

Our Purpose

Cheerleading is a vibrant part of the community that comprises Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD.

For campuses and the community, cheerleading exists in order to promote:

- Tradition
- Spirit
- Ambassadorship

For participants, cheerleading exists to provide students:

- Multiple leadership opportunities
- A sense of family
- Promotion of school spirit
- Occasions to learn and exhibit sportsmanship and citizenship
- Assistance in achieving academic excellence

These multiple opportunities help students grow and mature, both physically and emotionally, resulting in citizens who embody the EMS ISD cheerleading program.

Program Membership

The cheer team consists of the following people:

The team will consist of a minimum of eight 8th graders and eight 7th graders with no more than twenty cheerleaders in case of a tie.

The mascot will be one girl or boy who is classified as a seventh or eighth grader.

The cheer coach will be a well-qualified individual who has the passion to lead, coach, and mentor the cheerleaders in his/her program.

Cheerleader openings that occur **after** tryouts will not be filled.

Cheerleaders who move to EMS ISD or transfer after the tryout process has been finalized must wait until the following year to tryout for EMS ISD squads.

Candidates interested in trying out for cheerleader will tryout for the school for which he/she is zoned unless he/she is on a transfer. Then, the child would tryout for the school to which he/she has transferred.



ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION

It is important that EMS ISD cheer members realize the level of commitment that is necessary to make a team successful. Attendance at all games and cheer events is not only crucial, but also **mandatory**. Absences jeopardize the entire team and hinders success. Failure to fulfil attendance requirements may

PHYSICAL

Cheerleaders must be capable of performing the essential functions for a cheerleader. Functions as listed:

- Cheerleaders will demonstrate clear diction, vocal strength, rhythm, and coordination.
- Cheerleaders will perform physical moves that may involve jumps, balance, agility, and upper body strength.
- Cheerleaders will exhibit stamina in physical activities that involve physical endurance and fitness and will be able to perform routines in both indoor and outdoor settings, in heat and cold weather.

Cheerleaders must uphold the skill level demonstrated (i.e., tumbling, stunting, jumps, etc.) at tryouts while striving for continuous improvement. **The coach is responsible for determining which stunts and lifts are age appropriate and are safe for practice and game performance.** Failure to uphold skills may result in consequences to be determined by the coach.

FINANCIAL

A payment schedule may be set for all payments due.

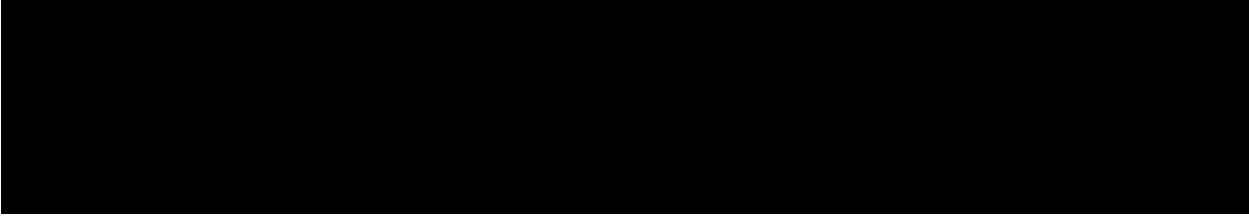
All cheer members must be current with their payment schedule. Not being current may result in missing cheer events or games.

Cheer members who owe a balance on their account will not be eligible to try out the following year until the amount is paid in full.

Tryout Procedures

Cheer tryouts will be held in the second semester of the school year.

Tryout packets will be handed out at the parent/candidate meeting to explain the tryout point scale and process.



Although we understand that unfortunate circumstances may arise (i.e., illnesses, injuries, outside obligations, etc.) EMS ISD cheer will only conduct one tryout per year. If a student is unable to participate in this tryout, he/she must wait until the following year. If a candidate fails to show up for his/her assigned tryout time, she/he will not be permitted to tryout at all. It is important that all candidates report to the designated tryout site on time.

Candidates must attend practices during the tryout clinic held after school hours. Should a candidate need to miss a day of tryout clinic, coaches should be made aware at least 24 hours in advance. If the absence is a result of an emergency or illness, coaches should be contacted and informed within 24 hours of the missed practice.

Candidates must meet all extracurricular participation criteria in academics, citizenship, and attendance for the current school year.

Academic eligibility to try out for cheerleader is based on the cumulative average in **EACH** core subject (average of the six weeks grades through the most recent 6-week reporting period) shall be **70** or above for each core class.

Citizenship eligibility shall be based on all classes taken. To be eligible to try out, a student must have no more selection.

No student who has more than one term of placement in SAC, or out-of-school suspension, or an alternative education program will be eligible to try out. Any student who has been expelled from school for any portion of the current year will be unable to try out.

All candidates must have all debts paid to EMS ISD prior to being eligible to tryout. If a cheerleader quits or is dismissed from the squad, he or she will be ineligible to participate in the cheerleading program the following school year. However 2

