

GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADER GUIDELINES

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE OF CHEERLEADER SQUADS

- A. To promote and uphold school spirit throughout the year.
- B. To encourage good sportsmanship among the students.
- C. To improve relationships between schools during all athletic events.
- D. To represent the school district as a positive role model and leader.
- E. To represent the school in sanctioned cheerleader competition.

ARTICLE II: TRYOUT QUALIFICATIONS

Cheerleading tryouts for high schools in Goose Creek CISD, consisting of the cheerleader tryout clinic and judging of candidates, will be held during the fifth six weeks of the school year after the fourth six weeks' report cards have been distributed. Students who do not have a fourth six weeks' report card may obtain a verified copy from the appropriate school office. Dates for the tryout clinic and judging portion of the tryouts will be set by the district cheerleading coordinator in conjunction with the sponsor and principal of each school.

A cheerleading candidate must meet the following criteria before he/she will be allowed to participate in any portion of the tryout procedure:

A. Grade Eligibility:

- 1. Candidates must have an overall 80 average for the fall semester of the current school year. The average will not be rounded up.
- 2. Candidates must have an 80 overall average for the fourth six weeks grading period of the current school year with **no grade below 70 in any class**. The average will not be rounded up. Waivers granted to students who fail an honors or advanced level course **may** be applied for the purpose of trying out for cheerleader.
- 3. Grades will be verified by the cheerleading sponsor using the fourth six weeks' report card.
- 4. This overall average includes core and elective classes.

B. Conduct Eligibility:

- 1. Candidates must have no more than one mark below "S" (i.e., "N" or "U") in citizenship for the second, third, and fourth six weeks of the current school year.
- 2. Candidates must not have received more than one conduct report during the current school year.
- 3. Candidates must not have received more than **three** day's assignment during the current school year to In-School Suspension (ISS).
- 4. Candidates must not have been suspended (Out-of-School) or have been assigned to Point Alternative Center during the current school year.
- 5. Conduct eligibility will be verified by the cheerleading sponsor using the fourth six weeks' report and principal's discipline files.

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C. Term of Service Eligibility:

1. A student chosen to hold the position of cheerleader at any GCCISD school during the current school year who failed to successfully complete the cheerleader term of service will be ineligible to try out for cheerleader. A "term of service" is defined as the successful qualification, selection and completion of one full year of cheerleading by a student from the campus' tryout date to the campus' following year's tryout date. Failure to successfully complete the cheerleader term of service is defined as dismissal from cheerleading for any reasons cited in Article V and/or Article VI of these guidelines OR Article IV of the GCCISD Junior School Cheerleader Guidelines OR the voluntary resignation from the cheerleading squad by the cheerleader.

D. Return of Forms Eligibility:

1. Candidates will return the Cheerleader Candidate Application, Medical Release Form, and any other applicable forms to the cheerleading sponsor on or before the first day of the tryout clinic.

E. School Zone Eligibility:

1. Candidates for cheer tryouts must live in the appropriate school zone to the school for which they are trying out and must have established this residency for at least 15 days prior to tryouts. Candidates must be enrolled at the school for which they are trying out for this same length of time.

The cheerleading sponsor will maintain documentation of grade eligibility and conduct eligibility for all candidates.

Violation of any portion of Article II: Tryout Qualifications will disqualify a candidate from participation in all portions of cheerleader tryouts.

ARTICLE III: TRYOUT PROCEDURES

The varsity squad at each high school will have a maximum of 16 cheerleaders. The junior varsity squad at each high school will have a maximum of 12 cheerleaders.

Candidates for varsity cheerleader must have successfully completed one term of service as a junior varsity cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school. The Goose Creek Cheerleading Coordinator may waive this requirement at his or her discretion for students who have one year of cheerleader service at a non- Goose Creek CISD high school.

No quotas pertaining to grade level, race, or gender will apply.

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The **Varsity Squad** will be made up of seniors, juniors, and sophomores using the following steps until the 16 available positions are filled:

1. Candidates who have successfully completed two terms of varsity* service as a cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 50 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill available openings on the varsity squad.
2. Candidates who have successfully completed one term of varsity* service and two terms of junior varsity service as a cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 52.5 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after step 1 has been completed.
3. Candidates who have successfully completed one term of varsity* service and one term of junior varsity service as a cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 52.5 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after steps 1-2 have been completed.
4. Candidates who have successfully completed three terms of service as a junior varsity cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 55 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after steps 1-3 have been completed.
5. Candidates who have successfully completed two terms of service as a junior varsity cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 55 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after steps 1-4 have been completed
6. Candidates who have successfully completed one term of service as a junior varsity cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school and earn a minimum judges' score of 55 out of 90 points will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after steps 1-5 have been completed.
7. Candidates who have successfully completed one term of service as a varsity cheerleader on a rebuild Varsity squad in a Goose Creek CISD high school must earn a minimum judges' score of 55 out of 90 points and will be ranked according to their total tryout score and fill any available openings on the varsity squad after steps 1-6 have been completed.

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The **Junior Varsity Squad** will be made up of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors who remain in the candidate pool after the varsity squad has been determined. No quotas pertaining to grade level, race, or gender will apply.

The Junior Varsity Squad will be selected using judges' scores only. A minimum total judges' score of 45 out of a possible 90 points will be required for a candidate to be considered to be named to the Junior Varsity Squad; however, a score of 45 or more **does not guarantee** a spot on the Junior Varsity Squad.

After the varsity squad has been determined, all remaining candidates who have chosen to try out for the junior varsity squad and meet the minimum judges' score of 45 out of a possible 90 points will be ranked using the seven steps for varsity squad selection outlined above until all available positions on the JV squad have been determined.

If a cheerleader moves, quits or is removed before uniform orders are processed, the next cheerleader/candidate who meets all minimum criteria for the position may be moved into that position *if* the sponsor and campus administrator determine it to be necessary. The Cheerleader Coordinator is not required to fill a vacancy created on either squad.

***Varsity as stated above under Article III: Tryout Procedures, does not include first year Varsity members who are on a rebuild Varsity squad. One year on a rebuild Varsity squad as a first year cheerleader is the equivalent as serving one year on the Junior Varsity Squad.**

Rebuild Clause:

The varsity squad at each high school will have a minimum of **12** cheerleaders. The minimum standards will be used only when an insufficient number of candidates earn the required minimum judges' score during the tryout process or do not meet the minimum required term of service or grade level. The candidates will be ranked using the seven steps for varsity squad selection outlined above and then ranked according to their total tryout score until the minimum squad has been fulfilled.

If there are 16 or less total candidates who are named cheerleader to the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads, the squads will combine to make a Varsity squad only regardless of varsity minimum score, term of service, or grade level.

Any first-year cheerleader added to a rebuild Varsity squad will be required to master all required cheerleading material before cheering at each game.

Any first-year cheerleader who successfully completes one year on a rebuild Varsity squad will be considered a candidate who has successfully completed one term of service as a junior varsity cheerleader in a Goose Creek CISD high school for any future tryouts.

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After a student has successfully fulfilled all criteria set forth in **Article II: Tryout Qualifications**, he/she will be allowed to participate in the following tryout procedures:

A. The Cheerleader Training Clinic:

1. There will be a mandatory candidate/parent information meeting and cheerleading training clinic prior to trying out. The meeting and clinic will be held after distribution of the fourth six weeks' report cards. Dates and times of the meeting and clinic will be determined by the cheerleading director and principal. Any absence from these mandatory events must be approved by the cheerleading sponsor **prior to missing the session.**
2. The clinic will be held after school hours, within practice time limits set by state guidelines.
3. The training clinic will be open to candidates, current senior cheerleaders, cheerleading sponsors, clinicians, and school administrators. The training clinic will be closed to all others, unless approved by the principal or his or her designee.
4. No video cameras will be allowed in the training clinic.
5. Candidates must be present in all classes in which they are enrolled to attend each day of the training clinic unless excused in advance by a campus administrator or cheerleader sponsor.
6. The day before tryouts, there will be an after school, closed cheerleader mock-tryout to practice the tryout procedures. The mock-tryout will be open to candidates, current senior cheerleaders, cheerleading sponsors, clinicians, and school administrators. The mock-tryout will be closed to the public.
7. All tumbling and jump skills **MUST** be demonstrated at the mock-tryouts. Candidates may **NOT** perform a skill of a higher level at tryouts than what they demonstrated at the mock-tryout. Candidates may perform a skill of a lower level at tryouts than what they demonstrated at the mock-tryout.

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B. Judging of Candidates:

1. Candidates must be present in all classes in which they are enrolled on the day of judging unless excused in advance by a campus administrator or cheerleader sponsor.
2. Judging will be done on an individual basis for each candidate.
3. Candidates will be judged at each station by two professional judges who are not employees of Goose Creek CISD. Effort will be made to ensure the panel of judges is ethnically-mixed. Judges will not be related to any cheerleading candidate. Examples of qualified judges include, but are not limited to, NCA or UCA-trained instructors and college cheerleaders. The scores of the two judges at each station will be averaged to determine the final station score for each candidate.
4. The judging portion of the tryouts will be closed. Only current senior cheerleaders, candidates, sponsors, administrative personnel, and score tabulators will be allowed in the judging portion of tryouts.
5. A designated person will make a videotape of the tryouts only to serve as a record and to use the following year if a candidate is injured. Videotapes may not be used to appeal or challenge any candidate's score during tryouts and no candidate or parent/guardian of a candidate will be permitted to view another candidate's tryout video at any time.
6. Candidates will wear all white attire or attire approved by the cheerleader sponsor. The cheerleading sponsor will have final approval of tryout apparel.
7. If any candidate planning to try out for cheerleader is physically unable to perform a tumbling pass or jumps because of a temporary physical injury (such as a broken wrist or ankle), then they may be allowed to use the district's video from the previous year's tryout of them performing those skills for the specified stations, if the following requirements are met:
 - a. Must be approved by the sponsor and administrator.
 - b. A doctor's note will also be required, and in this note should be an explanation of his/her physical impairment and an expected return date for him/her. An expected return date may not exceed the end of the current school year and the candidate will be expected to demonstrate the skills shown by video by that time.
 - c. The candidate is responsible for providing proper documentation by the pre-tryout meeting or proof that the injury occurred between the date of the pre-tryout meeting and the day of tryouts.
 - d. The candidate will still be judged on all other skills required during tryouts to the best of his/her ability.
8. District video of cheerleading students for try-out purposes will be retained for one (1) term of service and then deleted.

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ARTICLE IV: JUDGING

Judging will be administered in the following manner:

- A. Tryout order will be determined by a random drawing of numbers by the candidates.
- B. Candidates will be scored by two judges at each station. These two scores will be averaged to determine the candidates' score for each station. Senior cheerleaders will perform the required elements at each station for the judges prior to any candidate trying out at that station. This will allow judges to set a standard of quality for each station.
- C. When a candidate at a station has completed the set skill, he/she will rotate to the next station for judging in that skill area.
- D. When all candidates have completed all stations, individual scores will be tallied.
- E. If a tie exists in the total judges' scores and the tie must be broken, the following steps are to be used:
 - 1. If the total of the three judging stations is the same, judge station #1 scores will be used as the tiebreaker.
 - 2. If a tie still exists, judge station #2 scores will be used to break the tie.
 - 3. If a tie still exists, judge station #3 scores will be used to break the tie.
 - 4. If a tie still exists, candidates will be re-judged by all judges on a cheer and jumps for the tiebreaker.
- F. All scores will be calculated by a panel of score keepers who are employees of the school district and approved by the principal or his designee. No score keeper may be related to any cheerleader candidate.
- G. Scores will be double-checked and verified by the Cheerleading Coordinator, campus administrator on duty, and the cheerleading sponsor.
- H. The sixteen (16) varsity and twelve (12) junior varsity squad members will be determined using criteria outlined in Article III of these guidelines.
- I. Results of tryouts will be posted on the District website. The date and time of posting will be well advertised, and the information will appear on each campuses home page. No scores will be released at this time.
- J. Score sheets will be taken directly to the office vault by a school administrator after judging is completed.
- K. All score sheets are kept on campus and are available for personal viewing. Parents may view only their child's final tabulation sheet by scheduling an appointment beginning the first Monday on which school is in session following tryouts.

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L. Judging Criteria and Point System:

Station #1-Jumps and Cheer

Jumps = 1-15 points

- a. height/landing
- b. technique
- c. variety

Cheer = 1-25 points

- a. arm levels
- b. sharpness
- c. timing

- d. eye contact
- e. voice
- f. enthusiasm
- g. facial expression

Station #2-Tumbling and Chant

Tumbling = 1-10 points

- a. form
- b. difficulty level
- c. visual impression

Chant = 1-20 points

- a. arm levels
- b. sharpness
- c. timing

- d. eye contact
- e. voice
- f. enthusiasm
- g. facial expression

Station #3-Dance

Dance = 1-20 points

- a. timing
- b. form
- c. facial expression
- d. visual impression

THE MAXIMUM OVERALL JUDGES SCORE IS 90 POINTS.

ARTICLE V: MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP ON CHEERLEADING SQUAD

The term of service for a cheerleader shall be officially recognized as the time immediately following cheerleader tryouts through the day of cheerleader tryouts for the next school year. Upon selection to the cheerleading squad, the following criteria for maintaining membership on the squad will hold:

A. **Grades:**

Eligibility to participate in cheerleading activities will be governed by guidelines set forth in Texas Education Code 33.081 (commonly referred to as "No Pass, No Play"), with the following added guidelines:

1. Beginning with the first six weeks of the fall semester following selection to the cheerleading squad, any cheerleader ruled ineligible as a result of receiving a grade below 70 in any class will be placed on **warned status for grades** for the remainder of the cheerleader term of service. Waivers granted in accordance with TEC 33.081 and Goose Creek CISD guidelines for receiving a grade below 70 in an honors level or advanced placements class will allow a cheerleader to continue participation in cheerleading activities. However, such waivers will not prevent a cheerleader from being placed on warned status for grades.
2. If a cheerleader is to be placed on warned status for grades, a conference with the cheerleading sponsor, parent, student, and an administrator will be required.
3. Any cheerleader on warned status for grades as a result of Article V, Section A, Part 1, who receives a second six weeks' grade below 70 in any class will be **dismissed from the cheerleader squad** for the remainder of the term of service. Waivers granted in accordance with TEC 33.081 and GCCISD guidelines for participation after a student fails an honors level or advanced placement class may not be used to prevent dismissal from the cheerleading squad.

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B. **Conduct:**

1. Conduct eligibility will be verified by the cheerleading director using six weeks' report cards and principal's discipline records.
2. If a cheerleader receives an N or U in citizenship, the cheerleader will be placed on **warned status for citizenship** and a conference with the director, parent, student, and an administrator will be held.
3. **Dismissal from the squad** for the remainder of the term of service will result if a cheerleader on warned status for citizenship receives an N or U on a subsequent report card (this N or U does not have to be in the same class that resulted in the cheerleader being placed on warned status).
4. Students who hold the position of cheerleader and receive a Conduct Report at any time after selection will be placed on **warned status for citizenship** for the remainder of the term of service.
5. **Dismissal from the squad** for the remainder of the term of service will result if a cheerleader receives a Conduct Report while on warned status for citizenship.

C. **Character Standards:**

A cheerleader:

1. will not skip or be truant for any part of the school day;
2. will not leave class and/or campus without school authorized permission;
3. will not smoke and/or possess tobacco during school hours, during school functions, or in any public place;
4. will not drink and/or possess and/or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time;
5. will not misbehave or be insubordinate during school hours, during school functions, or in any public place;
6. will maintain a desirable attitude and a spirit of cooperation in all classes;
7. will not participate in and will endeavor to control any unsportsmanlike conduct;
8. will be willing to cooperate fully with the other cheerleaders and with the sponsor;
9. will not use social media sites to publish disparaging or harassing remarks about GCCISD community members, fellow teammates, the coaching staff, faculty, staff, school administrators and athletic or academic contest rivals;
10. will use social networks and electronic communication appropriately, will not participate in cyber-bullying, use profanity, or be pictured inappropriately. These social media standards apply to posts/comments affiliated with the cheerleader, including "likes" or reposts. Anyone who chooses to post editorial content to websites or other forms of online media content to websites or other forms of online media must ensure that their submission does not reflect poorly upon the school.

D. **Dismissal from the Squad:**

Documented violations of the character standards set forth in Article V, Section C, which results in part or whole in a cheerleader accumulating 15 or more demerits will result in dismissal from the squad for the remainder of the term of service (See Article VI, Section I).

1. Cheerleaders who do not return for a subsequent year, shall not wear personally owned uniforms to school or any school functions.

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- E. Health and Well Being:**
1. All cheerleaders will be required to have an athletic physical as required by GCCISD and the UIL before participating in any cheerleader activity.
 2. Medical documentation – The cheerleading sponsor may request a medical release for any condition that may be affected by the cheerleader's participation in cheerleading activities. The referral must be signed by a physician and returned to the sponsor. The student will not be allowed to participate in practices or any cheerleading events until the release is returned.
 3. Student safety will be a prime concern at all times.
- F. Lettering:**
1. Varsity cheerleaders who successfully complete a cheerleader term of service will be eligible to receive a varsity letter award in accordance with school and district guidelines for such awards.
 2. Dismissal from the squad or voluntary resignation from the squad prior to the end of the cheerleader term of service will result in forfeiture of the lettering privilege and participation by the student in any other cheerleader activities for the remainder of the current school year.
- G.** If a cheerleader who met the minimum total tryout judges score moves to another high school that is In-District, and the corresponding squad is below the maximum total number of students allowed, that cheerleader will have the opportunity to join that school's matching cheerleading squad.
1. Eligibility will be verified by the receiving school through the campus sponsor and administrator.
 2. All demerits received at the previous school will be transferred to the new campus.
 3. The cheerleader will be responsible for paying for any uniform-type/matching apparel related to each cheer program as determined by the sponsors and administrators at each school affected by the transfer. The cheerleader will not be refunded and will be held responsible for any balance remaining on any previously ordered uniform-type apparel that is not refundable to the school from which he/she is transferring (including, but not limited to; used, custom, and/or personalized items). In addition, the cheerleader will be responsible for purchasing all uniform-type/matching apparel at the school to which he/she is transferring.
 4. The cheerleader will be on probationary status until all uniform-type/matching apparel for the school to which he/she is transferring is received. He/she will not be allowed to participate in any cheer activities that require uniform-type/matching attire until these items are received. The cheerleader will be required to attend these events and sit with the coach/sponsor for the duration of the event. The sponsor has the right to require the cheerleader to wear school colors at these events. The cheerleader will be required to participate in cheer class, cheer practices, and cheer meetings that do not require matching attire.
 5. All fundraising monies will be forfeited at the school from which the cheerleader transfers.
- H. The Superintendent has final review.**

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ARTICLE VI: RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

Cheerleaders must realize the commitment involved as a representative and leader when selected. A cheerleader who is a participant in other extracurricular activities will be expected to fulfill his/her cheerleading requirements before fulfilling other extracurricular requirements. Conflicts between other extracurricular activities and a cheerleading activity (game, fund-raising event, practice, etc.) may not be sufficient reason to be excused from the cheerleading activity. Listed below are some of the responsibilities and duties of a high school cheerleader:

A. Camp:

1. Each cheerleader is required to attend a training camp held during the summer. If there is any conflict in schedule, it will have to be resolved as the importance of the camp to the group as a whole is the prime consideration.
2. Camp expenses are the responsibility of the cheerleader.
3. There will be required practices before camp and before school starts.

B. Games:

1. Cheerleaders will attend all assigned games and school functions unless prior approval for excused absence is granted by the sponsor.
2. Cheerleaders may be required to attend all championship playoff games.
3. Cheerleaders attend away games as specified by the sponsor.
4. Cheerleaders will be required to travel to and from all away games on district provided transportation.
5. Cheerleaders are to be at the stadium or gym for games at the time set by the sponsor.
6. The manner of presentation and choice of yells will be planned in advance. This includes the style and techniques to be used throughout the year.
7. Individual cheerleaders may not take part in the following:
 - a. Conspicuous actions that draw the crowd's attention to any individual cheerleader.
 - b. Anything that would reflect negatively on the school and group.
8. All policies (disciplinary) of the school will be upheld and all actions and statements made before the student body are to be for the purpose of promoting school spirit. C.

Uniforms:

1. All uniforms (for pep rallies, games, etc.) must be approved by the sponsor and/or administrator.
2. Uniforms are to be worn only at assigned activities.
3. All parts of the uniform are to be worn.
4. Permission from the sponsor is required if anyone other than cheerleader is to be allowed to wear any part of a uniform.
5. Each cheerleader will be responsible for caring for his/her uniforms.
6. "Uniform" mentioned in these guidelines includes any matching cheer attire.

D. Practice:

The cheerleaders will practice during their assigned class period and at other times when practices are deemed necessary by the sponsor. Unexcused absences from practice may result in suspension from participation.

E. Pep Rallies:

Cheerleaders and the director plan all pep rallies in advance. A copy of the program will be given to the Drum Major, band director, and school administration.

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F. Cheerleader Class:

1. All cheerleaders will be required to take the cheerleader class each semester it is offered.
2. As long as there is a class period assigned to the cheerleaders, there will be a grade given for each six weeks and the semester. This grade will be determined by a combination of items such as: participation in practices, promptness at all events, participation at games, effort, attitude, group consideration, and proper uniform and attire. In other words, being an active, vital member of the group determines grade.

G. Personal Responsibility:

1. Cheerleaders are responsible for notifying their parents of all activities.
2. Cheerleaders are responsible for turning in all forms, money, etc., on time.
 - a) If a personal check for cheerleading expenses is deemed insufficient and the coach has been notified by the bookkeeping staff, the cheerleader will be placed on a financial hold immediately. The cheerleader may not be allowed to participate at the discretion of their sponsor. All future payments will be required to be made in cash, money order, or cashier's check.

H. While In Uniform or at practice:

1. No heavy make-up
2. No jewelry
3. No gum chewing
4. No obvious display of affection
5. No false or long fingernails
6. No colored nail polish (excluding regular practices)
7. No visible tattoos
8. Hair must be pulled back in a secure ponytail (off of cheeks, ears and forehead, clear of face)
9. Hair must not distract from the cheer environment or be dyed an unnatural color (according to the GCCISD Student Handbook)
10. Uniform team hair style may be altered for special events with sponsor approval

I. Demerit System:

All cheerleader rules must be followed. All guideline violations will be documented through the demerit system and kept in the sponsor's cheerleader file. Repeated violations and/or accumulation of demerits will result in suspension from cheerleading activities and/or a hearing involving the cheerleader, parent, sponsor, and principal or designee. Dismissal will result on the accumulation of 15 demerits during the cheerleader term of service. Demerits will accrue for the cheerleader term of service.

When a cheerleader reaches a total of five demerits, a letter from the sponsor will be sent to the cheerleader and his/his parent/guardian. Any appeal of the demerits documented in the "five-demerit letter" must be initiated within 10 school days of the issuance of the letter (or 10 District business days if the letter is issued during June, July, or August). When a cheerleader reaches a total of 10 demerits, a conference with the cheerleader, parent, sponsor, and administrator will be held. Any appeal of the demerits documented between the time of the "five-demerit letter" and the "10-demerit conference" must be initiated within 10 school days of the conference (or 10 District business days if the conference is scheduled during June, July, or August). Dismissal will result when the cheerleader reaches 15 demerits. Any appeal of the demerits documented between the time of the "10-demerit conference" and the dismissal from cheerleading must be initiated within 10 school days of the dismissal (or 10 District business days if the dismissal occurs during June, July, or August).

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Demerits will be issued, but will not be limited to, the following:

1. Cheerleading Activities:

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| a) Tardy to a required activity | 1-5 demerits |
| b) Inappropriate attire for practice | 1-2 demerits |
| c) Untidy uniform | 1-4 demerits |
| d) Improper dress when in uniform (wrong uniform, socks, bow, etc.) | 1-4 demerits |
| e) Infractions of Article VI, H | 1-2 demerits |
| f) Insufficient knowledge of cheers | 1-4 demerits |
| g) Making decisions without prior consultation with director | 3-10 demerits |
| h) Unsportsmanlike behavior | 3-10 demerits |
| i) *Inappropriate conduct during cheerleader activity, in public, or on social networks | 3-10 demerits |
- *See Character Standards Section*

2. Attendance

The same acceptable excuses for school absences and tardiness as listed in the GCCISD student/parent handbook will be used to determine if an absence from a cheerleading activity will be considered excused or unexcused. However, prior notice must be made (with the exception of emergencies) for any absence to be excused by the sponsor and/or campus administrator.

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| a) Three accumulated, excused absences from any cheerleading activities (not to include excused absences due to extenuating circumstances such as extended illness under a doctor's care, hospitalization, etc.) | 5 demerits |
| b) Unexcused absence from required cheerleader activity | 6 demerits |
| c) Leaving a required cheerleader activity without permission | 10 demerits |

NOTE: Any absence from a required cheerleading activity that results from an assignment to afternoon detention will be considered unexcused and demerits will be issued accordingly. In such case, the demerits listed under "Attendance" will be issued in lieu of demerits listed under "Violations of student Code of Conduct."

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3. Violations of *Student Code of Conduct*

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| a) Assignment to a 45-minute afternoon detention-
(not to exceed 4 demerits for one offense) | 2-4 demerits |
| Assignment to a 90-minute afternoon detention-
(not to exceed 6 demerits for one offense) | 3-6 demerits |
| b) Truancy per class (not to exceed 10 demerits in one school day) | 2-10 demerits |
| c) Inappropriate language, lying, cheating | 3-10 demerits |
| d) Insubordination, disrespect, disobedience | 3-10 demerits |
| e) Receiving a Conduct Report or in-class incident report | 3-10 demerits |
| f) Use or possession of any tobacco product | 10 demerits |
| g) Assignment to ISS (per day/partial day served) | 4 demerits |
| h) Assignment to home suspension (per day/partial day served) | 5 demerits |
| i) Use, possession, under or giving the impression of being under the influence of marijuana or controlled substance, alcohol or any alcoholic beverage, abusable glue or aerosol paint, or any other mood-altering or behavior-altering drugs | 15 demerits |
| j) Participation in the illegal activities of stealing, fighting, indecent exposure, or public lewdness | 15 demerits |
| k) Assignment to DAEP, POINT, High Point | 15 demerits |

The sponsor retains the authority, with approval of the principal, to add demerits as needed for incidents that may not be specifically mentioned in the list above. In addition, the sponsor may assign a cheerleader to school detention class or refer an incident to a campus administrator.

The sponsor will obtain approval from the principal before issuing five or more demerits for any one incident.

ARTICLE VII: COMPETITION SQUAD

A. Squad Selection:

1. The competition squad will be the varsity squad. If additional members or alternates are needed, these will be selected from the junior varsity cheerleaders who volunteer to try out. The number of cheerleaders on the competition squad will be based on the rules/guidelines set forth by the sponsoring organization of the competition.
2. The sponsor and principal will set the tryout date for selection of additional competition squad members and alternates.
3. Alternates and additional competition squad members will be chosen based on scores received on a skills test.
4. The skills test will be administered by the sponsor and/or clinician.

B. Approved Competitions / Location

1. All competitions entered by the competition squad and all squad travel must be in accordance with GCCISD Administrative Guideline 6.25 (Trips – Students)
2. Attendance at any cheerleading competition requiring implementation of Administrative Guideline 6.25 (Extended Overnight Field Trips) will be considered if the competition squad has not participated in an extended overnight field trip during the previous three academic years.
3. Competing squad members will be the only students approved to attend competition field trips.

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- C. Maintaining Membership on the Competition Squad / Competition Squad Requirements**
1. Membership on the competition squad will be voluntary; no cheerleader will be required to participate on the competition squad. The sponsor will inform all varsity cheerleaders of the deadline to declare his/her intentions for participation on the competition squad.
 2. All competition squad activities will take place after school hours at a time outside of regular cheerleading squad activities.
 3. Cheerleaders who participate on the competition squad will maintain membership on the competition squad in the same manner as maintaining membership on the regular cheerleading squad. Violation of cheerleader rules and regulations during competition squad activities and/or regular school activities (Student Code of Conduct violations) will result in implementation of the demerit system outlined in Article VI, Section I of these guidelines.
 4. Any member of the competition squad who accumulates ten (10) competition squad demerits during the school year will be removed from the competition squad.
 5. Demerits issued for violations of the Student Code of Conduct will apply to a cheerleader's allotment on the regular cheerleading squad and the competition squad.
 6. All fund raising activities associated with the competition squad will be conducted outside of regular cheerleading squad fund raising activities.

ARTICLE VIII: HEAD CHEERLEADERS

A. Varsity Head Cheerleaders:

1. Two varsity head cheerleaders will be chosen from all senior cheerleaders on the varsity squad. One head cheerleader will be selected by the sponsor and principal and one head cheerleader will be selected by squad vote.
2. In years in which there are three or fewer senior cheerleaders, the principal may decide to have only one head cheerleader.

B. Junior Varsity Head Cheerleader:

Junior varsity head cheerleader(s) will be chosen from all cheerleaders on the junior varsity squad. The sponsor and principal will select one or two junior varsity head cheerleaders based on cheerleading experience and leadership characteristics displayed, and other agreed-upon criteria.

If a squad no longer has a head cheerleader, the sponsor and principal may select one if deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IX: ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

An annual review of these Cheerleader Guidelines will be made by an administrative committee consisting of the district's Cheerleader Coordinator, all secondary school principals, and the Deputy Superintendent for Personnel and Student Services. This administrative review will occur during the fall semester.

If the administrative review concludes that there are legitimate reasons for considering a change to the Guidelines, the Cheerleader Coordinator will be authorized to appoint a new committee consisting of appropriate representation from each school to consider the proposed changes and to make recommendations to the superintendent's office for appropriate changes in the Administrative Guidelines. Any changes recommended and approved will take effect on February 1st.

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ARTICLE X: MASCOTS

1. Each high school in GCCISD may have 0-2 student mascots. The mascot position will be open to senior, junior, and sophomore candidates only. Tryout qualifications for the position of mascot will be the same as for the position of cheerleader (see Article II).
2. Tryout for mascot will be held on the same day as cheerleader tryouts. Mascot tryouts will be judging of candidates on a 90-point scale.
3. Each mascot tryout will be required to perform an original routine (two minutes' maximum in length) for the judges using music and/or props supplied or approved by the cheerleader sponsor. This original routine will count 50 points of the total score.
4. Each mascot tryout will be required to perform a "mocking" of the tryout cheer taught during the cheerleading training clinic the week of the tryouts. This "mock" cheer will count 40 points of the total score.
5. Mascot candidates will be judged on the following categories:
 - a. Originality of performance
 - b. Spirit and enthusiasm
 - c. Showmanship and crowd appeal
 - d. Use of props
6. If no qualified candidate applies to try out for the mascot position, the principal may appoint a mascot after the tryout date. Once appointed, the mascot will be bound to all rules and regulations of the cheerleading squad.

ARTICLE XI: HONORS AND ADVANCED COURSES

Students in advanced courses shall be ineligible from participation in extracurricular activities when:

1. Their average in an advanced course is lower than 60 in a six-week grading period; or
2. They fail two or more advanced courses in a grading period; or
3. They fail two or more advanced courses in a semester.

Reference: Board Policy FM (Local)