

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 BT/F30f10 09 iipin

Commitment

It is an **honor** that requires not only **commitment**, but also **hard work** and **dedication**. Being part of the cheer program is a **year-round commitment**.

Members of the cheer program will devote and pledge themselves to components outlined in the handbook.

A cheer member will serve from the day of selection until the last day of school the following academic year.

Cheer members need to be aware that their EMS ISD cheer commitments will come first. Jobs, outside cheer teams/sports, etc., need to be considered before trying out for cheer teams. Any outside commitment will not be considered as a reason to miss any cheer event/game.

Duties & Responsibilities

LEADERSHIP

A cheer member is one who is willing to set aside his/her own personal agenda for the pursuit of excellence. This is done by living the EMS ISD ethical principles and through hard work, dedication, and self-discipline.

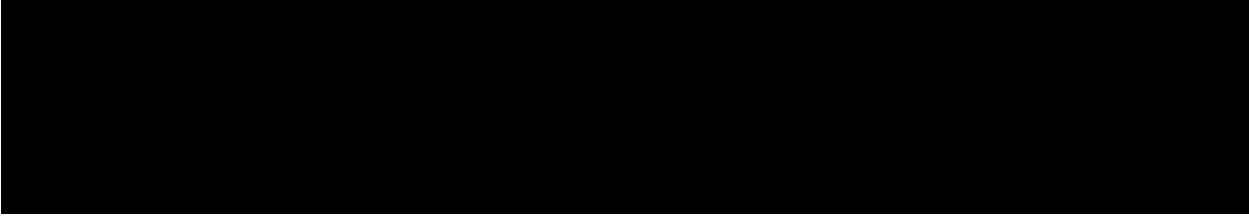
Members will demonstrate good sportsmanship, promote school spirit, and display genuine concern for others.

ACADEMICS

Any cheerleader who receives a grade **below 70** at the end of a grading period may not participate in extracurricular activities for the allotted time set by the EMS ISD UIL Athletic Eligibility Schedule.

Any cheerleader who becomes ineligible **will not** be allowed to **perform, travel with the squad, or wear his/her uniform for any reason for the term of ineligibility**.

Any cheerleader who has been ineligible for **any** two six-weeks grading periods during the current school year will be dismissed from the squad for the remainder of the year.



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



During the tryout, no part of any official cheer uniform may be worn (i.e., specific squad bows, special