

# EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

## Cheer Program



Handbook  
2019-2020

Dear Tiger Parents/Guardians,

This handbook is designed to help both the students and parents/guardians understand the commitment, dedication and expectations we are looking for in a member of EHS Cheer. Being a member of the team requires an enormous amount of time and energy for students and their families. **Please understand that this is a full year commitment, which includes weekdays, weeknights, weekends, holiday breaks and summers.** Being selected to be part of EHS Cheer is both a privilege and an honor.

**Please read the handbook thoroughly and discuss the rules and guidelines with your child.**

Thank you,

Edison High School Cheer Program

## **I. PURPOSE**

EHS Cheer will serve three main purposes:

1. Cheerleaders will provide leadership for Edison High School and the Tiger community through participation in school activities, athletic events, and/or competitions.
2. Cheerleaders will learn sportsmanship, teamwork, physical strength, showmanship, and self-confidence.
3. Cheerleaders will be role models for their peers and the community.

## **II. ORGANIZATION**

EHS Cheer is administered through Vice-Principal, Anna Woods. The program is managed by the cheer advisor and coaches.

### **III. REQUIREMENTS**

All members of Edison High School Cheer must:

**A. Meet all the qualifications of the Edison High School Athletic Code.**

1. This includes receiving a 2.0 GPA. Students who receive below a 2.0 GPA in a grading period

will be placed on probation. Students who receive below a 2.0 GPA for 2 grading periods in a row will be ineligible to participate until they receive above a 2.0 GPA on the next grading period. Students who are considered “probationary” will follow guidelines listed in Edison High School’s Athletic Code.

**B. Follow and abide by the EHS Cheer handbook for the entire 2019-2020 school year.**

**C. Provide a signed Cheer Contract from the parent/guardian(s).**

**D. Be able to run a mile in under 13 minutes flat.**

1. If a cheerleader cannot complete the mile in under 13 minutes at any given time throughout the season, that cheerleader will be benched until they can fulfill the skill.

**E. Maintain flexibility.**

**F. One of the purposes of cheerleading is to entertain-you will learn many different routines, some of which you will be required to choreograph yourself. You must maintain a high level of physical fitness, and be able to stunt as a flyer, base and/or backspot. Tumbling skills are required if you have them, not wanting to tumble is not an excuse. If you tumble at tryouts you must tumble during the season.**

**G. Complete required short essays before tryouts.**

**H. Provide proof of accident insurance. (Either personal or purchased through FUSD)**

**I. Have a completed sports physical on file at Edison High School before the first full practice.**

1. The physical must be completed AFTER **June 1, 2019**, and it will last for the entire 2019-2020 school year.

2. The physical will also cover all other sports.

3. Any practices missed due to not having a physical will be considered unexcused.

**J. Participate in required cheer activities throughout the year, starting May 20, 2019.**

**These include, but are not limited to the following:** 1. All Cheer practices, games, meetings, functions and events 2. Representing Edison High School at community functions 3. Leading cheering sections at athletic events 4. Participation in fundraisers for the Cheer Team as well as personal fundraisers 5. Participation in making and putting up spirit decorations such as signs and posters for cheer, school, and community events

**K. Be in good standing at Edison High School, and uphold the name and reputation of Edison High School and EHS Cheer at all times. High levels of leadership and character**

**must be exhibited at all times.**

**L. Pay for the entire cost of all cheer uniform items that they have purchased. Members are responsible for costs even if they change schools, move away, quit, are removed from the squad, or change his/her mind about items that were ordered.**

## **IV. TEAMS**

The Edison High School Cheer program is comprised of the following teams:

### **A. Varsity**

#### **a. Cheer**

- i. Cheer at all football games, select home and away basketball games, and cheer at other sports by request
- ii. Perform at all rallies, Back to School nights, and other Edison High or community events

### **B. Junior Varsity**

#### **a. Cheer**

- i. Cheer at all football games, select home and away basketball games, and cheer at other sports by request
- ii. Perform at all rallies, Back to School nights, and other Edison High or community events

### **C. Freshmen**

#### **a. Cheer**

- i. Cheer at all football games, select home and away basketball games, and cheer at other sports by request
- ii. Perform at all rallies, Back to School nights, and other Edison High or community events

### **D. Competition/ Competitive Sport Cheer-All Teams**

#### **a. Cheer**

- i. If and when a competition team is announced, Edison Cheer members on all teams may tryout. Cheer members must meet various requirements that will be announced at a later date. Selected cheerleaders must sign an additional contract to confirm their additional commitment to the Competition Team.
- ii. If and when a competition team is announced, a separate Competition Cheer Handbook will have full details.

## **V. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

All rules of the Edison High School athletic code are in full effect for cheerleaders. All cheerleaders will be held accountable for adhering to the EHS athletic code. Cheerleaders will abide by the following rules:

### **A. GENERAL RULES**

1. Cheerleaders will be responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of EHS Cheer.
2. Cheerleaders must attend all practices, games, meetings and events.
3. Cheerleaders are expected to work cooperatively and respectfully with other cheerleaders, including coaches/advisors.
4. Instructions of any coach or advisor must be followed when given.
5. Cheerleaders should be mindful that they are in the public view. Cheerleaders must conduct themselves in a respectful manner at ALL TIMES, as they are a direct reflection on Edison High Cheer, Edison High School and the entire Edison community.

### **B. SAFETY**

For the safety of themselves and others, cheerleaders must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Cheerleaders must be in good physical health to participate in cheerleading activities, especially stunting. This includes meeting the requirements of running one mile in under 13 minutes.
2. Cheerleader must not wear any jewelry during cheerleading activities. Jewelry cannot be covered with a bandage. If a cheerleader has a new piercing that cannot be removed, they will sit out and lose points for an unexcused absence.
3. Hair must be secured away from the face during cheerleading activities.
4. Fingernails must be kept to finger length. No acrylic nails are allowed.
5. Appropriate clothing and shoes must be worn during cheerleading activities.
6. Gum/candy may not be chewed during cheerleading activities.
7. A coach must be present for any stunting or tumbling.
8. A coach must approve any new stunt or tumbling skill before it is attempted.
9. Cheerleaders must be attentive and focused while engaged in cheerleading activities.
10. Cheerleaders must report any physical problems to their coach/advisor as soon as the problem arises.
11. Cheerleaders must obtain a doctor's release before resuming any cheerleading activity after an injury or illness requiring a doctor's visit.

## C. CHEER UNIFORM/CLOTHING

1. Care of uniforms is to be excellent at all times. Uniforms must be clean, and without stains.
2. All pieces of the cheer uniform will be worn as instructed by the coaches and advisor.
3. No variations of the uniform may be made. Only the official approved uniform items may be worn. This includes wearing other shoes (i.e. slippers, flip flops, Ugg type boots, etc), other top over cheer uniform, other bottoms, other hair bows, and jewelry.
4. Cheerleaders may not allow non-cheerleaders to wear any piece of their uniform.
5. On designated game/event days, cheerleaders will wear a specified outfit. This will vary.
6. Cheerleaders must be in uniform when cheering at a game and must remain in uniform for the entire game.
7. NO jewelry is allowed during cheer events. This means no earrings, watches, necklaces, rings, bracelets, belly-button rings, facial piercings or other body piercings.
8. When in uniform, hair must be worn in the style that is specified by the coaches or advisor.
9. Cheerleaders may not engage in public displays of affection while in uniform on or off campus.
10. Cheerleaders must follow the school handbook for hair color.
11. No bra straps may be seen at any time while wearing your cheer uniform. Cheer members must wear proper athletic undergarments.
12. Nail polish and fingernails must be kept to finger length and no acrylic nails are allowed.

### Remember let's roar together:

*R*eady and Prepared

*O*ptimism and Responsibility

*A*ct safely

*R*oar Together

*S*how Respect

## **D. EVENTS**

1. Cheerleaders must arrive at all games, practices, meetings and events at the assigned times.
2. Cheerleaders must arrive at their designated time, wearing their entire uniform, with hair and make-up done. They must remain fully in uniform until their event is over. Uniform and hair must be worn in the style that is specified by the coaches or advisor.
3. Cheerleaders must sit with the Cheer Team when they are on duty at events.
4. Lineups for each event will be decided by the coaches or advisor.
- 5. Any cheerleaders who have not learned performance material will sit out of any** performance until the material is learned. Performances include, but are not limited to: cheering at games, half-time performance, sideline performances, rally performances.
6. When a cheerleader is on duty he/she may not chew gum, eat or drink (water is allowed).
7. On duty cheerleaders may not use cell phones. Cheerleaders must ask permission and then use cell phone in private. Phones must be kept in a designated area, and may not be stored in the uniform or practice clothes.
8. Cheerleaders must not apply make-up, do any grooming, or change in and out of uniform while in public. This must be done in a restroom or locker room. Changing must take place in a restroom stall with doors closed.
9. Inappropriate emotional displays or arguments will not be tolerated. They will result in the cheerleader losing points, and being benched from the remainder of the cheer event or sent home.
10. When a cheerleader is finished cheering and becomes a spectator, he/she must change completely out of their cheer uniform. This includes shell, skirt, bodyliner, etc. Cheer warm ups may be allowed only with special permission from coach or advisor.
11. Driving to and from an event will be allowed under special circumstances and cheerleaders must have prior approval from the coach or advisor.
12. Cheerleaders may never go home with anyone except their parents/guardians unless prior arrangements have been made.
- 13. Any cheerleader who is unable to participate due to health reasons is still considered part of the team and is required to attend all cheer events. For games, injured cheerleaders should wear their uniform or warm ups.**

## **E. PRACTICES**

1. Cheerleaders are responsible for knowing the practice schedule. A practice schedule will be provided by the coaches or advisor.
2. A coach or advisor will be on hand at all practices, games and events.
3. ALL practices are closed to anyone other than cheerleaders or coaches, unless otherwise stated.
4. Cheerleaders must wear EHS Cheer practice clothes and/or athletic clothing with designated colors (Black, Gold, White, Grey) or warm ups to practice. All practice clothing must be appropriate. Other clothing must be approved by the coaches or advisor.
5. At practice, warming up is not optional. Cheerleaders must participate in warm up exercises.
6. Cheerleaders may not build a stunt without a coach or advisor present.
7. In order to be counted as attending, cheerleaders must participate in all aspects of practice.
8. At practice, cheerleaders must be kind and respectful to each other. There is no room for personal conflicts, and they should not be brought to practice.
9. Any cheerleaders who have not learned performance material will sit out of any performance until the material is learned.
10. Missing any practices the week of a major performance or competition will result in removal from that week's routine, unless prior arrangements have been made with a coach or advisor.
11. Any cheerleader who is unable to participate due to health reasons is still considered part of the team and is required to attend all cheer practices. They must attend in appropriate practice clothes and will watch practice.
- 12. If a cheerleader does not follow the guidelines, they will be benched at practice until they have remedied the situation so that they are following the guidelines.**

## **F. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER SPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

1. If a cheerleader participates in another sport/activity, cheer must be the first priority. Cheerleaders must notify the cheer coach prior to signing up for another sport/activity. Cheerleaders must give their cheer coach a copy of the schedule for the other sport/activity.
2. Cheerleaders must have the coach/advisor of the other sport/activity sign the Cheer Time Commitment Form to acknowledge that they are aware of the time requirements for cheer, and will allow you to put cheer as your first priority.
3. Cheerleaders must not be absent from cheer practices for other sports/activities. Cheerleaders may not be more than 30 minutes late to a practice or game due to participation in another sport/activity. Cheerleaders may not be able to participate in performances at the coach's discretion based on the cheerleader's proficiency of the performance material.



## **G. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Edison High School, and the EHS Athletic Department recognize and support the cheerleader-athletes' rights to freedom of speech, expression, and association, including the use of social networks. In this context, however, each cheerleader-athlete must remember that cheering and competing for Edison High School is a privilege. As a cheerleader-athlete, you represent Edison High School. Our school and community of Edison are expecting you to portray yourself, your team, and the School District in a positive manner at all times.

In short, do not have a false sense of security about your rights to freedom of speech. Understand that freedom of speech is not unlimited. The on-line social network sites are NOT a place where you can say and do whatever you want without repercussions. The information you post on a social networking site is considered public information. Protect yourself by maintaining a self-image of which you can be proud for years to come.

The following are social networking guidelines which are provided for usage of social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.

1. Everything you post is public information – any text or photo placed online is completely out of your control the moment it is placed online – even if you limit access to your site. Information (including pictures, videos, and comments) may be accessible even after you remove it. Once you post a photo or comment on a social networking site, that photo or comment becomes the property of the site and may be searchable even after you remove it.
2. What you post may affect your future. Many employers and college admissions officers review social networking sites as part of their overall evaluation of an applicant. Carefully consider how you want people to perceive you before you give them a chance to misinterpret your information (including pictures, videos, comments, and posters).
3. Similar to comments made in person, the Edison High School cheer program will not tolerate disrespectful comments and behavior online, such as:
  - a. Derogatory language or remarks that may harm my teammates or coaches; other Edison High student athletes, teachers, or coaches; and student-athletes, coaches, or representatives of other schools, including comments that may disrespect any opponents.
  - b. Incriminating photos or statements depicting violence; hazing; sexual harassment; full or partial nudity; inappropriate gestures; vandalism, stalking; underage drinking, smoking, selling, possessing, or using controlled substances; possessing, or using illegal weapons; or any other inappropriate behaviors.
  - c. Creating a serious danger to the safety of another person or making a credible threat of serious physical or emotional injury to another person.
  - d. Indicating knowledge of an unreported school or team violation—regardless if the violation was unintentional or intentional.

## **H. DISQUALIFICATIONS**

**If a cheerleader is disqualified, he/she will be immediately removed from the team, and their parents/guardians will be notified. An appeal process will take place if requested. Parent/ Guardian and/or athlete has the right to request a hearing regarding this action. The hearing will be held as soon as possible with cheer coach, an administrator, advisor, and/or athletic director. The member and parent/guardian will be given the opportunity to present reasons for this action to be voided. *The decision of the panel will be final!***

Disqualifications include, but are not limited to, the following reasons:

1. Receiving a GPA below 2.0 for two grading periods in a row.
2. Losing a total of 30 points on the discipline scale.
3. Using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco at any school function, or before performing or attending any school function or Edison High School related event.
4. Possession or sale of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or stolen goods, or weapons.
5. Stealing
6. Fighting for any reason at any time. Fighting will NEVER be tolerated on or off campus.
7. If a cheerleader quits prior to the end of the school year for any reason, he/she may not try out the following year.
8. Anything deemed inappropriate posted social network (i.e: Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc).
9. Defiance of advisor, coach, teacher, or administrator.
10. Direct Violation of Cheer Handbook
11. Any suspendable offense.

## VI. DISCIPLINE

As stated in the FUSD Athletic Sports Packet Code of Ethics, it is a privilege to represent FUSD in the Edison High School Cheer Program. The benefits from participating in extra-curricular and interscholastic activities are as important as your academic endeavors. Good character, sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity are priorities in our programs. Remember, you are constantly in the public eye; you are a leader of today; and a source of pride for family, friends, and the community. Students who fail to comply with the expectations of the Edison High School Cheer Program may be declared ineligible to participate. In addition to expectations within the Cheer Program, squad members and parents/guardians must abide by the expectations of the Athletic Code of Ethics provided in the FUSD Athletic Sports Packet.

### A. CONDUCT CONTRACT

1. All Edison High School Cheer members will be placed on a conduct contract for any of the offenses listed below. Each squad member is given 30 points at the start of each season. Recommendation to Administration for removal from the program will occur in the event that a squad member reaches zero points within the season. Squad members will be counseled as violations occur. Advisors have the right to adjust points during the year as they deem necessary (including point adjustments for items that are not listed).

#### 2. Point losses will receive the following consequences:

- **Loss of 10 points (1-2 week suspension, benched for all events, parent contact)**
- **Loss of 20 points (2-4 week suspension from program, benched for all events, parent meeting)**
- **Loss of 30 points (Permanent removal from program)**

**3. When a cheerleader is benched, he/she must show up to all practices and events in full uniform and sit near the coaches or advisor. The cheerleader will not be allowed to sit with friends on the sidelines or in the stands. The cheerleader will not be allowed to participate in any cheering. Failure to serve his/her benching will result in loss of more points.**

4. The "Cheer Conduct Point Scale" will be used to assess the number of points to be deducted due to a cheer infraction.

a. If an offense is not listed on the Cheer Conduct Point Scale, points will be deducted at the discretion of coach/advisor.

b. The severity of an offense may result in more or less points being deducted than the point amount listed above. This will be at the discretion of the coach and/or advisor.

c. If a cheerleader is going to be late to a practice, they may notify the coach in advance. This will result in half of the designated points being lost. For example, if a student notifies a coach that they will be 13 minutes late, they will lose 0.5 points instead of 1 point.

## B. CHEER CONDUCT POINT SCALE

<p><b>LOSS OF 1 POINT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improper uniform. This includes arriving to cheer event not in ENTIRE uniform (missing bow, improper hair, incorrect socks, no makeup etc.)</li> <li>• 1-13 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus</li> <li>• Leaving 13 minutes early from practice/game/event</li> <li>• Not being ready to go at assigned time (primping)</li> <li>• Talking/not paying attention during game/event</li> <li>• Not listening/paying attention to/following instructions from a coach or advisor</li> <li>• Unauthorized use of cell phone, mp3 player or electronics during cheer event, practice, game</li> <li>• Non-participation in practice/game/event for 1-13 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>LOSS OF 2 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-20 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus</li> <li>• Leaving 11-20 minutes early from practice/game/event</li> <li>• Improper behavior while in uniform or Cheer attire (public display of affection, use of profanity, etc.)</li> <li>• Not in uniform when arriving to cheer event</li> <li>• Loaning Cheer attire to someone other than a Cheer member</li> <li>• Not being picked up by parent/guardian within 20 minutes of the end of game/practice/event</li> <li>• Non-participation in practice/game/event for 11-20 minutes</li> </ul>	<p><b>LOSS OF 3 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21-30 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus</li> <li>• Leaving 21-30 minutes early from practice/game/event</li> <li>• Non-participation in practice/game/event for 21-30 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>LOSS OF 5 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than 30 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus</li> <li>• Leaving more than 30 minutes early from practice/game/event</li> <li>• Unexcused absence without proper procedure</li> <li>• More than 3 unexcused absences</li> <li>• Failure to notify an advisor when you will miss event with an excused absence</li> <li>• Non-participation in practice/game/event for more than 30 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>LOSS OF 10 POINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unexcused absence without notice in advance</li> <li>• Excessive absences from cheer events</li> <li>• Squad member assigned in school suspension</li> </ul> <p><b>LOSS OF 1-10 POINTS (at advisor's discretion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior</li> <li>• Inappropriate postings on social media (facebook, twitter, instagram, snapchat, etc.)</li> <li>• Late Parent/Guardian Pick Up</li> </ul>
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## VII. ATTENDANCE

Cheer is a yearlong activity that requires flexibility, dedication and commitment. All cheer events are mandatory! This includes camp, summer practices, choreography days, games, practices, meetings and other events. Commitment to attendance is essential in order for EHS Cheer to be successful. We cannot create, practice and perfect routines when cheerleaders are consistently absent. Lack of attendance by just one cheerleader prevents the team from functioning as one cohesive unit. Practices and camps are very important for building relationships with cheer members and learning performance material.

Any cheerleaders who have not learned performance material will sit out of any performance until the material is learned. Performances consist of, and are not limited to, cheering during games, quarter breaks, half times, pre-games, and rallies. If a cheerleader is consistently absent he/she will lose points and it could result in removal from the team.

### A. ABSENCE CATEGORIES

1. There are excused and unexcused absences. If a cheerleader is in doubt to whether his/her absence will be excused, he/she must ask the coach in advance. On game days, students must attend at least half of the school day in order to cheer/perform.
2. Students will be allowed 3 unexcused absences per year. Cheerleaders must follow proper procedures to notify coaches of the unexcused absence in advance, or point deductions will occur. After 3 unexcused absences, point deductions will occur for every absence.
3. If a student misses a significant number of practices or cheer events, regardless of whether they are excused or not, it may affect their participation in performances.
4. Examples of excused and unexcused absences include, but are not limited to the following:

<p><b>EXCUSED ABSENCES:</b> • illness • approved participation in school event/sports • extreme emergency (discretion of coach/advisor) • unavoidable doctor's appointment • unavoidable family event or trip • religious holiday</p>
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<p><b>UNEXCUSED ABSENCES</b> • vacation or trip • job • homework/studying • babysitting (even siblings) • errands• chores• shopping• date• birthday celebration• no ride to event• prior commitment • practice for wedding or family event• other dance/cheer class • church activities • hair/nail/beauty appointment• concerts• music lessons • appointment of family member</p>
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## **B. ABSENCE PROCEDURES**

### **1. PRE-PLANNED EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Pre-planned excused absences include: religious holiday, school business, unavoidable doctor appointment, unavoidable family event/trip

- a. Squad members must complete a **“Pre-Planned Excused Absence Form”** and turn it in one week prior to the anticipated absence from a practice or assigned event (Some requests **may not be granted** due to the reason for being absent, or the event that is going to be missed.)
- b. For appointments and school business, an additional **“Attendance Verification Form”** will be required upon return signed by the physician or supervisor of school business.
- c. Failure to follow procedures will designate the absence as unexcused and the squad member will lose points.
- d. If a cheerleader misses a significant number of practices (even excused absences), this may forfeit their participation in performances.

### **2. UNPLANNED EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Unplanned excused absence include: illness, family emergency, death in family, funeral

- a. Squad member’s parent must call/text/e-mail coach/advisor on the day of the absence and prior to practice time. It is also acceptable for the squad member to call/text/e-mail coach/advisor to inform of the absence.
- b. Squad members must complete an **“Unplanned Excused Absence Form”** upon return.

### **3. PRE-PLANNED UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

- a. Squad members must complete a “Pre-Planned Unexcused Absence Form” and turn it in one week prior to the anticipated absence from a practice or assigned event.
- b. Failure to follow procedures will designate the absence as un-notified and the squad member will receive a larger point deduction.
- c. If a cheerleader has more than 3 unexcused absences, point deductions will occur.

### **4. UNPLANNED UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

- a. Squad member’s parent must call/text/e-mail coach/advisor on the day of the absence and prior to practice time. It is also acceptable for the squad member to call/text/e-mail coach/advisor to inform of the absence.
- b. Squad members must complete an “Unplanned Unexcused Absence Form” upon return.
- c. Failure to follow procedures will designate the absence as un-notified and the squad member will receive a larger point deduction.
- d. If a cheerleader has more than 3 unexcused absences, point deductions will occur.

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**PRE-PLANNED EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer activity to be missed:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reason (check one):**

Religious Holiday

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

School Business

**(Attach Attendance Verification Form)**

Unavoidable Doctor Appointment

**(Attach Attendance Verification Form)**

Unavoidable Family Event

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

Unavoidable Family Trip

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other (must be approved by Advisor)

Describe:\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above information is true and that the absence is unavoidable.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY COACH/ADVISOR-----

Date form received: \_\_\_\_\_ Advance notification time: \_\_\_\_\_ (# weeks/days)

How to make up for missed activity:

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNPLANNED EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer activity missed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason (check one):**

Illness

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Appointment

**(Attach Attendance Verification Form)**

Family Emergency

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other (must be approved by Advisor)

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above information is true and that the absence is unavoidable.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY COACH/ADVISOR-----

Date form received: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification time: before practice \_\_\_\_\_ (time) after practice \_\_\_\_\_ (time) no notification

How to make up for missed activity:

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORM (Doctor Appointment)**

**Type of appointment (circle one):** Medical Dental Eye Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_ was in your office on  
(student name)

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ for an appointment.

(date) (time)

**Signature of Physician:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the named student above, I verify the preceding information to be accurate. This appointment was unavoidable and was required to occur during the missed Cheer Activity. I understand that time may need to be made up as required by the Cheer staff.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION FORM (School Business)

**School Event Description:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to verify that \_\_\_\_\_ was the above MANDATORY school event on \_\_\_\_\_, and that the student had to attend at a time that conflicted with a required Cheer Activity.

**Signature of Supervising Teacher/Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent/guardian of the named student above, I verify the preceding information to be accurate. I understand that time may need to be made up as required by the Cheer staff.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Edison High School Cheer**  
**PRE-PLANNED UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FORM**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer activity to be missed:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:**

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above information is true regarding the unexcused absence.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY  
COACH/ADVISOR-----

Date form received: \_\_\_\_\_ Advance notification time: \_\_\_\_\_ (# weeks/days)

How to make up for missed activity:

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Edison High School Cheer**  
**UNPLANNED UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FORM**

Cheerleader Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of absence: \_\_\_\_\_ Cheer activity missed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason:**

Describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above information is true regarding the unexcused absence.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-----THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY COACH/ADVISOR-----

Date form received: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification time: before practice \_\_\_\_\_ (time) after practice \_\_\_\_\_ (time) no notification

How to make up for missed activity:

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **VIII. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

As part of the Cheer squad, each member must have cheer items (uniform items and spirit gear items) to wear/bring to events, camp and games.

Cheer squad members may choose to participate in fundraising activities to help defray expenses required to be in this program. Cheer squad members will also be encouraged to participate in fundraisers that support the Cheer program but do not go towards individual accounts. These fundraisers will help pay for equipment needs, supplies, choreography, and other unforeseen costs. The cheer items for the 2019-2020 squads are described by category below.

### **A. Uniform Items Category**

1. Items in the uniform category are part of the uniform to be worn to or taken to events, camp and performances. Every Cheer member must have these items.
2. Cheer squad members may choose to custom order their uniform items. Uniforms are custom made to fit each student's body so they cannot be returned for any reason. Once custom uniform items are ordered, each Cheer member is responsible for their costs. Members are responsible for costs even if they change schools, move away, quit, are removed from the squad, or change his/her mind about items that were ordered.

### **B. Spirit Gear Category**

1. Items in the Spirit Gear category are non-uniform items such as practice wear. These items are not required, but are recommended.

### **C. Cheer Camp**

1. Cheer camp costs is **TDB** per person, and we will be fundraising in order to pay for the cost of the all squads to go to camp. In order to go to camp, the cost for the entire team must be covered with fundraisers or payments to the cheer squad.

### **D. Payments**

1. A payment plan for estimated costs (\$650-\$850) will be attached and given out to parents/guardians once a student makes a certain squad.
2. Depending on the level, prices may vary. Also, optional costs and individualized attire may vary.
3. Your child will receive a full financial breakdown, custom to their purchase.

# Edison High School Cheer Program Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, assume the responsibilities that go with being a Edison High School cheer program member.

I have read the handbook and contract and will abide by these rules.

I accept all responsibility for any injury that may occur during clinics, practices, and games. I release Edison High School, Fresno Unified School District, and Edison High School's Cheer advisors and coaches from liability.

I understand that I am encouraged to participate in the support of fundraisers sponsored by the Edison High School's cheer program.

Once a member has placed an order, all expenses must be paid in full. I agree to pay in full any expenses incurred by my son/daughter. Members are responsible for costs even if they change schools, move away, quit, are removed from the squad, or change his/her mind about items that were ordered.

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Signature of parent/guardian

Date

I understand that if I do not maintain satisfactory citizenship, school attendance, and academic standards, I may be removed from the squad. I have read the handbook and contract and agree to comply with the rules. I understand disciplinary action or removal from the squad will result if I do not adhere to the rules.

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Signature of student

Date