resolution of the case),

Days of suspension

Days of suspension are counted in calendar days. The rule will be enforced from August 1st through the end of the school year or at the end of cheerleading responsibilities for that school year, whichever is later. If a cheerleader is in the middle of a suspension at the end of the school year, the suspension will resume August 1 of the following year. If a cheerleader is not in a sport at the time of the violation, the suspension will begin at the start of the next sport in which the athlete participates.

## VIII. DEMERIT SYSTEM

A demerit system will be used by the sponsors for disciplinary purposes not otherwise covered by the specific rules, regulations, or duties. The demerits may be issued by the sponsor for the following: Students will not receive double punishment *within* the cheer organization. Meaning, if they were punished by sitting out, they will not receive demerits as well. However, if they miss a game that was not mandated, they will receive demerits accordingly.

Infraction	Demerits/Offense
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1.	Five minutes late to practice, from practice break, to a pep rally, to a game, to any cheerleading event, meeting, etc.
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2.	Six or more minutes late to practice, from break, to a pep rally, game, cheerleading event, meeting, etc.	1 demerit
3.	Being late after warning has been issued	1 demerit
4.	Excused absence from practice (after 1)	1 demerit
5.	Unexcused absence from practice.	
6.	Excused absence from pep rally (after 1)	2 demerits
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7.	Unexcused absence from pep rally.	3 demerits
8.	Excused absence from game (after 1)	2 demerits
9.	Unexcused absence from game.	4 demerits
10.	Leaving game or cheering area without permission.	2 demerits
11.	Insubordination (not following directions of sponsor or captain)	2 demerits
12.	Disciplinary referrals to the office resulting in more than a warning	2 demerits
13.	Placement in ISS or swats	2 demerits/day
14.	Deliberate disobedience of sponsor/coach/teacher/administrator/etc.	2 demerits
15.	Disrespect of sponsor/coach/teacher/administrator/etc.	2 demerits
16.	Unsportsmanlike conduct to other squad members, students, or the other team	2 demerits
17.	Inappropriate dress for practice	1 demerit
18.	Uniform violations (not having complete uniform and equipment, wearing unauthorized clothing, jewelry, etc.)	1 demerit
19.	Stunting without sponsor's permission	1 demerit
20.	Inappropriate behavior (cursing, display of temper, gossip, etc.)	1 demerit
21.	Not meeting deadlines or failing to fulfill responsibilities	1 demerit
22.	Failure to participate in spirit activities (dress up days, send-offs, sign painting, etc.)	1 demerit
23.	Tardiness to and from breaks in games and performances	1 demerit
24.	Eating or chewing gum while cheering or practicing	1 demerit
25.	Using cell phone during practice, at games, or other events	2 demerits
26.	Inappropriate conduct on the bus, at restaurants, before or after games, etc.	2 demerits
27.	Failure to meet after games, pep rallies, and other events as directed by the sponsor	2 demerits
28.	Failure to help with hanging signs, loading and unloading bus, cleaning up after events and games, etc.	2 demerits
29.	Failure to participate in fundraising activities (selling sports programs, advertising, etc.)	
	Must sell at least <b>10 ads each</b> , turn in on your appointment date and time completed – paid in full.	2 demerits

### Notes regarding demerits

- Four demerits will result in the cheerleader not being allowed to cheer at the next game.

2. Seven demerits will result in the cheerleader being removed from the squad.
3. More than 3 absences (excused or unexcused; unless school related) may result in dismissal from the team.
4. All demerits are permanent from the selection of cheerleaders/mascots until the subsequent tryouts. Unexcused Demerits may not be worked off.
5. Merits can be earned back for SOME offenses at the sponsor's discretion.
6. Placement in Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement (DAEP) will result in immediate dismissal from the squad.
7. Cheerleader will be notified when a demerit has been issued.
8. Demerits will be issued at the discretion of the sponsor.
9. Disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from the squad, is subject to the discretion of the sponsor and administrator.

## **IX. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The GWISD cheerleaders will follow all of the current safety guidelines and regulations set forth by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches & Administrators. The latest rules can be found at <http://www.aacca.org/content.aspx?item=Safety/HighSchoolRules.xml>

## **X. CHEERING/MASCOT ACTIVITIES**

### **FOOTBALL**

1. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL varsity football games, home and away
2. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL varsity playoff games
3. Freshman and first-year cheerleaders will be cheering at ALL JV home football games
4. Sophomores/Juniors will cheer at some JV Home football games
5. Seniors are not required to cheer at JV home football games, but may be asked to serve as Captain at some of the games.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

1. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL weekday home district varsity volleyball games
2. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL varsity playoff games

### **BASKETBALL**

1. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL varsity playoff games
2. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at ALL weekday home district varsity basketball games, boys and girls

### **BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

1. Cheerleaders & mascot will cheer at all playoff games.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

In addition, all cheerleaders and mascot will be required to attend functions as requested. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. ALL Homecoming week activities, including bonfire, parade and pep rally
2. All school pep rallies and send-offs
3. Santa on the Square (as determined by sponsor)

4. Storyfest parade (as determined by sponsor)
5. Any other events as determined by sponsor or administration

Cheerleaders will be required to paint signs for all football games and any other event as directed by Sponsor.

## **XI. TRANSPORTATION**

All squad members will be transported to out-of-town functions by school vehicle. Any student wishing to ride home with parent/guardian must sign out with the sponsor at the conclusion of the event. (Football games are the exception: all cheerleaders (excluding returning seniors, MUST ride the bus home or meet at the gym to unload equipment)The parent/guardian must also inform the sponsor personally that he/she has their child prior to leaving the game.

If a squad member is riding home from an out-of-town function with someone other than a parent/guardian, a signed note from the parent/guardian must be presented and signed by the principal at least 24 hours in advance of the event. The sponsor must then receive a copy of the signed note in order to allow the squad member to leave the function with someone other than the parent/guardian. Squad members with assigned duties must ride the bus home with the squad.

## **XII. UNIFORMS/APPEARANCE**

The cheerleading uniform shall conform to a standard approved by the sponsor and administration. The uniform shall be selected by cheerleaders upon approval of the principal, sponsor, and parents. The cheerleader uniform will be kept for a period of two years. The estimated cost for all cheerleading equipment is approx. \$1800 for a first-year cheerleader. The sponsor will not release cheerleading equipment to the cheerleader or parent until their bill is paid in full. The uniform account balance must be paid in full before a cheerleader is allowed to attend camp.

The correct briefs, socks, and shoes must be worn. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail unless prior approval has been given by sponsor. This applies to practices, games, pep rallies, and any other events determined by Sponsor. Megaphones and pom-poms will be brought to all pep rallies and football games. When weather dictates, under armor and tights will be worn by all squad members. Any non-cheerleading affiliated attire (including jackets) is not allowed. The entire squad will wear the same uniform when performing.

Mascot must never remove their costume in front of the crowd or without permission.

No food may be consumed in front of the crowd at any time. Bottled water will be provided. For safety reasons, no jewelry will be worn while cheering or practicing. In addition, no gum, candy, etc. may be chewed or eaten while cheering or practicing. No exceptions!

The use of cell phones is not permitted during practice, pep rallies, games, or other events. In

case of an emergency, a parent/guardian may contact the sponsor. Immediately following all games, pep rallies, and other events, all cheerleaders must report directly to the sponsor before leaving.

Cheerleaders must report back after halftime, breaks, etc. on time.

### **XIII. PRACTICE**

1. All squad members must attend all practice sessions on time. Sponsor will determine practice times. (*Throughout football season: practices will be Weds and Sundays - other practice days may be added as needed*)
2. Each member of the squad is required to contribute time and effort to ensure the success of any project of the squad.
3. TIME IS PRECIOUS. Wasting time at practice is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
4. Cheerleaders must come prepared to practice. This includes wearing the proper attire and bringing all necessary supplies.
5. Proper practice attire includes a t-shirt, shorts, socks, and tennis shoes. Flip-flops, long pants, capris, and sandals are not allowed. Jewelry must never be worn.
6. Coming unprepared to practice is the same as being late and will be treated as such.
7. All practice sessions are mandatory. Cheerleaders are required to attend all practices, including summer practices called by the sponsor.
8. Practice may be scheduled for one to two days a week once school starts until the end of football season. Sponsor will determine practice days and times.
9. Extra practice may be called by the sponsor if needed. These sessions are mandatory as long as advance notice has been given.
10. Only the sponsor can call practice. The sponsor can cancel practice at their discretion. The sponsor must be present at all practice sessions.
11. If a cheerleader misses a meeting or practice for any reason, they are responsible for learning all material missed before the next game, pep rally, or practice session and pursuing any handout or announcement they may have missed.
12. All practice sessions are closed to the general public. Visitors are not allowed. This includes boyfriends, friends, relatives, siblings, etc.

### **XIV. ABSENCES/INJURY**

Sponsor must be notified in advance if a cheerleader is going to miss an event. Excuses must be in writing. Extenuating circumstances will be examined on a case-by-case basis by sponsor and administration. Sponsor and administration will determine what constitutes an excused absence.

In the case of illness, a cheerleader must call in to sponsor to be excused from practice or a game. (this must be taken care of in a timely manner) Doctor's note may be required. The cheerleader may be asked to attend practice or a game at sponsor's discretion.

In the case of injury, at the discretion of the sponsor, a cheerleader must attend practice and games and sit with the sponsor.

Squad member must be present at school for the ½ day (4 periods) prior to participation in any school event.

#### **XV. SUMMER CAMP**

All varsity cheerleaders and mascots must attend summer camp. Failure to attend camp will result in the student being dismissed from the squad for the entire year.

The cheer account will pay for ALL camp expenses provided that enough money has been raised by selling ads and programs.

#### **XVI. FUNDRAISING**

All squad members must participate in fundraising events. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Selling advertising for the sports program
- Selling sports programs at home and playoff games
- Cheerleading mini-camp
- Any other fundraisers as determined by sponsor or administration

#### **XVII. Cheerleader Captain Duties**

Captains and Co-captains are eligible based on seniority and years on the squad. The seniors that have been on the squad the longest will be nominated by the sponsor and voted on by the squad. If a vote is necessary, votes are reviewed by the principal. Captains and Co-captains are subject to the same disciplinary procedures as the rest of the squad. The captain's/co-captains failure to fulfill their duties may result in removal from their post at the discretion of the sponsor and administration. Cheerleader is not eligible for captain if they were placed on probation or received 4 or more demerits the previous year.

##### ***The Captain's duties include:***

- Meeting with the sponsor to plan pep rallies, decide what uniform will be worn, order supplies, etc.
- Following through with sponsor's directives.
- Keeping a list of cheers, chants, and formations at all times
- Calling the cheers at games, pep rallies, and other events
- Leading cheers at practice
- Teaching squad members new material
- Informing other squad members about game times, practices, uniforms, and anything else as requested by sponsor
- Representing the views of the squad in meetings with the sponsor, administrators, other teachers, community members, etc.
- Any other duties as determined/assigned by sponsor

*Co-Captain* is there to assist the captain as needed and fill in if the captain becomes unavailable.

#### **XVIII. Letterman's Club**

In order to qualify for Letterman's Club, Cheerleader must have successfully completed 1 year as a varsity cheerleader and have no more than 4 demerits each.

#### **XIX. Appeals and Amendments**

1. This constitution and conduct code may be amended by the sponsor and principal with the approval of the superintendent.
2. To present a verbal complaint about this organization, please follow this order:
  - a. Sponsor
  - b. Administrator
3. If you have a suggestion or complaint, please schedule an appointment with the sponsor during their conference period so that an administrator can be present.