

Whitehouse
Junior High School
Cheer Squad Constitution
2019-2020

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Definition of Terms

1. Cheerleader- Encompasses all cheerleaders, mascot(s), and manager(s).
2. Cheerleading Squad- An a group involved in an extracurricular activity.
3. Probation- Temporary removal from active participation for a period of 9 weeks from the date of the incident
4. Expulsion/Dismissal- Permanent removal from organization or squad position
5. School Year- First day of classes through the last day of classes
6. Term of Service- Service begins on the day of election and terminates on the last day of school of the academic year following the school year of election. (Generally March of the school year of election through May of the following year, depending on the school calendar.)

Coach and Constitution Changes

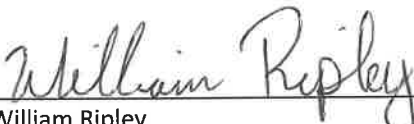
1. The Constitution is subject to change at anytime due to Texas Education Agency rule changes, or with approval from the administration of WISD. Cheerleaders and parents will be made aware of any changes made in the Constitution and will be given a copy of the amended Constitution.
2. Although all measures have been taken to address all issues involved in the cheerleader organization, circumstances and situations may arise which are not addressed. These situations will require special treatment and/or handling on an individual basis using this constitution as the guidelines for making a determination or decision on the issue.
3. The coach(s) may enforce other rules as they become necessary during the school year for the benefit of the organization.
4. The coach(s) and/or administration always make the final decision.

Special Consideration

1. Participation in the WJHS Cheer Squad, as well as any extracurricular activity, is a privilege and not a right.
2. The student must meet specific requirements and individual responsibilities in order to be selected and to participate in the squad.
3. The student must uphold specific codes of conduct and expectations throughout the year to remain on the squad.
4. Cheerleaders are held to a high expectation and are expected to act accordingly throughout the year on and off campus.

Approval

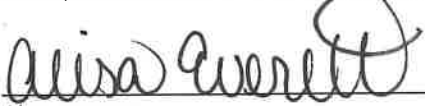
1. The Whitehouse High School Cheerleader Constitution has been approved.



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 Principal, Whitehouse Junior High School

2/18/2019

 Date



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ARTICLE I - The Organization

- A. Organization: Shall be comprised of the Junior High Cheerleaders, Mascot, Manager(s), and Coach
 B. Membership

1. Cheerleaders - The number of Cheerleaders selected by the panel of judges will be the top scoring candidates meeting all requirements at the natural divide (unless minimum score is not met). Candidates must obtain a minimum tryout score of 40 points first to be eligible for membership.
2. Mascot - The mascot selected by the panel of judges will be the top scoring candidate meeting all requirements (unless minimum score is not met). Candidates must obtain a minimum tryout score of 40 first to be eligible for membership.
3. Manager – Manager(s) will serve as managers for the squad and alternated cheerleader/mascot at the Coach's discretion. The managers will be the one-two consecutive candidates trying out for cheerleader that fall after the natural divide (no minimum score is required)

ARTICLE II- Purpose

The purpose of the WJHS Cheerleading Squad is to provide an extracurricular activity on campus that aids in the following. Extracurricular activities are a privilege and not a right for Texas public schools. The WJHS Cheerleading Squad (hereafter referred to as CHEERLEADERS) is to support all athletic functions, promote good sportsmanship among the students and spectators, encourage scholarship, set an example of citizenship, and be an exemplary role-model worthy of the position. A fundamental element of this program is for the cheerleaders to be in front of the fans to perform and crowd lead to promote unification of the crowd's involvement during athletic events. A cheerleader shall strive to build better relationships between schools by promoting good sportsmanlike conduct and school spirit. . A Cheerleader shall cooperate with the sponsor/s, game officials, squad members, and teachers. A Cheerleader should be a model student and abide by all WISD rules and regulations. A Cheerleader should maintain a solid character in and out of school and reflect only the best on the school they represent. One of the **primary pedagogical purposes** of the cheerleading squad is to **impart knowledge and skills** to students so that they will learn and model the Whitehouse ISD Standards for Student Conduct found in the Whitehouse ISD District Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE III- Leadership Responsibilities

Each Cheerleader shall be aware of the responsibilities required and the commitment he/she is making to the school and the student body for the entire year of service. This is a position of responsibility and representation. Each Cheerleader shall be willing to cooperate with and be helpful to each other and the coach at all times. All Cheerleaders' actions in and out of school should reflect the squad's best interests. Each Cheerleader must realize that his/her behavior directly reflects on the coach, entire school, and district. Each cheerleader should strive to work successfully with others, build relationships, advocate for themselves in socially appropriate ways, and work toward common goals -- while having fun at the same time. Each cheerleader should model honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, loyalty, concern for others, law-abidance/civil duty, respect for others, fairness, and pursuit of excellence, and accountability.

ARTICLE IV- Tryout Requirements

- A. General- To become a candidate for WJHS Cheerleader you must:
1. Be currently enrolled at WJHS.
 2. Attend Mandatory pre-tryout meetings and tryout clinic dates.
 3. Return all required forms, completed & signed, on or before the established due date.
 4. Be able to fulfill ALL the duties required of a cheerleader at the tryout clinic and the day of tryouts.
 5. Must be able to attend mandatory summer camp(s) July 22nd-26th, 2019
 6. The purchase of required tryout clothing shall be the responsibility of each candidate.
- B. Academic
1. Cheerleaders must meet UIL eligibility requirements for the 2nd nine weeks on the 1st day of tryout clinic.
 2. Candidates will not be allowed to try out if they have failed two or more nine week periods, in any class, prior to tryouts during the current school year.
- C. Citizenship
1. Not have received one or more U on citizenship grades on any previous report cards during the current school year.
- D. Disciplinary
1. Not have received any out of school suspension, or been assigned to DAEP during the current school year,
 2. Not have been assigned to ISS more than once during the current school year.
- E. Pay for any outstanding financial obligations to cheer organization and/ or school district.

ARTICLE V- Cheer Squad Tryout Procedures

A. Tryout eligibility: In order for candidacy a student must:

1. Meet all academic/citizenship requirements;
2. Attend all meetings/practices before tryouts, unless excused by the Coach;
3. Meet grade classification requirements;
4. Return all required forms, completed & signed by established due date.
5. Pay for any outstanding financial obligations to school district.

B. Tryout Uniform: At the evaluation by judges, candidates shall wear a WHITE T-SHIRT AND BLACK SHORTS. White tennis shoes, white socks, and a black or white bow and ponytail shall be worn. There shall be no writing or symbols on the shorts, shirt, socks, bow, or shoes. There are no exceptions.

C. Candidate number and cheer selection

1. Candidates shall perform by number. No names shall be used during tryouts.
2. Candidates will be given a number prior to tryouts.
3. Candidates who are selected will be notified by a method to be determined by the coach and administration of Whitehouse Junior High School.

D. Tryout Procedure

Candidates shall try out before a panel of Spirit Celebration judges.

1. Each candidate's performance shall consist of elements outlined by the sponsor during tryout practice. These activities MAY include (but are not limited to):
 - a. Overall Presence (spirit, enthusiasm, etc.)
 - b. Tumbling
 - c. Jumps 3-6, one of which must be a double toe touch.
 - d. Cheer -solo or group
 - e. Chant- solo or group
 - f. Dance - solo or group
 - g. School Fight Song - solo or group
 - h. Crowd involvements and/or motivation elements.
2. Candidates are eligible to tryout out for both cheerleader and mascot positions. In the event that candidate is awarded multiple rolls, the candidate's top preference as chosen in their tryout application will be their awarded position.
3. Managers will be the two consecutive cheerleading candidates that occur after the natural break.

E. Judging

1. The tryout process is organized and facilitated by the Cheerleader Coach. In addition to the judges, the coach and up to three (3) designated faculty members are present in the tryout room for the purpose of giving directions, transporting score sheets from judges to tally station, etc. At least one campus administrator is present in the tryout room to oversee the selection process. Candidates are in the tryout center for the length of their performance only. The tryout room is CLOSED to all spectators, including parents, coaches, friends, and noninvolved school personnel.
 - a. A panel of 3-5 judges is obtained for Cheerleader tryouts.
 - b. Judges will be knowledgeable cheerleading coaches, former college Cheerleaders, and/or members of UCA/NCA staff.
 - c. Judges will not be WISD employees.
 - d. Judges will not be a relative of any candidate or a private coach of any candidate.
 - e. The judges' decisions are final and are not grounds for the formal grievance process.

F. THE JUDGES' SCORES WILL BE FINAL IN DETERMINING ALL CHEERLEADING SQUADS AND THE MASCOT. CALL BACKS MAY OCCUR DURING THE TRYOUT PROCESS IF THERE IS A TIE IN SCORES.

G. Record Keeping

1. The Principal of WJHS shall keep a private record of the judge's evaluation of each candidate and final tabulation. Requests for scores must occur in writing up to one school week after tryouts occur. After the one school week from tryouts has passed, scores will no longer be available for request.
2. In case of dismissal or resignation of a candidate or Cheerleader, the candidate having the next highest evaluation may be asked to replace the member if the sponsor so determines.

ARTICLE VI- Membership Requirements

A. Academic

1. To remain in good academic standing in the Organization, the Cheerleader must maintain a minimum grade of 70 on all report cards.
2. A Cheerleader not meeting the academic requirements (a grade of 70 or higher) will be placed on probation for nine weeks. At the Progress Reporting period, if the student is passing with a grade of 70 or higher, the student may participate in

cheering. If academic requirements are not met at the end of the probationary period (the 6 weeks with a 70 or higher), the student will be dismissed (removed) from the organization.

B. Citizenship

1. Not receive one or more U on citizenship grades on report cards

C. All Cheerleaders are subject to all provisions contained within WISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct.

D. Mascot

1. Mascots are expected and REQUIRED to learn all material cheerleaders learn and participate in all activities alongside cheerleaders at all times unless directed by the coach.
2. The mascot is subject to all rules and regulations of the Whitehouse Junior High School Cheerleaders. The mascot will be responsible for the care of the uniform throughout the year of service. The cost of the mascot uniform is **approximately \$900**. The mascot understands that he/she will be responsible for any damage or misuse of the uniform and may be required to pay for damages or replacement if necessary.
3. The mascot understands that her/his role in the organization is vital to the spirit and tradition of WJHS and will treat the position with honor and respect at all times. The mascot will not allow another person to wear the uniform without the explicit consent of the sponsor(s).

ARTICLE VII - Demerits

1. The Cheer Coach will issue demerits for any misconduct offenses.
2. An accumulation of eight demerits will result in a member being placed on probation.
3. An accumulation of ten demerits will result in dismissal from the team.
4. The Cheer Coach will decide how a demerit will be cleared to perform.
5. If more than two demerits are received in a week, the member will not be permitted to perform at any performance the following week as determined by the Cheer Director. However, that member must fulfill all other Cheerleading duties such as dressing out, practicing with the team, supporting athletic events, etc.
6. All demerits will accumulate throughout the year.
7. Demerits DO NOT carry over from year to year.
8. Please refer to the addendum at the bottom of the constitution for more specifics on demerits.

ARTICLE VIII- Probation

- A. A Cheerleader on probation is subject to all of the rules and regulations of the organization but cannot participate in any of the activities in which the organization participates or sponsors.
- B. While on probation NOT related to failure to meet UIL academic eligibility, a Cheerleader:
1. Must attend all practices, classes, games and other functions as designated by the coach.
 2. Must attend all assigned games/functions in their entirety and WILL be required to check in/out with the coach at designated times before, during, and/or after the games/functions.
 3. WILL sit with the squad(s) and/or coach during games/functions.
 4. WILL travel with squad(s) to a game or any school-sponsored function.
 5. May NOT wear her/his uniform(s).
 6. WILL wear camp clothes to all practices and camp shirt and wind pants to other required functions.
- C. While on probation related to failure to meet UIL academic eligibility, a Cheerleader
1. Must attend all practices, classes, games and other functions as designated by the coach.
 2. CANNOT attend games/functions.
 3. WILL NOT travel with squad(s) to a game or any school-sponsored function.
 4. May NOT wear his / her uniform(s).
 5. WILL dress out for practice in the correct clothing
- D. A Cheerleader shall be placed on probation only once during the term of service (the day of election to the end of the following school year). Conduct requiring a second probationary period will result in expulsion/dismissal (removal) from the organization. Should a cheerleader commit a violation during the probationary period which would result in a second probationary period, he or she will be dismissed from the organization.
- E. A probation assessed but not completely served at the end of the school year will continue the following school year to complete the six week probation requirement. Any disciplinary action occurring during the summer will result in probation for the first six weeks of school.
- F. A Cheerleader shall be placed on six week probation for the following reasons:
1. 1st offense of the following: Failure to refrain at all times from consuming and/or possessing alcoholic beverages, consuming

and/or possessing tobacco products, consuming and/or possessing illegal substances outside the school setting. This includes but is not limited to being issued citations for possessing and /or consuming any of the stated above.

2. For behavior unbecoming of a WJHS Cheerleader as determined by the coach(s). (This includes but is not limited to valid proof of partying, drinking alcohol, disrespect, lying, stealing, etc.)
3. Any other offence the coach(s) deemed necessary

G. A Cheerleader shall be placed on a three-week probation for the following reason(s):

1. 1. An accumulation of 8 demerits
2. Failure to meet academic requirements (grades below 70) on a report card
3. 2. Any other offense the coach(s) deemed necessary

H. If the cheerleader successfully completes probation without further disciplinary issues two demerits will be removed from the cheerleader's demerit contract to allow he/she to be in good standing with the squad. If he/she does not successfully complete probation the cheerleader will be removed from the squad..

ARTICLE IX-Dismissal

A. Cheerleaders shall be expelled/dismissed (removed) from the organization for the following reasons:

1. Any offense that results in a second probationary period from the day of election to the end of the year of service.
2. An accumulation of ten or more demerits
3. Failure to meet citizenship requirements.
4. Failure to attend one (1) required athletic function unless excused by the Sponsor.
5. Failure to travel with the WJHS Cheerleaders to and from game/function using WISD transportation without sponsor's consent.
6. Excessive disciplinary problems within the organization.
7. Participation in the bullying or harassment of another student.
8. 2nd offence of the following: failure to notify the sponsor(s) of failing grades, disciplinary referrals, or other school violations resulting in school discipline.
9. Being assigned any out of school suspension, DAEP, or more than 2 occurrences of ISS.
10. Failure to refrain at all times (in and out of school) from consuming and/or possessing alcoholic beverages, consuming and/or possessing tobacco products, consuming and/or possessing illegal substances at school, or at any school related activity, or outside of school or school related activities. This includes but is not limited to being issued citations for possessing and /or consuming any of the stated above.
11. For excessive behavior unbecoming of a WJHS Cheerleader as determined by the coach(s). (This includes but is not limited to valid proof of partying, drinking alcohol, smoking, disrespect, lying, stealing, vulgarity, social media abuse, bullying, etc.)
12. Any other offence the coach(s) deemed necessary
13. Excessive and frequent injuries that keep the cheerleader from performing her duties as a WJHS Cheerleader.
14. If a cheerleader is injured for more than 10 weeks and cannot perform the duties of a Cheerleader he/she will be moved to a manager position and a manager will be promoted to Cheerleader for the duration of the season.
15. Cheerleaders that are removed will not be allowed to wear any Whitehouse Jr. High Cheer Squad items including camp wear, spirit wear, uniform, jackets, etc. for the duration of the academic year after dismissal.

ARTICLE X- Duties and Responsibilities

A. Athletics

1. Cheerleaders and Mascots
2. Required to perform in every pep rally and football games unless excused by the coach.
3. Required to perform at any basketball pep rally and at in-town basketball games and required out-of-town games unless excused by the coach.
4. Support all other athletic functions and attend any athletic functions that are in-town unless excused by the coach.
5. Responsible for good luck notes, signs, etc. as directed by the coach.
6. Responsible to make and hang spirit signs.
7. Responsible for making candy throws for games, pep rallies, etc. as directed by the coach.
8. Required to attend all playoff games as directed by the coach.
9. Required to work concession duty as directed by the coach.
10. Responsible for participating in community or school sponsored events only when approved by the coach.
11. Responsible for splitting practice time half and half for any other extracurricular activities or sports that occur on cheer practice day(s).

B. Performance (Games, Competitions, Public Events, etc.)

1. Attend all performances as directed by the Coach.

2. Is not guaranteed to perform at a pep rally, half time performances, game, competition, etc.
3. Not be allowed to eat during the games unless given permission.
4. Required to refrain from cell phone use unless given permission.
5. Stand as a team on the sidelines for every performances throughout the entire football/basketball game. Our primary responsibility is to cheer and support the Wildcats.
6. No one else is allowed to sit with the Cheerleaders or perform during any game or performance unless approved by the Coach.
7. No member may leave a performance early unless there is an extenuating circumstance, which will be determined by the Coach.
8. Required to attend the practice prior to a performance or game or will be removed from said performance or game.

C. Practice

1. Attend all practices as directed by the Coach.
2. Not be allowed to eat during the practice unless given permission.
3. Required to refrain from cell phone use unless given permission.
4. Practices are closed. No non-cheer member is allowed at practices.
5. No member may leave a practice early unless there is an extenuating circumstance, which will be determined by the Coach.
6. Required to attend the practice prior to a performance or will be removed from said performance.
7. Not to schedule doctors appointments during practices.
8. Required to give coach notice of attending tutorials on practice days.
9. Required to wear the appropriate practice wear to each practice.

D. Fundraising

1. All Cheerleaders shall be responsible for participating equally and fully in any fundraising projects.
2. All fundraising projects must be approved by the sponsor and the school administration.
3. Fundraisers may include, but are not limited to the Cheerleader dance, the WJHS cheer clinic, car washes, etc.
4. Profits received from fundraising projects shall be used to purchase all Cheerleader supplies. Such profits may also be used for any other Cheerleader expenses as determined by the coach.

E. Summer Camp

1. Cheerleaders must attend a summer camp during the summer following their election.
2. Cheerleaders must attend paint camp during the summer following their election.
3. Cheerleaders must attend stunt camp during the summer following their election.

F. Absences

1. Each member will attend ALL required functions. If a member is sick, a parent/guardian must notify the sponsor(s) PRIOR to the activity. An absence will be excused only if it is the nature that would be considered a documented absence by the school. An excused absence is written and signed by the parent and approved by the sponsor(s). The member must continue to dress out in class and practice unless told otherwise by the physician.
2. Work, cheer, and/or dance class is NOT an excuse to miss practice or other functions and activities.
3. Going out-of-town is NOT an excuse to miss any cheerleader activities unless the Cheerleader has been given prior approval from the sponsor(s) because of an extenuating circumstance.
4. Approximately 2 weeks of summer practice will be required.
5. A Cheerleader must be present the entire school day in order to attend practice that afternoon or to participate in any Cheerleader activity that night unless he/she has prior approval from the sponsor.
6. Failure to attend one required WJHS function without an excused absence shall result in expulsion from the organization.

G. Social Media

1. Cheerleaders should adhere to the Whitehouse Jr. High Code of Conduct on and off campus.
2. Cheerleaders should adhere to the WJHS Cheerleading Social Media Policy outlined in section XI of this constitution.

H. Additional

1. Maintain Google Calendar and check for updates, what to wear, meeting times, etc.
2. Parents/Guardian should maintain Google Calendar as well and assist squad member with checking the calendar.
3. Maintain Remind app to keep in contact with Coach.
4. Forward any important information to Cheer Buddy.
5. Parent/Guardian should maintain Remind app as well to keep in contact with Coach.
6. All other duties, responsibilities, and decisions not discussed in the Cheerleader Constitution shall be left to the discretion of the sponsor, athletic director, and the school administration.
7. No squad only group messages allowed. Be sure to include coach on any group message through an approved app or platform.

ARTICLE XI-Social Media Policy

A. Purpose

Squad members are expected to maintain high standards in academic performance and comportment at all times. They serve as positive role models for the student body and in the community as representatives of our school and school district. One of the **primary pedagogical purposes** of the cheerleading squad is to **impart knowledge and skills** to students so that they will meet the goals of the Whitehouse ISD Strategic Plan: 1) All WISD students will have a meaningful impact on the world; 2) All WISD students will pursue their individual gifts and abilities; 3) All WISD students will become productive, responsible citizens; and 4) All WISD students will be relentless, self-directed learners. A second pedagogical purpose of the cheerleading squad is to impart knowledge and skills to students so they can learn and model the Whitehouse ISD Standards for Student Conduct found in the Whitehouse ISD District Code of Conduct. An excerpt of a portion of said standards are outlined below:

1. Demonstrate courtesy, even when others do not.
2. Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline.
3. Obey all campus and classroom rules.
4. Respect the rights and privileges of students, teachers, and other district staff and volunteers.
5. Cooperate with and assist the school staff in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
6. Adhere to the requirements of the Student Code of Conduct.

Students shall not:

1. Use profanity or vulgar language or make obscene gestures.
2. Threaten a district student, employee, or volunteer, including off school property, if the conduct causes a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
3. Engage in bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, or making hit lists. (See glossary for all four terms.)
4. Release or threaten to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.
5. Engage in conduct that constitutes sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct, directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer.
6. Engage in conduct that constitutes dating violence. (See glossary.)
7. Engage in inappropriate or indecent exposure of private body parts.
8. Participate in hazing. (See glossary.)
9. Cause an individual to act through the use of or threat of force (coercion).
10. Commit extortion or blackmail (obtaining money or an object of value from an unwilling person).
11. Engage in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual conduct directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, or volunteer.
12. Record the voice or image of another without the prior consent of the individual being recorded or in any way that disrupts the educational environment or invades the privacy of others.

B. Goal

It is the goal of the cheerleading program at Whitehouse Jr. High to teach students to work successfully with others. This program helps students learn to build relationships, advocate for themselves in socially appropriate ways, and work toward common goals -- while having fun at the same time. The program supports students in learning and modeling honesty, integrity, promise-keeping, loyalty, concern for others, law-abidance/civil duty, respect for others, fairness, and pursuit of excellence, and accountability.

1. Cyberbullying, slander, threats, and harassing behavior targeting other squad members, school staff, and other members of the student body will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the squad.
 2. Before posting, ask yourself is: "Would I say or do this to the person's face?" If the answer is "no", then it's probably not okay online either.
 3. Posts that are rude, offensive, gossip or rumour-spreading, racist, sexist, homophobic, belittling, bullying or harassing, threatening or unwanted by the recipient, followers, or peers will not be tolerated.
 4. Maintain clean and respectful social media accounts.
 5. Be careful of what you like. 'Liking' a page just to see what happens there might seem harmless, but gives bullies a voice and can also give friends and prospective employers the impression that you endorse the content.
 6. First and foremost, do good! Be respectful and be kind. Help create the sort of community on social media that we all want to work, study, live and play in - a community where we look out for one another.
 7. Represent yourself, your parents, your family, the squad, coach, and your school well.
 8. Think before you post: What you publish on the internet can remain public for a long time, even if you delete it seconds after you've posted. Content can also be replicated and shared beyond the original intended audience and sent to people you never expected to see it, or who may view it out of context.
 9. Promote pep rally, game events, school spirit, etc. on social media accounts.
 10. Respect the privacy of others. Don't tag them in photos or places, or share their posts, without their permission.
- If you see inappropriate social media behaviour, clearly ask for it to stop. If it doesn't stop, do not engage further. Things you

can do in these instances are:

11. Report and block unwanted messages and posts on social media sites.
12. Report, delete, and/or block the person who is behaving this way
13. Keep evidence of the behaviour (save texts or emails, or take screenshots of social media sites).
14. Get help and support from your parents, coach, school administrators, teachers, etc. with social media issues.

C. Additional

Being a member of the squad is a privilege, not a right. Any squad member who represents himself/herself, other squad members, school staff, or members of the student body through electronic media (e.g., websites, personal home pages, blogs, text messages, chat rooms/applications) or using electronic communication devices (e.g., camera phones, digital phones, electronic descriptions) **in a way that causes school officials to reasonably anticipate substantial disruption of, or material interference with, the activities of the organization of school** will be subject to disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and the coach.

Disciplinary action may include probation, suspension, demerites, dismissal from the squad, or other tasks assigned by the coach. Furthermore, squad members may not engage in association such as re-tweeting, subtweeting, favoriting, liking, reposting, etc. of materials involving **lewd materials, violence, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vaping, hazing, bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment targeting other students** or staff members based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender, *including gender identification, sexual preference, or sexual stereotypes.

Incrimination photos or statements and videos depicting any of the following will result in disciplinary action, up to and possibly including removal from the squad: 1) violence; 2) hazing; 3) prohibited harassment (based on race, religion, national origin, disability, gender*); 4) lewdness including full or partial nudity; 5) inappropriate or profane gestures while in uniform or wearing toher school insignia; 6) vandalism; 7) stalking; 8) underage drinking; 9) use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, e-cig/vaping; 10) selling, possessing, or using a controlled substance; 11) or any other criminal act or act punishable by law.

ARTICLE XII-Out of Town Trips

A. Procedure

1. If there is an out of town function in which the Cheerleaders are expected to perform, all Cheerleaders must ride to the event and return to Whitehouse in a school sponsored vehicle unless approved by the sponsor.
2. If a Cheerleader does not ride to the WJHS function in the school-sponsored vehicle, he/she shall not perform at the function as a Cheerleader unless otherwise approved by the sponsor.
3. Failure to ride to and from an event in a school-sponsored vehicle without prior permission from the sponsor shall result in dismissal from the organization.
4. The procedure to gain permission to return home from an out of town function with parents/guardians shall be as follows:
 - a. Sponsor(s) must receive written request from a parent/guardian at least 48 hours prior to the time of departure.
 - b. Consent of the sponsor(s) and/or principal is required.
 - c. A Cheerleader will only be released to her/his parent or guardian.
 - d. The parent/guardian is required to sign his/her Cheerleader out with the sponsor(s) at the time of release.

ARTICLE XIII- Expenses

A. Cheerleading is an extracurricular activity, therefore all expenses are responsibility of the guardian/cheerleader.

1. Whitehouse ISD does currently pay for a portion of summer camp. This can be changed at any given time by Whitehouse ISD.

B. Uniforms

1. The purchase of required uniforms and camp/practice outfits shall be the responsibility of each Cheerleader. Full payment is required before issuance of any items.
2. Financial arrangements must be made by families outside of the school. The school may not set up payment plans for required cheerleading expenses.
3. Any Cheerleader that has not paid for their uniform will not be allowed to participate in any cheerleading activity.
4. Any changes in uniform must be approved by the sponsor.
5. During homecoming festivities, no mum may be worn on uniform. Mums may be placed on megaphones to be left there during the game.
6. Official mascot uniform elements will be provided by the Cheerleader organization. Base clothing and campwear shall be the responsibility of the mascot.
7. Cheerleaders not meeting uniform requirements (including skirt length) will not be allowed to participate in any performances or activities where uniform is required.

C. Supplies

1. Cheerleaders may need to purchase supplies throughout the year such as but not limited to snacks, drinks, pep rally

supplies, etc.

2. The purchase of all supplies must have approval of the sponsor. When additional supplies are needed, a Cheerleader must follow WISD purchasing/accounting procedures before making purchases. Anyone not following this procedure shall be responsible for the debt incurred.

D. Additional-Expenses

1. Each Cheerleader shall be responsible for his/her expenses incurred during the term of service. An estimate of projected expenses shall be given to all eligible candidates and their parents prior to tryouts.
2. The sponsor must approve of any additional expenses not designated in the itemized estimate.
3. Each Cheerleader MAY be responsible for some/all of summer camp fees.

Addendum WJHS Cheerleader Demerit Guidelines

The demerit system governs the Cheerleader organization during all cheerleading activities. The Coach issues demerits. Members will initial a log after the demerit is issued. A total of 8 demerits may result in cheerleading probations. A total of 10 demerits may result in dismissal (refer to WJHS Cheerleader Constitution).

This guide to our discipline system is not meant to be inclusive of every, or exclusive or any, situation. The guide may be adopted during the year by coaches as needed. If a coach deems an offense severe enough, a student may be placed directly on probation or dismissed from the squad at the sole discretion of the coach and administration.

Demerits are issued according to the following guide:

- 1 Jewelry during practice
- 1 Wrong or no practice clothing
- 1 Wrong or no shoes
- 1 Incorrect hairstyle in uniform
- 1 Tardy to practice, performance or any cheerleading function
- 1 Per day for late items (money, forms, etc.)
- 1 Being late returning from scheduled breaks during games/performances
- 1 Discipline note, email, or detention from teacher, administrator, faculty, or staff
- 1 Gum in practice, game, or performance.
- 1 Talking in line during performance, game, or breaking formation
- 2 Being picked up 15+ minutes late from an event
(an additional demerit will be given for each 15 minutes after the initial 15 minutes)
- 2 For each "N" in conduct
- 2 For each failing grade on progress report
- 2 Not dressed out when injured
- 2 For each forgotten item (ex: practice wear, uniform, bow, socks, poms, etc.)
- 2 Disrespect towards anyone (must be witnessed by the Director)
- 2 Cell phone at practice, performance, or game without permission
- 3 For each "U" in conduct
- 3 For each failing grade on a report card
- 3 Unbecoming conduct while in uniform or wearing in school insignia.(can be grounds for dismissal as well)
 - As stated in the WJHS Cheerleading constitution
 - As stated in the WJHS Cheerleading Rules and Regulations as outlined in the constitution
 - As stated in the WJHS Cheerleading Social Media Policy as outlined in this constitution
 - As stated in the WISD Student Code of Conduct
- 3 Insubordination
 - Not following the WJHS Cheerleading constitution
 - Not following WJHS Cheerleading Rules and Regulations as outlined in the constitution
 - Not following the WJHS Cheerleading Social Media Policy as outlined in this constitution
 - Not following the WISD Student Code of Conduct
- 3 Unexcused absence from practice,performance or cheer function
- 3 Bullying/Cyberbullying squad members, coach, school staff, and/or students (can be grounds for dismissal as well)
- 3 Talking Negatively About Squad Members, Coach, or Squad (can be grounds for dismissal as well)
- 3 Causing or Perpetuating Drama Within Squad (can be grounds for dismissal as well)

Demerits will not be issued if the Coach has given prior approval to any of the above influences.. All demerits will be given in accordance with these guides.