

MISSOURI CITY
Middle School

2020-2021

Cheerleading
Try-Out Packet!



*Please read everything carefully. If you have any questions contact Daphne Sewell
at daphne.sewell@fortbendisd.com

Try-Out Information

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Physicals: Each student must have a physical on file with the sponsor before they will be permitted to attend the clinic; one is included in this packet. If a physical is currently on file with the athletic department, a copy must be obtained by the student.

The Try-Out Process: All eligible candidates will individually perform a cheer, jumps and tumbling skills before a qualified panel of judges. The candidates will perform a dance with one/two other candidates. The candidates will learn try-out material from the 8th grade cheerleaders and be supervised by the sponsor the week of the try-outs.

What to wear: All candidates will need to try-out in a solid white t-shirt and black shorts. All white shoes are suggested.

Clinic: There will be a Mandatory 3-day clinic **March 23rd, 25th, and 26th from 4:20-6:30 p.m.** Parents are responsible for picking up students *on time*.

Try-Outs: Friday, March 27th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Try-outs are closed to friends and family. Tryouts may run late till 7:00 p.m.

Our first meeting as a new squad will be announced after the completion of try-outs. Parents and new cheerleaders must plan to attend. The sizing for uniforms and camp clothes will take place at the meeting! 😊

Cheerleading Candidate Required Documents

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What papers are required by FBISD Athletics before a student can tryout....

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- 3. Cheer Forms** – from cheer packet
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Candidate and parent(s) are required to download and read the FBISD Middle School Cheerleading Handbook and the MCMS Cheer Handbook found on the MCMS website Cheer page. These documents state what is required of cheerleaders and disciplinary guidelines set not only by the District, but by the school as well. By reading the documents candidates and candidates' parents understand what is expected before trying out.

Please verify and sign below stating that you received, read, understand and agree to **all** parts of the documents included in the packet.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Candidate's Printed Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

Application for Cheerleading Tryouts

My child, _____ has my permission to be a cheerleader for the 2020-2021 school year. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor and principal, and must also be present for all practices and games. I have read the rules and regulations and understand that the violation of any rules may lead to temporary or permanent suspension from the squad. I understand that all forms must be completed by **Friday March 20th**, or my child will *not* be permitted to tryout. I understand that my child must attend all practices (unless excused by the advisor) and tryouts, or my child will not be considered for a cheerleading position.

I understand that my child will be evaluated by qualified judges, and agree to abide by the decision of the judges.

I understand all costs involved as stated in the financial responsibilities.

I understand by the very nature of the activity, cheerleading and gymnastics carry a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participant and coach are, the risk cannot always be eliminated. The risk of injury includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation, and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand these risks and will not hold FBISD or any of its personnel responsible in the case of an accident or injury at any time.

Parent/Guardian Date

Parent/Guardian Date

I am interested in being a cheerleader for the 2020-2021 school year. I understand the risks stated above and have read the rules and regulations. If selected, I promise to abide by the rules set forth by the advisor and principal. I promise to cooperate and follow instructions of the cheerleading coach.

Student Signature Date

Student Information:

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade next year: _____

2020-2021 Cheerleading Squad Financial Responsibility

There is a **\$700** base fee for *new* squad members and **\$380** for *returning* squad members. This fee may be paid at one time or in installments and includes cheer camp, camp and game day attire and additional costs. At the time of the uniform and camp fitting, additional items will be presented to purchase. These items are not required and are not included in the base price.

***** All fees are an approximate amount, there is a possibility of a decrease or increase in the amount *****

The financial installment plan is as follows for **NEW** squad members;

April 17 th	Installment 1- \$250
May 1 st	Installment 2- \$250
May 15 th **Must be paid in full at this time!	Installment 3- \$200

The financial installment plan is as follows for **returning** squad members;

April 17 th	Installment 1- \$150
May 1 st	Installment 2- \$150
May 15 th **Must be paid in full at this time!	Installment 3- \$ 80

****Payments will only be accepted by cash (exact change) or check made to JBMS.**

By signing below I, _____ parent of _____ agree to the financial responsibility of the 2020-2021 cheerleading squad. I understand that failure to submit payment may result in a cheerleader's removal from the squad.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Teacher Recommendation (1)

Dear Teachers,

Cheerleading tryouts for the 2020-2021 season at Missouri City Middle School are upon us. We are requesting that each potential cheerleader have a recommendation forms filled out by three of their current or former teachers. The coach(es) are very interested in your opinion, and are looking for positive representation for the school and community. In an effort to choose students that best display the qualities we hope to encourage, we ask that you answer the following questions and return this form to Coach Sewell in room 813 by **Friday, March 20th**. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Sewell at daphne.sewell@fortbendisd.com
Thank you for your time.

Candidate's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ **Subject:** _____

Please rank the candidate in the following areas:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Dependability	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
Attitude	5	4	3	2	1
Cooperation	5	4	3	2	1
Courtesy	5	4	3	2	1
Character	5	4	3	2	1
Attendance	5	4	3	2	1

Comments:

Teacher Signature

Date

The information on the recommendation form is extremely important to the MCMS cheerleading coach(es) and plays a factor in each candidate's score. Please forthright and transparent in your comments.

Teacher Recommendation (2)

Dear Teachers,

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Teacher Signature

Date

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**MIDDLESCHOOL CHEERLEADER TRYOUT JUDGE'S
SCORE SHEET**

CHEERLEADER CANDIDATE# _____

In each category circle the score that best reflects the performance of the candidate using the rating scale provided below.

RATINGS SCALE:

- 0=NOT PRESENT
- 1=POOR
- 1=BELOW AVERAGE
- 3=AVERAGE
- 4=ABOVE AVERAGE
- 5=EXCELLENT

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ENTRANCE	0	1	2	3	4	5
VOICE PROJECTION	0	1	2	3	4	5
JUMPS	0	1	2	3	4	5
MOTIONS	0	1	2	3	4	5
TUMBLING	0	1	2	3	4	5
MEMORY	0	1	2	3	4	5
DANCE	0	1	2	3	4	5
OVERALL IMPRESSION	0	1	2	3	4	5



JUDGE'S NUMBER ____ JUDGE'S INITIALS ____

TOTAL SCORE








Return this form along with the completed required forms to Coach Sewell in room 813 **on or before Friday March 20,2020**

Cheerleader Candidate Checklist



Be sure everything is signed by the correct party and stapled in the order below:

-  Cheerleading Candidate Required Documents
-  Athletic Physical Form
-  RankOneSport Forms (<http://fortbendis.rankonesport.com>) filled out (online):

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-  Application for Cheerleading Tryouts
-  MCMS Cheer Clinic Registration Form and Payment
-  Cheerleading Squad Financial Responsibility
-  Mascot Information/Financial Form (if applicable)
-  Mascot Checklist (if applicable)
-  Teacher Recommendation Forms
Teacher 1: _____
Teacher 2: _____
-  Copy of Third Nine Weeks Report Card

Before I submit this Paperwork Checklist, I am acknowledging that I have reviewed the following items listed below by initialing in the respective boxes:

-  **Fort Bend ISD Middle School Cheerleading Handbook**
-  **MCMS Cheer Handbook**

Candidate Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2020-2021 Mascot Information

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The Try-Out Process: Mascot candidates will try out in the mascot suit. Candidates will perform a skit that could be performed at a pep rally or half-time. The skit should not exceed 2 minutes. Candidates should show school/game day spirit and may choose to use music and props. Props are made and provided by candidate.

Summer Camp: July 30th - August 1st at Wheeler Field House. MANDATORY!!!

The fee is \$161 and will cover the cost of summer camp.

Fee Due by Friday April 17 th	\$161
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Camp clothes and game day attire are available to purchase for an additional cost. Fitting for these items is **TBA. There will be required attire for the mascot.**

*Additional cheer squad items are not required but are preferred for camp. Payment for additional items will be due on **May 15th**.

By signing below I, _____ parent of _____, agree to the financial responsibility of the 2020-2021 mascot. I understand that failure to submit payment may result in a mascot's removal from the squad.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact Information:

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

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