Hudson Middle School



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2024-2025

Cheerleading Tryouts

Hudson Middle School

Cheerleading Rules and Guidelines

Expectations

The Hudson Middle School Cheerleading Program has a rich tradition of producing athletes who succeed academically, excel on the field, and exhibit exemplary citizenship. Consequently, all members selected to represent our school are held to the highest of standards. In addition to adhering to the rules outlined in the GISD Fine Arts Handbook, members of our squad must also abide by the expectations set forth by our campus administrators and sponsors in the HMS Cheerleading Rules and Guidelines.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to try out, students must meet certain behavioral standards. If a student has two or more office referrals for misconduct, disregard for authority, mistreatment of others, etc., he/she will NOT be allowed to try out. Once making the squad, the same standards will continue to apply. Cheerleaders are also expected to maintain passing grades in all classes, or they will be placed on academic probation and not allowed to perform at events or wear the uniform.

Respect

The success of our program is dependent on one thing- respect. Respect for rules, respect for self, respect for others, respect for time, and respect for our mission and purpose. This respect must be mutual from coach, parents, and athlete.

Accountability System

Attendance

Unexcused absences from practices and games result in demerits. Absences are only excused for the following: personal illness with a doctor's note, death in family, illness in family that required out of town travel, funeral, approved college days, mandatory court appearance, and religious holidays.

- 1. Cheerleaders are expected to stay for the duration of all cheer activities.
- 2. Leaving practice early will result in being benched for one quarter.
- 3. Leaving a game early will result in being benched for a period of time equal to that which was missed.

<u>Unless excused, cheerleaders cannot miss the last practice before a game.</u>

<u>Doing so will result in being benched for that game.</u>

Punctuality

Cheerleaders are expected to be at all practices, games, and events at the time specified by the sponsor. Arriving late will result in demerits.

Uniformity

All members of the squad are required to wear what the sponsor/head cheerleader designates to practice and on game days, including hair style and bow. Failure to do so will result in demerits ·Nails should be worn in a "sports length", nails should be barely visible from palm angle. Acceptable colors: clear, French, or neutral

Conduct

- · Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring the GISD/Fine Arts Students' websites are appropriate. The internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Therefore, any communication such as Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, SnapChat, TikTok, Tumbler, or any other photo/video sharing or social media site, etc. appearing on the internet is public domain, even if it is marked private. Per the GISD Code of Conduct, students are responsible for their personal websites and postings on others' websites. The areas of appropriateness will include, but not limited to, the following: language, sexual or other (abbreviated or alluding to); pictures, reference to sexually explicit conduct or content, bullying/harassment within school and to other campuses, clothing, alcohol, drugs, and/or tobacco, which includes e-cigs and vapes. Excessive amounts of postings during the school day and posting updates in the middle of the school day is unacceptable and will be considered if a principal/teacher review takes place. Messages, Snapchats, pictures, etc. sent via text messages or any other form of communication can be used as a screenshot and therefore can be considered public domain. By sending any content electronically to someone else, you are giving them permission to use that information as they see fit so please be aware of what you are sending and to whom you are sending it to at any time. Any question of appropriateness will be decided by the principal and teacher.
- · Social media posts that contain negative commentary about Hudson Middle School or that do not reflect positively on the campus are also subject to disciplinary action(s). Any question of appropriateness will be decided by the principal and sponsor/coach.
- · Office referrals immediately result in a principal/sponsor review. Depending upon the severity of the situation, a parent meeting may be called to discuss probation and/or termination from the squad.
- · Cheerleaders will comply with directives from the sponsor as well as the head cheerleader(s). Any member who does not follow the instructions given by the head cheerleader(s) will be benched one quarter if the infraction occurs at a game. If it occurs at practice, the sponsor will assign a workout.

- · Cheerleaders are expected to behave in a respectful manner during practice and at events. Consequently, they will not:
- 1. argue amongst themselves
- 2. disrespect one another verbally or nonverbally (e.g. eye-rolling, silent treatment, name-calling)
- 3. speak in a negative manner regarding the team, its members, or assigned tasks

Note: Depending on the infraction, a workout or demerits will be issued.

Miscellaneous

Hudson Middle School cheerleaders are expected to yell the cheers/chants as well as perform with sharp, crisp motions and smiles. Failure to do so will result in immediate benching for the duration of the event (pep rally, performance, game, etc.)

Time: If elected, plan to spend an average of 3 hours a week practicing for performances, as well as 2-3 hours a week for games.

Transportation: Each parent/guardian must arrange for his/her own child's ride to and from *all* practices and functions. Cheerleaders will ride the bus to the games with football players. You will be given a calendar for all cheerleader functions; therefore, parents are responsible for their child's timely arrival to events and prompt pick-up after events.

Attendance: Do not plan to try out for cheerleader unless you plan to attend *all* games, practices and cheerleader functions.(All-star practices and doctor's appointments are **not excused**. Please make sure you let the coach know with plenty of time if an absence is planned - demerits still may be issued.) See new demerit system set by the district in the handbook.

Rules: Keep in mind that being a cheerleader is a privilege to which one is elected. The strictest consideration for, and adherence to all rules is mandatory.

Paperwork:

All required paperwork must be turned in by 4:00 pm on March 26, 2024 (no exceptions)

- 7th grade candidates will turn in paperwork to Ms. Reyes in room C11
- 8th grade candidates will turn in paperwork to Mrs. Wilson in room D26

Physical Evaluation (form attached to packet):

Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation – Medical History Form. Please notice that you are **NOT** required to have a physical exam <u>unless</u> you answer yes to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. If none of these apply, you only need to turn in the first page for tryouts.. If you answer yes to any of these questions, you must have a physical exam from a physician and must turn in **both** pages of the form.

• Due by March 26, 2024 (candidate CANNOT attend clinic without form)

UIL Concussion Acknowledgment Form (form included in packet):

The understanding of sports-related concussion has evolved dramatically in recent years. Please read the following form acknowledging that you have reviewed the protocols in place for preventing, treating and returning to play after a concussion.

Due with tryout packet on March 26, 2024

Camp:

- Cheerleading camp is mandatory. We will be attending camp at KC's Cheer and Dance in Sachse, Texas on July 22-24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Transportation is <u>not</u> provided by GISD.
- Lunch will be provided but each cheerleader will be responsible for bringing their own water bottle and snacks.

Expenses:

Cheerleaders are responsible for purchasing the required camp wear and the cost of cheerleading camp. Varsity camp wear fitting will be held on April 15th in C-11 The cheerleader and a parent **must** be present for the fitting. All practice/camp wear fees must be paid online to Varsity by April 19. **No exceptions!**

The full cost of camp is \$175, and is due by May 10th.

This can be paid in check or by a cashier's check made out to KC's Dance and Cheer Center.

***Payments not turned in on time could result in removal from the squad.

Important Dates for HMS Cheerleading Tryouts

March 19, 2024: Parent & Candidate Meeting in the Cafeteria

- 5:30 6:30pm
- A parent/guardian must attend the parent meeting unless arrangements have been made with a coach <u>PRIOR</u> to the meeting.
- Required paperwork will be distributed

March 26, 2024: Cheer Interest Form/Paperwork Due

- 7th grade candidates turn into Ms. Reyes room C-11
- 8th grade candidates turn into Mrs. Wilson room D-26

March 27, 2024 : Mandatory Tryout Clinic

- 4:30 6:00 pm in big gym
- Pre-participation form/physicals MUST be turned in by this date or candidate cannot attend clinic
- Learn tryout materials
- Attire:athletic wear of any kind, athletic shoes (no crop tops, spaghetti straps or spandex shorts no jewelry of any kind) hair pulled back in ponytail

April 3, 2024: Optional Tryout Clinic

• 4:30 - 6:00 pm in big gym

April 6, 2024: Tryouts at Garland High School (7:30 a.m.)

• Must be wearing a solid white shirt, white shoes, and hair pulled back.

-7th Grade Wears Red Shorts -8th Grade Wears Black Shorts,

-(NO BOWS, NO Spandex as shorts/NikePro Shorts)

- Warmup 7:30-8:00 am
- Tryouts 8:00-8:30 am
- Results posted by Monday, April 8

April 9, 2024: New Cheerleader and Parent Meeting 5:30 in the Cafeteria

- Cheerleader Expectations
- Fundraiser

April 15, 2024 Varsity Fittings & Physicals Due

7th Grade 5:00

8th Grade 5:30

April 19, 2024 Varsity Payment Due via Payment Portal MUST be paid on before or on this date!

April 30, 2024 Calendar Fundraiser Due

May 7, 2024: TEAMLEADER Uniform Fittings

8th Grade 5:00 7th Grade 5:45

May 10, 2024: Camp Payment Due

July 22-24 Camp at KC Cheer and Dance *mandatory*

- 9 am-4 am
- Lunch will be provided

Payment Schedule

Payment Details	Amount Due:	Due Date:
Practice & Camp Wear- paid online to VARSITY	\$351	April 19
Camp Payment-Cashier's Check or Personal Check to KC's Dance and Cheer Center	\$175	May 10
	TOTAL	\$526

Camp Wear Package:

- 1 Red Shirt
- 1 Pink Shirt
- 1 Sublimated Jersey
- 1 Pair of Black Shorts
- 1 Pair of White Shorts
- 1 Pair of Spandex
- 1 Sublimated Bow
- 1 Personalized Backpack
- 1 Personalized Jacket
- 1 Pair of Red Lined Socks

Cheerleader Responsibility:

- All white cheer shoes (optional from VARSITY)
- Black and white sports bras
- Solid white no show socks

Tryout Sequence Of Events

- → Full Group Performance of dance & cheer
- → Group Dance (in groups of 3)
- → Group Cheer (in groups of 3)
- → Individual Jumps (toe touch, right hurdler and left hurdler)
- → Individual Tumbling

Changes from years prior:

- -no personalized entrances scored by judges
- -chant was removed from tryout
- -coaches score (25% of overall tryout score)

TRYOUT ATTIRE

Must be wearing a solid white shirt, white shoes, and hair pulled back.

-7th Grade Wears Red Shorts

-8th Grade Wears Black Shorts,

(NO BOWS, NO Spandex shorts/NikePro shorts)

What we are looking for at HMS cheer:

7th Grade:

- -Must be loud & have sharp motions.
- -Must have correct placement of motions.

(Specifically in the wrists and fists)

-Will be judged off of a left & right herkie as well as a toe touch

8th Grade:

- -Must have a round off rebound.
- -Must be loud & have sharp motions
- -Must have correct placement of motions
- (Specifically in the wrists and fists. i.e. cinnamon rolls, tucked thumbs, & straight wrists)
- -Will be judged off of a left & right herkie as well as a toe touch
- -Must have chest up on jumps

Coaches will go off of the natural break of scores and will determine the number of athletes on each squad. Each grade level may have a maximum of 12 cheerleaders.

Garland ISD Middle School Cheer Tryout Criteria

Incorporation 10 pts.		No incorporation	TOther jump poor	2 Other jump good	S Tele touch poor	4. Toe tourh good	S Double see fourth poor	5. Double toe touch good	Turak poor	B Truck good	9 Back handspring to tuck		10 Back handspring to tuck	
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Note to Parents...

It is our sincere hope to have a successful and stress free year. However without your cooperation, it won't be possible. Therefore we ask that you do that following:

- 1. **Practices are closed events.** The only people that need to be there are the athletes and their coaches
- 2. **Before, during, or after a game is not the time, nor place to approach a coach to discuss an issue.** If you find yourself unhappy about something that has occurred, immediately email your concern to the sponsor(s), and if need be, schedule a conference. Remind/text is not the place for this conversation.
- 3. Familiarize yourself with the Fine Arts Demerit Guide as well as the Hudson Middle School accountability system. All rules will be strictly enforced.
- 4. Contact the sponsor <u>as soon as you know</u> your son/daughter will miss a practice, game, or event. Failure to do so on your part will result in your child being benched or receiving demerits.
- 5. Any question that pertains to a child other than your own will not be addressed.

Thank you for your cooperation

Coach Wilson - 8th grade coach krwilson2@garlandisd.net

Coach Reyes - 7th grade coach llreyes@garlandisd.net

A complete copy of the Garland ISD Fine Arts Handbook can be found at:

https://garlandisd.net/programs-services/fine-arts/cheerleading

5	Warning
10+	Benched from Next Performance
15+	3 Week Probation
20+	6 Week Probation
22+	Removal from Team

DEMERIT/MERIT GUIDE

The following demerit/merit guide will be used:.

RULE INFRACTION	DEMERIT(s)
Incorrect practice uniform	1 per item
Failure of student to dress out for practice	3
Chewing gum during practice or performance	2
Not returning any item with a due date	1 each day
Leaving a mess in practice, performance, or dressing area	2
Tardies to practice, performance/function/area ** Excessive tardies (3 or more) can receive benching	Practice 1 Performance 3
Wearing any jewelry (including clear spacers) during practice and after a warning	1 per item
Moving or talking in performance line	2

DEMERIT GUIDE - These demerits may not be erased with merits.

Not following instructions for stands, sidelines, and entering/exiting venue	1
Any inappropriate behavior, at school or school events, as outlined in the GISD/Fine Arts Student Codes of Conduct and campus expectations	5 out of uniform 10 in uniform
Wearing unacceptable nail length (safety issue) and hair to a practice *Nails should be worn in a "sports length" *Nails should be barely visible from palm angle. This is in accordance with NFHS Safety Guidelines. See page 4, Practice and Performances, I.	1 per item first offense 2 per item 2nd offense

Wearing nail polish or unacceptable nail length (safety) to a performance *Nails should be worn in a "sports length", nails should be barely visible from palm angle. Acceptable colors: clear, French, or neutral	2 first offense 4 2nd offense
Not notifying the teacher when of absences or not bringing a note upon return from absence. The manner of communication is determined by the teacher.	2 per infraction **
Wearing any jewelry to a performance including clear spacers. Benched until corrected.	2 per item
Lending uniform, sweats, t-shirts, or jackets to non-team members	5
Wearing uniform to non-team function without teacher approval	5
Failing to bring all required items to a practice/performance. This includes game day attire See page 3, Practice and Performances	practice1 per item game day attire 1 per item performance 2 per item
Having a cell phone, earbuds or a smart watch in practice or performance area without permission from the teacher	2
Leaving any practice/performance early without permission from teacher	5
Insubordination (eye rolling, arguing, disrespect to faculty/staff, not responding, negative body language, ranting, repeated use of cell phone/smart watch w/out permission, non-compliance), leaving any group activity without permission	5 minor infraction 10 major infraction
Office referral	10
Letting a non-member into locker room without teacher's permission	10
Unexcused absence from class period, practice outside school hours, or required performance/function	Practice 2 Performance 5 plus possible benching for next game
Reassignment Room **review and refer to GISD Policies	15 **
N in conduct **review and refer to GISD Policies	15 **
U in conduct **review and refer to GISD Policies	20 **
Suspension from school **review and refer to GISD Policies	20 **

Cheerleader Application Paperwork Checklist All due by March 26 at 4:00pm

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- 8th grade candidates turn into Mrs. Wilson room D26

Application (2 pages)
Handbook Acknowledgement Form
Fine Arts Signature Pages
UIL Concussion Acknowledgement Form
GISD Media Release Form
Confirmation of Understanding Page
Pre-participation Physical Form

REMINDERS:

- March 26, 2024 All paperwork must be returned
- March 27, 2024 MANDATORY Clinic
- April 3, 2024 Optional Clinic
- April 9, 2024 MANDATORY Parent Meeting
- April 15 2024 Mandatory VARSITY fitting & Physicals Due
- April 19, 2024 VARSITY Payment
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- May 7, 2024 TEAMLEADER Uniform Fitting
- May 10, 2024 Camp Payment Due

Separate the two packets here

Hudson Middle School Cheerleader Application - page 1

Garland Independent School District Cheer Application

Name			ID#		
Grade Next Year	Age	Phone			
Address			City		
Zip	Email				
School Enrolled for N	lext Yr				
Each cheerleader is a Dedication to, and the objectives of the progetheir commitment to their commitment to the in other school activitinvolvement in other cheerleader who voluthe principal and spo	expected to meet all e prioritization of, charam. Candidates set he activity for the fulies, cheerleaders shactivities may cause untarily quits the squasor will not be allow	I financial responsineerleading is obligelected to be a menual cheerleading year hould carefully cone participation and used to try out for the	bilities identified by patory from all cheen mber of the squad a ar. Prior to making a sider specific progratime conflicts with a of the cheerleading ne next year on any	are expected to maintain commitments to be invo- am requirements, as cheerleading duties. Any year without the appro- GISD campus.	n Ived / oval of
I understand the aborcampus.	ve and confirm that	I have not volunta	rily quit any cheerle	ading squad at any GIS	,D
Student Signature_					
Parent/Guardian					

Hudson Middle School Cheerleader Application - page 2

For parents/guardians:
understand that I/we will not be allowed in the building on the day of the tryouts.
Parent/Guardian
The following items must be returned to the sponsor before clinics begin:
Application
Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement Page
Fine Arts Signature Pages
The GISD Fine Arts Handbook will be available online (the acknowledgment and signature pages are located on the next page).
UIL Concussion Acknowledgement Form
Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form
Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form
f you have any questions please contact: _aura Reyes LLReyes@garlandisd.net Katie Wilson KRWIlson2@garlandisd.net

*Due Date: March 8, 2023 at 4:00pm

Fine Arts Handbook Acknowledgement

I have	have read the Cheerleader Guidelines/Rules in the GISD					
Cheerleading Handbook. I understand each of them before	ore I commit to Hudson Cheer and will abide by each					
rule. I also understand and accept each punishment give	en for each rule violation.					
Cheerleader's Signature	Date					
Parent Signature	Date					
The Garland ISD Cheerleading Handbook states:						
Participation in the GISD cheerleading program carries b	ooth a significant time and financial commitment. Each					
cheerleader is expected to meet all financial responsibilit	ties identified by their specific campus. Dedication to,					
and the prioritization of, cheerleading is obligatory from a	all cheerleaders to meet the objectives of the program					
Candidates selected to be a member of the cheerleading	squad are expected to maintain their commitment to					
the activity for the full cheerleading year. Prior to making	commitments to be involved in other school activities					
cheerleaders should carefully consider specific program	requirements, as involvement in other activities may					
cause participation and time conflicts with cheerleading of	duties. Any cheerleader who voluntarily quits the					
squad before the end of the cheerleading year without th	ne approval of the principal and sponsor will not be					
allowed to try out for the next year on any GISD campus.	. I understand the above portion of the constitution					
and confirm that I have not voluntarily quit any cheerlead	ding squad at any GISD campus.					
Cheerleader's Signature	Date					
Parent Signature	Date					



Date_____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to Garland ISD to use my child's photograph, name, and likeness in connection with their participation in GISD Fine Arts.
I understand that the photographs and/or videos, along with my child's name and likeness, may be used in various promotional materials, including but not limited to:
 Printed materials, such as brochures and flyers Digital media, including the organization's website, billboards and social media platforms Press releases and other public relations efforts
I acknowledge that using my child's photograph, name, and likeness is voluntary and that no compensation will be provided for such use. I further understand that once the materials are publicly available, Garland ISD cannot control their use by individuals or entities unrelated to the organization.
Garland ISD Release
By signing this release form, I acknowledge that I have read and understood its contents and agree to the terms outlined herein.
Student's Name(s)
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Garland Independent School District Fine Arts Handbook Cheerleading, Drill Team, Step, and World Dance Company Permission, Commitment, and Signature Page

Student Name (Please Print)	
Legal Parent/Guardian (Please Print)	
Check the Fine Arts Group you are auditioning for/joining:	
Cheer Junior Varsity Drill Team Varsity Drill Team	
Step Team World Dance Company	
Please read each statement and initial. A candidate/member and a legal parent/guardian signature and date is required at the each of the statements.	∍nd
Candidate/Member:	
I have received, read, and understand all of the information in this tryout packet and agree to abide by all rules and regulations regarding tryouts.	
I understand that the judges' decision is final.	
I have received, read, and understand the Fine Arts Handbook and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Fine Arts Group.	
I have received, read and understand the GISD District Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all rules and regulations. (Internet access www.garlandisd.com)	;
I have received, read and understand the financial obligation involved with being a member. I also understand that I will not receive any ite but I must still attend any events/performances, if I have not fulfilled my financial contract.	ms,
I have received, read and understand that in addition to yearly tryouts, to remain on the team, there may be weekly tryouts conducted by t teacher (coach, director, and sponsor).	he
I have received, read and understand that I must pass all of my classes, with the exception of waived classes, to be eligible to perform. (Refer to TEA/UIL Regulations).	
I have read and understand my behavior and conduct will be held to a higher standard on this team, both in and out of school.	
I have read and understand that I am required to attend all mandatory practices, performances, contest(s), and events. An unexcused absence will receive consequences.	
I understand that I may be required to ride to and from some events and performances on school transportation with my team. All members are to be picked up from the school after games/competitions/performances/events no later than 20 minutes after being dismissed by the teacher.	's
I understand and agree to abide by the Standard of Uniformity (hair, makeup, and nails) that was established by a committee of my peers.	

I ur	I understand that GISD Fine Arts groups will take precedence over any outside non-district group. This in	cludes rehearsals and performances.
I und	understand that I will be responsible for returning all uniforms, poms, props etc. in good condition. Uniforms given by the director/coach. A cleaning receipt attached to the uniform may be required.	ms must be cleaned according to the
Legal Pare	arent/Guardian:	
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Candidate/	te/Member Signature	
Date		
Legal Pare	arent/Guardian Printed Name	
Legal Pare	arent/Guardian Signature	
Date		

Confirmation of Understanding

I, the undersigned, have read the Hudson Middle School Cheerleading Application Packet and understand the contents within. I also acknowledge that:

Cheerleaders must:

- abide by the GISD Fine Arts Handbook as well as the CMS Cheerleading Rules and Guidelines. If not, disciplinary actions will be taken as stated
- 2. display a positive attitude
- 3. respect others
- 4. abstain from making inappropriate posts on social media
- 5. work hard in practice and in the classroom
- 6. attend scheduled events
- 7. participate in the squad activities including fundraisers

Parents must:

- a. provide transportation to and from games
- b. assist in activities as needed
- c. contact the sponsor(s) well in advance of any absences
- d. acknowledge receipt of messages posted or sent by the sponsor(s)
- e. adhere to the "Note to Parents"
- f. read the GISD Fine Arts Demerit Guide as well as the CMS Cheerleading Accountability System
- g. ensure that the GISD-issued uniform is returned at the end of the season by the date specified by the sponsor; if lost or brought back in an unsatisfactory condition, cheerleader will be responsible of the cost to replace uniform and poms

Student Signature	
Parent/Guardian Signature	

CONCUSSION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Name of Student
Definition of Concussion - means a complex pathophysiological process affecting the brain caused by a traumatic physical force or impact to the head or body, which may: (A) include temporary or prolonged altered brain function resulting in physical, cognitive, or emotional symptoms or altered sleep patterns; and (B) involve loss of consciousness.
Prevention – Teach and practice safe play & proper technique.
 Follow the rules of play. Make sure the required protective equipment is worn for all practices and games.
- Protective equipment must fit properly and be inspected on a regular basis.
Signs and Symptoms of Concussion – The signs and symptoms of concussion may include but are not limited to: Headache, appears to be dazed or stunned, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), fatigue, slurred speech, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, loss of balance, blurry vision, sensitive to light or noise, feel foggy or groggy, memory loss, or confusion.
Oversight - Each district shall appoint and approve a Concussion Oversight Team (COT). The COT shall include at least one physician and an athletic trainer if one is employed by the school district. Other members may include: Advanced Practice Nurse, neuropsychologist or a physician's assistant. The COT is charged with developing the Return to Play protocol based on peer reviewed scientific evidence.
Treatment of Concussion - The student-athlete/cheerleader shall be removed from practice or participation immediately if suspected to have sustained a concussion. Every student-athlete/cheerleader suspected of sustaining a concussion shall be seen by a physician before they may return to athletic or cheerleading participation. The treatment for concussion is cognitive rest. Students should limit external stimulation sucl as watching television, playing video games, sending text messages, use of computer, and bright lights. When all signs and symptoms of concussion have cleared and the student has received written clearance from a physician, the student-athlete/cheerleader may begin their district's Return to Play protocol as determined by the Concussion Oversight Team.
Return to Play - According to the Texas Education Code, Section 38.157: A student removed from an interscholastic athletics practice or competition (including per UIL rule, cheerleading) under Section 38.156 may not be permitted to practice or participate again following the force or impact believed to have caused the concussion until: (1) the student has been evaluated, using established medical protocols based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence, by a treating physician chosen by the student or the student 's parent or guardian or another person with legal authority to make medical decisions for the
student; (2) the student has successfully completed each requirement of the return-to-play protocol established under Section 38.153 necessary for the student to return to play;
(3) the treating physician has provided a written statement indicating that, in the physician 's professional judgment, it is safe for the
student to return to play; and (4) the student and the student 's parent or guardian or another person with legal authority to make medical decisions for the student: (A) have acknowledged that the student has completed the requirements of the return-to-play protocol necessary for the student to
return to play; (B) have provided the treating physician 's written statement under Subdivision (3) to the person responsible for compliance with the return-to-play protocol under Subsection (c) and the person who has supervisory responsibilities under Subsection (c); and (C) have signed a consent form indicating that the person signing:
(i) has been informed concerning and consents to the student participating in returning to play in accordance with the return-to-
play protocol; (ii) understands the risks associated with the student returning to play and will comply with any ongoing requirements in the return-to-play protocol;
(iii) consents to the disclosure to appropriate persons, consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-191), of the treating physician's written statement under Subdivision (3) and, if any, the return-to-play recommendations of the treating physician; and
(iv) understands the immunity provisions under Section 38.159.
Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Date

Student Signature



AWARENESS SUDDEN ARREST (SCA) **FORM** CARDIAC

Sudden Cardiac Arrest The Basic Facts on

Website Resources:

American Heart Association: www.heart.org

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What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

- Occurs suddenly and often without
- An electrical malfunction (shortdisrupts the pumping ability of the tachycardia or fibrillation) and dangerously fast (ventricular of the heart (ventricles) to beat circuit) causes the bottom chambers
- brain, lungs and other organs of the The heart cannot pump blood to the
- The person loses consciousness (passes out) and has no pulse.
- Death occurs within minutes if not treated immediately.

What causes Sudden Cardiac

conditions present at birth of the heart muscle: Inherited (passed on from family)

sudden cardiac arrest in athletes in hypertrophy (thickening) of the left ventricle; the most common cause of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy -

sudden cardiac arrest in Italy. part of the right ventricle by fat and Cardiomyopathy - replacement of Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular scar; the most common cause of

them prone to rupture; often structure of blood vessels that makes unusually flexible joints. associated with very long arms and Marfan Syndrome - a disorder of the

of the electrical system: Inherited conditions present at birth

Long QT Syndrome - abnormality in the heart. the ion channels (electrical system) of

Ventricular Tachycardia and **Catecholaminergic Polymorphic**

Brugada Syndrome - other types of but run in families. electrical abnormalities that are rare

conditions: family, but still present at birth) **NonInherited** (not passed on from the

Coronary Artery Abnormalities -

sudden cardiac arrest in athletes in supply blood to the heart muscle. This abnormality of the blood vessels that is the second most common cause of

properly; usually causes a loud heart of the aortic valve (the valve between Aortic valve abnormalities - failure murmur. the heart and the aorta) to develop

Non-compaction Cardiomyopathy -

a condition where the heart muscle does not develop normally.

an extra conducting fiber is present in the heart's electrical system and can Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome increase the risk of arrhythmias.

acquired later in life: Conditions not present at birth but

the chest by a ball, puck, or fist. Commotio Cordis - concussion of the heart that can occur from being hit in

caused by a virus. Myocarditis – infection or inflammation of the heart, usually

Enhancing drug use Recreational/Performance

unknown, even after autopsy. cause of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest is Idiopathic: Sometimes the underlying

symptoms/warning signs of What are the

- Sudden Cardiac Arrest? Fainting/blackouts (especially during exercise)
- Dizziness
- Unusual fatigue/weakness
- Chest pain

- Shortness of breath
- Nausea/vomiting
- unusually fast or skipping beats) Palpitations (heart is beating
- arrest at age < 50 Family history of sudden cardiac

signs that occur while exercising may your physician before returning to ANY of these symptoms and warning practice or a game. necessitate further evaluation from

Sudden Cardiac Arrest? What is the treatment for

response is vital. Time is critical and an immediate

- **Begin CPR**
- **Defibrillator (AED) Use an Automated External**

Sudden Cardiac Arrest? What are ways to screen

and physical including 14 important recommends a pre-participation history cardiac elements. The American Heart Association

annually. cardiac elements and is mandatory includes ALL 14 of these important The UIL Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation – Medical History form

recommendations for screening What are the current young athletes?

answering questions about symptoms Preparticipation Medical History form The University Interscholastic League with the parents and student-athletes on a yearly basis. This process begins shortness of breath); and questions during exercise (such as chest pain, dizziness, fainting, palpitations or about family health history. requires use of the specific

because it is essential to identify those at information must be provided annually member died suddenly during physical activity or during a seizure. It is also It is important to know if any family important to know if anyone in the unexplained sudden death such as family under the age of 50 had an drowning or car accidents. This risk for sudden cardiac death.

the health history and no abnormalities athletic participation and again prior to there are no warning signs reported on examination of the heart, especially for murmurs and rhythm abnormalities. If evaluation or testing is recommended Examination form prior to junior high The University Interscholastic League requires the Preparticipation Physical exam includes measurement of blood participation. The required physical discovered on exam, no additional the 1st and 3rd years of high school pressure and a careful listening for cardiac issues/concerns.

available to screen for cardiac Are there additional options

include the possibility ($\sim 10\%$) of "false recommended by either the American positives", which leads to unnecessary American College of Cardiology (ACC). restriction from athletic participation. electrocardiogram (ECG) and/or an stress for the student and parent or Limitations of additional screening There is also a possibility of "false available to all athletes from their echocardiogram (Echo) is readily guardian as well as unnecessary mandatory, and is generally not Heart Association (AHA) or the negatives", since not all cardiac conditions will be identified by personal physicians, but is not Additional screening using an additional screening.

When should a student athlete see a heart specialist?

visualization of the heart structure, may monitor to enable a longer recording of order a treadmill exercise test and/or a the heart rhythm. None of the testing is pediatric cardiologist, is recommended. If a qualified examiner has concerns, a heart. An echocardiogram, which is an also be done. The specialist may also electrocardiogram (ECG), which is a graph of the electrical activity of the referral to a child heart specialist, a This specialist may perform a more thorough evaluation, including an ultrasound test to allow for direct invasive or uncomfortable.

prevented just through proper Can Sudden Cardiac Arrest be screening?

Each school has a developed safety

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procedure to respond to a medical

history need to be performed on a yearly I certify that I have read and following a normal screening evaluation, history and a review of the family health should find many, but not all, conditions develop later in life. Others can develop such as an infection of the heart muscle evaluation, most cases can be identified A proper evaluation (Preparticipation Physical Evaluation – Medical History) athlete. This is because some diseases that could cause sudden death in the are difficult to uncover and may only from a virus. This is why a medical basis. With proper screening and and prevented.

Why have an AED on site during sporting events

fibrillation caused by a blow to the chest ventricular fibrillation is immediate use of an automated external defibrillator back into a normal rhythm. An AED is (AED). An AED can restore the heart over the heart (commotio cordis). The only effective treatment for also life-saving for ventricular

practice in Texas public high schools the school sponsored athletic event or team Texas Senate Bill 7 requires that at any following must be available:

- reasonable proximity to the athletic An AED is in an unlocked location on school property within a field or gymnasium
- cheerleader sponsors are certified in teacher, nurses, band directors and All coaches, athletic trainers, PE cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of the AED. A

a call is made to activate 911 emergency system while the AED is being retrieved. minute walk from any location and that recommends the AED should be placed in a central location that is accessible and ideally no more than a 1 to 1 1 /2 The American Academy of Pediatrics emergency involving a cardiac

Student & Parent/Guardian Signatures

understand the above information.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Student Name (Print)

Date

				Age Date of Birth	
Address Grade School					
Personal PhysicianSchool					
In case of emergency, contact:				****	
NameRelationship			Phone	(H)(W)	
xplain "Yes" answers in the box below**. Circle questions you don					
	Yes	No			Yes
Have you had a medical illness or injury since your last check up or physical?			13.	Have you ever gotten unexpectedly short of breath with exercise?	
Have you been hospitalized overnight in the past year? Have you ever had surgery?	님			Do you have asthma? Do you have seasonal allergies that require medical treatment?	님
Have you ever had prior testing for the heart ordered by a physician?			14.	Do you use any special protective or corrective equipment or devices that aren't usually used for your activity or position	H
Have you ever passed out during or after exercise?	님	님		(for example, knee brace, special neck roll, foot orthotics,	
Have you ever had chest pain during or after exercise? Do you get tired more quickly than your friends do during exercise?			15.	retainer on your teeth, hearing aid)? Have you ever had a sprain, strain, or swelling after injury? Have you broken or fractured any bones or dislocated any	
Have you ever had racing of your heart or skipped heartbeats?				joints?	ш
Have you had high blood pressure or high cholesterol? Have you ever been told you have a heart murmur? Has any family member or relative died of heart problems or of sudden unexplained death before age 50?				Have you had any other problems with pain or swelling in muscles, tendons, bones, or joints? If yes, check appropriate box and explain below:	
Has any family member been diagnosed with enlarged heart, (dilated cardiomyopathy), hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, long				☐ Head ☐ Elbow ☐ Hip ☐ Neck ☐ Forearm ☐ Thigh	
QT syndrome or other ion channelpathy (Brugada syndrome, etc), Marfan's syndrome, or abnormal heart rhythm? Have you had a severe viral infection (for example,		_		□ Back □ Wrist □ Knee □ Chest □ Hand □ Shin/Calf □ Shoulder □ Finger □ Ankle	
myocarditis or mononucleosis) within the last month? Has a physician ever denied or restricted your participation in			16.	Upper Arm Foot Do you want to weigh more or less than you do now?	
activities for any heart problems? Have you ever had a head injury or concussion?			17.	Do you feel stressed out?	
Have you ever been knocked out, become unconscious, or lost your memory?			18. Females (Have you ever been diagnosed with or treated for sickle cell trait or sickle cell disease?	
If yes, how many times? When was your last concussion? How severe was each one? (Explain below)			19. W W	hen was your first menstrual period? hen was your most recent menstrual period? ow much time do you usually have from the start of one period to the	start o
Have you ever had a seizure?			an	other?	Start U
Do you have frequent or severe headaches? Have you ever had numbness or tingling in your arms, hands, legs or feet?			W	ow many periods have you had in the last year?hat was the longest time between periods in the last year?	
Have you ever had a stinger, burner, or pinched nerve?			Males 0 20. A	nly re you missing a testicle?	
Are you missing any paired organs?				o you have any testicular swelling or masses?	
Are you under a doctor's care? Are you currently taking any prescription or non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication or pills or using an inhaler?			Awareness Form By checking this boy I choose to obtain an FCG for my		
Do you have any allergies (for example, to pollen, medicine,			stı	ident for additional cardiac screening. I understand it is the responsib	•
food, or stinging insects)? Have you ever been dizzy during or after exercise?		П	-	y family to schedule and pay for such ECG.	
0. Do you have any current skin problems (for example, itching, rashes, acne, warts, fungus, or blisters)?			EXPL	AIN 'YES' ANSWERS IN THE BOX BELOW (attach another sheet if necess	ary):
Have you ever become ill from exercising in the heat? Have you had any problems with your eyes or vision?	님	H			
It is understood that even though protective equipment is worn by athle nor the school assumes any responsibility in case an accident occurs. If, in the judgment of any representative of the school, the above studer consent to such care and treatment as may be given said student by ar school and any school or hospital representative from any claim by any p	nt should ny physi- person on	l need in cian, ath accoun	nmediate care letic trainer, t of such care		horize, a armless
injury.			-	t this student's participation, I agree to notify the school authorities of such illu-	
subject the student in question to penalties determined by th			-	re complete and correct. Failure to provide truthful responses co	uiQ
	al evalu	ation w	hich may inc	lude a physical examination. Written clearance from a physician, physic	ian
PARTICIPATION IN ANY PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE, PERFORM					

Student's Name		Sex	Age	Date of Birt	h	
Height Weight	t % Body	fat (optional)	Pulse	BP	_/(/_	,/)
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As a minimum requirem						
prior to first and third y	ears of high school p	participation. It mu	st be completed:	if there are yes	answers to spec	ific questions on
the student's MEDICAL H	ISTORY FORM on the	reverse side. * Lo	cal district policy	may require an	annual physic	al exam.
	NORM	IAL	ABNORMA	L FINDINGS		INITIALS*
MEDICAL						
Appearance						
Eyes/Ears/Nose/Throat						
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Heart-Auscultation of the	heart in					
the standing position.	neart in					
Heart-Lower extremity p	ulses					
Pulses						
Lungs						
Abdomen						
Genitalia (males only) if	indicated					
Skin						
Marfan's stigmata (arach	nodactyly,					
pectus excavatum, joint						
hypermobility, scoliosis)						
Neck						
Back						
Shoulder/Arm						
Elbow/Forearm						
Wrist/Hand						
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Recommendations:						
The following information	n must be filled in an	d signed by either a	Physician, a Phys	ician Assistant li	icensed by a Stat	te Board of
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or a Doctor of Chiroprac	•		_		-	
Name (print/type) Date of Examination:						
Address:						
Phone Number:						
Signature:						

Must be completed before a student participates in any practice, before, during or after school, (both in-season and out-of-season) or performance/games/matches.

As a parent, I have read through the demerit systems and know exactly what can and will happen to my son/daughter should he/she deviate from the specified guidelines. I also pledge to do all that I can to help him/her be his/her best and to show respect for rules and regulations. At times this may require me to take responsibility for my child by calling the sponsor or by providing documentation, but this is my duty and my part in ensuring equality and fairness within the squad.

Candidate Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

