



**2024-2025**

**Davidson Middle School**

**Cheerleading**

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**\*All signed documents should be returned to the coach for filing. A copy will be made and given back for your records.**

# Attendance

To cheer at a game, the cheerleader must be present at school for at least half (three class periods) of the school day on the date of a game. Members are expected to attend summer camp. Any member not attending summer camp will be immediately dismissed from the team and any deposits fees will not be returned.

A cheerleader cannot attend practices when absent from school unless pre-approved by the coach. An unexcused absence from school means an unexcused absence from practice as well. All excuses must be brought to the coach upon return to school/practice or sent digitally. Members must bring a note from the doctor or parent explaining the absence. A doctor's excuse, parent note, a death in the family, or personal extenuating circumstances will be the only acceptable excuses. This is left to the discretion of the coach.

Cheerleaders may participate in other extracurricular activities BUT must understand that there may be some conflicts between the two. Cheerleading is your priority. Cheerleaders must inform the coach if a conflict does arise, and the coach will approve or give consequences accordingly.

# Coach's Duties

The coach will handle all administration, finances, school rule enforcement, and overall team organization. The coach will attend all practices, games, and performances. The coach will be the contact for teachers and cheerleading parents. (Including parent questions, concerns, and team absences).

The coach will handle all records regarding consequences and discipline. The coach will issue uniforms, equipment, and order necessary supplies. Cheerleaders experiencing problems should talk with the coach and work with them in finding suitable solutions at the appropriate times. Any questions or problems concerning the team should be directed to the coach during school hours. The coach will return phone calls and/or emails at the earliest opportunity, but not more than 48-hours from contact. Issues should not be addressed during practices, games, or other school events. The coach needs to fully supervise the team while at these events.

**There is a proper chain of command, starting with the coach, assistant principal, principal, and finally school board. In fairness to all parties involved, please follow the chain of command.**

Teaching duties of the coach take precedence over cheerleading responsibilities.

# Consequences

Consequences are assigned as part of the disciplinary process. They shall be administered for violation of team and / or school rules. This system shall be strictly enforced. The system begins immediately following selection and will be recorded and determined by the coach.

There will be a consequence log sheet kept for each cheerleader that will include the dates, reasons, and consequence issued for each infraction.

There will be situations that arise that are not covered by the bylaws. These cases will be handled with the discretion of the coach in cooperation with the athletic director and school administration.

Out of school suspension will result in immediate dismissal from the team. There will be NO exceptions.

If a cheerleader receives a consequence, they will enter a probationary period. During a probationary period, any behavior by the cheerleader that results in disciplinary action by a teacher, coach, or administrator can result in dismissal from the team. This action superseded our consequence system and will be under the discretion of the coach/administration.

If a cheerleader is benched from an event for ANY reason, they will still be required to dress in appropriate uniform and attend all cheer practices, games, performances, or events and sit next to the coach.

If a cheerleader is injured, they will still be required to dress in appropriate uniform and attend all cheer practices, games, performances, or events and sit/stand with the team.

If a cheerleader quits the team or is dismissed from the team, they will not be eligible to try out the following year.

Consequences are given by the coach and are not negotiable. These may be discussed on a case-by- case basis with the coach and administration.

Members will be asked to sign an acknowledgment which will be kept on file by the coach.

# Consequences

Excused absence (with documentation)	No consequence.
2 or more missed practices a week	Benched at that week's game/event.
Missed practice without notifying the coach	Benched at that week's game/event.
Missed practice resulting in unlearned material	Benched for performance.
Tardy to practice/game/event (5 minutes)	Benched time equal to tardiness.
Uniform violation (missing part of uniform including wrong uniform, bow, socks, megaphone, poms, unapproved nails, wrong hair, jewelry, gum, etc.)	Benched until proper uniform and presence is achieved. If corrections cannot be achieved, benched for the game/event.
Loss of part of uniform (including uniform, bow, megaphone, poms)	Pay price on bill to have a replacement ordered.
F on report card (above 2.0 GPA)	Parent/teacher/coach conference *if requested. Benched at that week's game/event.
Below 2.0 GPA	Benched for following quarter/9-week period. (FHSAA Athlete Eligibility).
Teacher behavior concern	Coach will address and communicate with teacher and athlete. Coach's discretion.
Discipline during school hours	Coach will address and communicate with the discipline administrator and athlete. Coach's discretion.
Discipline resulting in ASD or STP	Cannot attend practice/event day of in-service. Benched at that week's game/event. <b>*Serious disciplinary infractions can result in dismissal from the team. Coach/admin discretion.</b>
OSS (Suspension)	Dismissal.
Inappropriate behavior in or out of school (including social media)	Dismissal. Coach/admin discretion.
OCSD has a ZERO tolerance bullying policy. Athletes treating anyone (students, teammates, teachers, administration, coaches) in a manner that is disrespectful or hurtful (including gossip. Social media, belittling, profanity, yelling, threatening).	Dismissal. Coach/admin discretion.

This list is **NOT** inclusive. When a situation arises that is not listed above, the coach will handle it accordingly. This system has been designed to build responsible athletes and a disciplined cheerleading team with a respectful reputation. **A cheerleader may be dismissed from the team for repeated and flagrant violations of these rules.** During a **probationary period**, any behavior by the cheerleader that results in disciplinary action by a teacher, coach, or administrator **can result in dismissal from the team.** This action **superseded our consequence system** and will be under the discretion of the coach/administration. **Dismissal** may be a result if any team member is continuously engaging in negative behavior toward the team or coach that create a division among the team throughout the season. All infractions and resulting consequences will be reviewed, decided upon, and assigned by the coach.

Cheerleader signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parent Conduct

Please initial each line

\_\_\_\_ I will be a positive role model for my cheerleader and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every competition, or sporting event.

\_\_\_\_ I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent.

\_\_\_\_ I will respect the coach, her authority, and the decisions she makes on behalf of the team.

\_\_\_\_ I will not confront the coach during practice or at athletic venues but will take time to speak to the coach in private at an agreed upon time and place.

\_\_\_\_ I will teach my cheerleader to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

\_\_\_\_ I will teach my cheerleader to be responsible and informed (i.e., looking at the cheer calendar, listening when coaches give directions, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ I agree to serve as a positive participant in the DMS cheer family and to convey my support of the coach and the cheer program to my cheerleader.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that participating or encouraging negativity that contributes to the division of our team may result in dismissal of my cheerleader from the team.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Athlete Conduct

Please initial each line

\_\_\_\_\_ I will always conduct myself in an appropriate and respectful manner remembering I am a representative of Davidson Middle School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will treat my teammates and coach with dignity and respect (not arguing, talking-back) and do what is asked of me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will have a positive attitude at practices, games, and events.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be personally responsible for all school athletic uniforms checked out to me and will return them in good condition or I will pay for their replacement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any unsportsmanlike conduct or other violation of the code or the rules determined by the coach may result in disciplinary action/dismissal from the team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will NOT display bad habits such as inappropriate language/conduct (IN OR OUT OF THE DAVIDSON UNIFORM/SCHOOL PROPERTY). I understand these actions may warrant dismissal from the team. I understand improper language or conduct includes, but not limited to, any texting, online web pages, or social networking such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok or any other internet site(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand any continuous reports of misconduct or disrespect involving teachers or students may result in dismissal from the team. This decision is left to the discretion of the coach and administration.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand any decisions concerning cheer activities shall be determined by the coach and school administration.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that serious disrespect directed towards the coach, or any other team member (including social media posts) will result in immediate dismissal from the team. I understand this applies to both parents and athletes. I understand the coach reserves the right to determine which circumstances that may include.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am responsible for checking emails/app as updated information including practice times, notes, reminders, and events may be sent out daily. I understand it is necessary to check your email/app the night before a game/event to receive important messages from the coach. I understand that if a message (text, email/app, phone voicemail) is sent out and I do not attend, come properly dressed, or whatever the message is pertaining to then I WILL be given consequences for the action described.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am in violation of this constitution, I am subject to conferencing, probation, benching, or dismissal.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am ALWAYS a Davidson Middle School cheerleader and am responsible for acting on behalf of the school and coach.

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_