

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 to start the year. Recommendation to Administration for removal from the program will occur in the event that a squad member reaches zero points. 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

LOSS OF 1 POINT

- Improper uniform. This includes arriving to cheer event not in ENTIRE uniform (missing bow, improper hair, incorrect socks, no makeup etc.)
- 1-13 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus
- Leaving 13 minutes early from practice/game/event
- Not being ready to go at assigned time (priming)
- Talking/not paying attention during game/event
- Not listening/paying attention to/following instructions from a coach or advisor
- Unauthorized use of cell phone, mp3 player or electronics during cheer event, practice, game
- Non-participation in practice/game/event for 1-13 minutes

LOSS OF 2 POINTS

- 11-20 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus
- Leaving 11-20 minutes early from practice/game/event
- Improper behavior while in uniform or Cheer attire (public display of affection, use of profanity, etc.)
- Not in uniform when arriving to cheer event
- Loaning Cheer attire to someone other than a Cheer member
- Not being picked up by parent/guardian within 20 minutes of the end of game/practice/event
- Non-participation in practice/game/event for 11-20 minutes

LOSS OF 3 POINTS

- 21-30 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus
- Leaving 21-30 minutes early from practice/game/event
- Non-participation in practice/game/event for 21-30 minutes

LOSS OF 5 POINTS

- More than 30 minutes late for practice/game/event/bus
- Leaving more than 30 minutes early from practice/game/event
- Unexcused absence without proper procedure
- More than 3 unexcused absences
- Failure to notify an advisor when you will miss event with an excused absence
- Non-participation in practice/game/event for more than 30 minutes

LOSS OF 10 POINTS

- Unexcused absence without notice in advance
- Excessive absences from cheer events
- Squad member assigned in school suspension

LOSS OF 1-10 POINTS (at advisor's discretion)

- Disrespectful or unsportsmanlike behavior
- Inappropriate postings on social media (facebook, twitter, instagram, snapchat, etc.)