

# 2023-2024 Constitution of the Fort Davis Junior High & High School Cheerleaders

Each member of the Fort Davis Cheerleader squads must adhere to the following articles. It must be understood that as a member of this organization, the student becomes a representative of the Fort Davis Independent School District and Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School and each member must maintain high moral and ethical standards. **Membership may be terminated at any time for unacceptable standards or conduct.**

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## ARTICLE I PURPOSE

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The purpose of the Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Cheerleader is to promote loyal school spirit, encourage quality performance, and high academic standards. Through the development of cheerleading skills, leadership, cooperation, self-discipline, and sportsmanship in each individual member, the Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Cheerleaders will fulfill their purpose for the benefit of the Fort Davis Independent School District and the community of the Fort Davis Independent School District. We, the Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Cheerleaders hereby pledge our time, our ability, our minds, and hearts to the purpose. We agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in this constitution.

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## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

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### Section 1. General Criteria

- A. Anyone who meets the set qualifications will not be discriminated against because of race, gender, creed, or educational disability.
- B. Prospective members shall be entering grades six (6) through eight (8) for Fort Davis Junior High School Cheerleaders and grades nine (9) through twelve (12) for Fort Davis High School Cheerleaders.
- C. Must meet grade criteria.
- D. Must be cleared through both the attendance and administrator's offices before eligible to try out.
- E. All financial obligations to any FDISD affiliated programs must be cleared.

### Section 2. Attendance

Must not have missed more than 10% of school days in any course.

### Section 3. Academic Ineligibility During Auditions/Probationary Status

A candidate who is academically ineligible for extracurricular participation during the six week grading period in which tryouts are conducted and has met all of the above criteria, may try out to become a member of the Fort Davis Junior-Senior

High School Cheerleading team. In the event that the candidate is selected to become a member of the Cheerleader organization, he/she will be placed on probationary status. If he/she does not regain her eligibility during the next eligibility-reporting period, he/she may forfeit his/her right to membership.

Section 4. Additional Probationary Considerations

Tryout eligibility of a candidate who has been dismissed or has resigned from the Cheerleader organization for any reason will be at the discretion of the coach and administration. Any candidate allowed to try out under these circumstances will enter the Cheerleader organization with a signed probationary contract as determined by the coach and principal.

Students serving In School Suspension (ISS) during the time of tryouts will be allowed to participate in the official tryout, excluding practices. If selected for the cheer squad, the member will be placed on probation for the remainder of the school year. If the member receives another discipline infraction that results in ISS, expulsion, or DAEP, he/she will be removed from the cheerleading squad.

Section 5. Mandatory Orientation Meeting

All candidates must attend a tryout orientation meeting or contact the coach for an appointment prior to the first day of the tryout clinic. Failure to attend or meet with the coach will result in the candidate's loss of ability to try out.

Section 6. Discipline Check

Each candidate must pass a discipline check made by the principal from the junior-senior high school.

Section 7. Residency

A prospective member must meet the residency requirements of Fort Davis Independent School District.

Section 8. Returning Members

All returning Cheerleaders are required to try out for the team each year.

Section 9. Required Forms

All forms must be on file prior to or on the designated date in order for a candidate to qualify for membership.

A. Emergency/Medical Information and Physical Evaluation/Medical History Form:

To be filled out by the applicant and his/her parent/guardian.

B. Student/Parent/Guardian Constitution Contract:

To be filled out by the applicant and his/her parent/guardian.

C. Current Report Card:

Must show proof of passing status on report card for the current school calendar year.

- D. Teacher Recommendation Form: To be filled out by a teacher of choice from FDJSHS.
- E. Any other documents as requested by the coach.

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### **ARTICLE III THE TRYOUT CLINIC**

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- Section 1.     Attendance  
A candidate should attend **all** tryout practice sessions unless approved by the coach. Tryout sessions may be held before or after school as necessary.
- Section 2.     Each candidate will learn:  
A. Jumps  
B. Cheer  
C. Band Dance  
D. Chant  
E. Indian Fight Song
- Section 3.     Attire  
All candidates must wear appropriate athletic wear, including shorts, shirt, and footwear. The candidates' midriff must not show.
- Section 4.     Cell phones, cameras, gum, jewelry, and food will **not** be allowed during the tryout clinic or in the tryout session. Only water will be allowed during the tryouts.
- Section 5.     Candidates are expected to attend school all day in order to be eligible to participate in the tryout clinic and the final tryout, unless approved by the coach.
- Section 6.     Candidates must arrive on time and behave appropriately during the clinic or he/she will be asked to leave and lose the privilege of participating in tryouts.

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### **ARTICLE IV THE TRYOUTS**

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- Section 1.     Qualifications  
Each candidate must fulfill all requirements for attendance, grade and conduct before he/she may participate in the final tryout session.
- Section 2.     Tryout Attire  
Each candidate must wear a white shirt, black/green shorts or skorts, athletic shoes, and an identification number. The candidates' midriff must not show. Clothes must not display any cheer logos or cheer information. Hair must be worn in a ponytail and away from the front of the face. No jewelry, heavy makeup, or nail polish is allowed during the tryouts.

Section 3. Tryout Process

- A. The tryouts will be held on a date designated by the coach.
- B. Candidates will try out before a panel of three judges selected by the coach/administration. The decision of the judges is final. Each candidate's overall score is determined by the judges score, teacher recommendations, administrator interview (HS Only) and report cards.
- C. Candidates will draw numbers for their order of performance on the last day of the tryout clinics. Candidates will NOT be allowed to trade numbers.
- D. Each candidate will perform jumps, a selected cheer, a selected chant, a band dance and the Indian Fight Song.
- E. There will be no spotters during the tryout process.
- F. Cell phones and cameras will not be allowed during the tryouts.

Section 4. Callbacks

If a judge needs to see a candidate again to make their final decision, the candidate will be brought into the Gym for a call back session.

Section 5. Audience

Tryouts are closed to spectators. Those eligible for attendance include the coach(es), judges, and administrator(s).

Section 6. Announcement of the New Cheerleaders

The announcement of the new cheerleaders will be made by the coach. The coach will provide personal results in an envelope to each candidate after tryouts and results are calculated.

Section 7. New Squad

The new squad will report for practices/uniform ordering on the designated day(s) following the tryouts. The term of service will officially begin the day after tryouts and will continue until the tryouts of the following year. The term of service for a senior and other cheerleaders who will not be participating squad members the next school year will continue until school is dismissed for the year. Therefore, these students are also expected to participate in all planned activities.

Section 8. Squad Size

The number of cheerleaders for Fort Davis Junior High School will be five (5) to seven (7) and the number of cheerleaders for Fort Davis High School will be six (6) to twelve (12) cheerleaders and one (1) mascot. Squad size is dependent on coach(es) discretion due to scores/grades/teacher recommendations/administrator interview and the schools financial ability to pay for cheer transportation/meals.

Section 9. Viewing the Score Sheet

A candidate may elect to view his/her individual judge tryout score sheet following the tryout. All judges' names will be removed from the score form in order to protect the anonymity of the judges and teachers. An appointment must be made with the coach. The candidate may only view his/her personal score

sheet and recommendation form. Statute of limitations concerning viewing is 5 (in-school) days following the tryout.

Section 10. Appealing Tryout Decisions

Statute of limitations concerning appeals must be scheduled within 7 days following the tryout date. The candidate must file a formal appeal with the FDISD administration of Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School. After this time period, the decisions of the judges will stand.

Section 11. Captains

Choosing of captains will be based on a student led decision (majority), as in most other UIL sports. Other items considered will be teacher recommendations, administrator interview, attendance from the previous cheer year, and coaches input. The method of student input will be decided by the coaches.

A. Captain eligibility:

1. Must have been a cheerleader the previous year (JH or Varsity).
2. Must be willing to accept the responsibilities of being a Captain (keeping good attendance at practice, events, camp, and games; keeping the core values of FD Cheer of 'Team Before Self', 'Spirit Ambassadors', and 'Commitment'.

B. Appointed positions are not a right—they are privileges that carry great amounts of responsibility. The captain positions are not permanent and the Cheer Coach reserves the right to have any appointed captain step down from their duties and title for violations of this constitution.

-Captain title will be reversed if a captain misses any game for any reason other than a family emergency.

C. There will be no JH captains. JH cheer will each be given responsibilities and leadership opportunities equally to prepare them for Varsity Cheer.

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**ARTICLE V**  
**PARTICIPATION/ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS**

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Section 1. The coach or designee must be present at all practices, warm-ups, performances, and events. Members must participate in all activities in which the organization is involved, pending eligibility status. Members may not function in the capacity of the cheer squad without prior approval of the coach. Members unable to perform required tasks due to injury will appear at the event or activity in full uniform and sit in the designated area. The coach reserves the right to place the member on probation status who is unwilling to adhere to the rules.

- Section 2. Members must exhibit and maintain a satisfactory attitude toward school policies and regulations. Cheerleaders are expected to give 100% in all school work, practices, and performances.
- Section 3. All members are required to attend cheer camp, practices, and events as designated during the school term, summer break, and school holidays. Schedules will be provided as early as possible and families are expected to plan family vacations and functions accordingly. Failure to participate in designated functions may result in removal from the squad.
- Section 4. Attendance  
Members may not leave any function for any reason other than illness, injury or death in the family. In the event that a member has been given approval to leave by the coach, he/she may depart with a parent/guardian only. Prior to departure, a written note from the parent/guardian must be submitted to the coach. Members must attend at least 4 periods of an 8 period school day in order to attend practice. Field trips and school-sponsored activities are the only exceptions. Members must attend at least 4 periods of an 8 period school day prior to a performance (UIL rule). Missing one half of a practice session will count as an absence.
- Section 5. Members must maintain a level of physical fitness that will allow them to participate fully in all Cheerleader activities and performances.
- Section 6. Performance/Activity Rules
- A. Members will arrive to an event dressed in full uniform (females: hair as assigned, no jewelry, make-up on and ready to perform) unless told otherwise by the coach.
  - B. Members will meet at a designated place and a designated time for all events.
  - C. There will be no visitors on the sidelines or field during events.
  - D. Gum chewing is not allowed and the consumption of food is not allowed except during designated breaks.
  - E. Members should exhibit polite, reserved and respectful behaviors at all times. No profanity or derogatory sounds or remarks will be tolerated.
  - F. Members should not change/adjust any part of their uniforms in the public view.
  - G. During the national anthem members must stand at attention with NO TALKING.
  - H. At sporting events, members should follow/pay attention to the game.
  - I. Members may not carry pagers. Cell phones are not allowed during practices, warm-ups, performances, or events. Permission must be granted by the coach to use them. In the event that the coach determines that the presence of a cell phone prohibits a member from completing his/her responsibilities, the member will be subject to disciplinary action.
  - J. At football games, members must support the band by being attentive to their performances.

- K. Cheerleaders must treat every appearance (game, pep rally, etc.) as a performance. Inability to perform a certain routine will result in the cheerleader being removed from that performance.

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## **ARTICLE VI GRADES**

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- Section 1.     **Academic Eligibility**  
The coach will conduct grade checks at the times designated by the official FDISD Eligibility Calendar as set forth by University Interscholastic League. Any member whose recorded grade average in any course at the time of an eligibility check is less than a “70” will become ineligible to participate in any cheer even as set forth by the UIL eligibility calendar. Ineligible members must continue to fulfill fundraising, practice, and game requirements.
- Section 2.     **Academic Ineligibility**  
The second occurrence of academic ineligibility, at any time during the school year, will result in dismissal from the organization. (Example: If a student is determined to be ineligible at a six-week grade check and is not passing the same class again at the next three-week grade check, the student will be determined ineligible for the second occurrence and will remain on academic probation. If the student receives a grade below “70” again at the six-week grading period, he/she will be dismissed.) Ineligible periods do not have to occur consecutively. The ineligibility periods that will constitute dismissal will be two failing six-week periods, anytime during the year, beginning the day after tryouts.

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## **ARTICLE VII ATTENDANCE**

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- Section 1.     **Excused Absences**  
The status of an absence or tardy will be determined by the coach. Cheerleaders must limit their number of excused absences, as performance privileges can be revoked for excessive absences. In the event of an absence or tardy, the member must inform the coach in writing or by phone prior to the practice or performance. Absence or tardiness from any cheerleading activity or event will be unexcused except for the circumstances listed below:
- A. Personal illness or accident (with a doctor’s note)
  - B. Death in the family
  - C. Doctor or dental appointments (prior notice must be given to coach)
  - D. Special school activities with advanced approval from the coach
  - E. Events with prior approval from coach
  - F. Prior approval is approval from the coach with at least 24 hours notice

- Section 2.     Unexcused Absences  
Absences for reasons other than those listed above will be unexcused. Any unexcused absence can affect performance eligibility and/or result in suspension or dismissal. An unexcused absence will result in demerits.
- Section 3.     Chronic Excused Absences  
Chronic excused absences, failure to comply with absence policies, and/or falsifying reasons for absences may result in forfeiture of a performance, probation, or dismissal. Any absence can affect performance eligibility.
- Section 4.     Absence Responsibilities  
A member is responsible for obtaining information that was given on the day of the absence.
- Section 5.     School Attendance  
Members are expected to attend school all day long in order to maintain eligibility for participation in organizational activity. Any member who is absent from practice or school for more than half of the day may not be permitted to participate at a scheduled event on the day of the absence unless prior approval has been given from the coach. This does not include being out for part or all day for a school event.
- Section 6.     Absence from Fundraisers  
Unexcused absences from a team fundraiser will result in demerits and any other consequence deemed necessary by the coach.
- Section 7.     Injury or Illness  
Members who suffer injuries or illness must consult a doctor and/or trainer within 24 hours. If an injury or illness hinders or limits a member's performance and/or practice capabilities, that member will be required to provide a doctor's note outlining the specific limitations. The coach reserves the right to place the member on reserve if he/she is unable to perform to the best of his/her ability.
- Section 8.     Absences During Summer Practice  
Summer events are mandatory for each member. This includes fundraisers, summer practice, cheer camp, and practices prior to the first day of school.

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## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL**

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- Section 1.     School transportation will be provided for out-of-town activities. All members are required to ride to and from all out-of-town activities by school transportation unless extenuating circumstances occur, which require approval from the coach. In this case, a parental permission slip must be submitted to the coach prior to



leaving for the event. Students will not be allowed to drive to out-of-town activities unless the parent, coach, administration grant prior approval.

Section 2. Students will provide their own transportation for in-town practices, performances, and events.

Section 3. Each member will conduct him/herself appropriately and abide by all school transportation regulations and school rules.

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## **ARTICLE IX FINANCES AND FUNDRAISING**

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Section 1. Financial Obligations:

- A. Under the supervision of the coach, policies and expectations shall be made known at the mandatory orientation meeting. Failure to make timely payments may result in probationary status or suspension and could lead to dismissal.
- B. If a member is dismissed or resigns, she will be financially responsible for any and all items ordered. No refund will be issued.
- C. 50% of uniform costs must now be paid before uniform order is placed (April/May). Failure to make timely payment will result in dismissal and the next alternate taking the place of that cheerleader.

Section 2. Camp:

The costs of attending summer camp (first \$200) will be covered by the cheerleader and his/her family. Any remaining balance will need to be covered by the FDJSHS Cheer Fundraising efforts.

Section 3. Clothing:

All cheer attire; shoes, camp/travel uniform, warm-up, jackets, and official uniforms will be the financial obligation of the squad member and his/her family. All financial obligations for these items must be paid for prior to attendance of camp or receipt of clothing. Fundraisers will be held to keep this cost to a minimum.

If the squad members, their families, and the coach agree, additional fundraisers may be held to help with the cost of some of these expenses.

Section 4. Fundraising:

The coach will organize fundraisers to help defray team expenses. Members of the Cheerleading team will be required and their parents strongly encouraged to participate in team fundraisers.

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## **ARTICLE X GENERAL CONDUCT**

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- Section 1. Certain standards are necessary for the integrity and reputation of any organization. Each member should be a leader within the school and should set a good example at all times. Members are expected to have and maintain a character above reproach. Personal appearance, habits, and actions of which there can be no criticism, are required as each Cheerleader represents the Fort Davis Independent School District before the public at all times.
- Section 2. All Cheerleaders will abide by the Fort Davis ISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook, Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Student and Parent Handbook, and this Cheerleading Constitution. Students must also follow the written and oral directives of all FDISD employees.
- Section 3. FDISD rules will be strictly applied whenever the team is officially representing FDISD, while attending a school-sponsored activity or while on a school sponsored trip. Each member must be aware that his/her conduct off-campus reflects on the team image and that any member who is guilty of engaging in any illegal activity will be subject to dismissal, this includes social media behavior.
- Section 4. If an incident occurs during school or during a team event, a member will be given disciplinary action from the school, as well as from the Cheerleader coach.
- Section 5. Members must display appropriate behavior both in and while out of school. Probation or dismissal can result from any of the following reasons and is at the discretion of the coach and/or administration:
- A. Smoking
  - B. Use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
  - C. Improper language or obscenities
  - D. Public nudity or promiscuous behavior
  - E. Poor sportsmanship
  - F. Failure to follow school rules and policies
  - G. Improper conduct/attitude
  - H. Lack of respect toward coach, other team members, faculty, school personnel or school property
  - I. Stealing/shoplifting
  - J. Chronic misconduct
  - K. Chronic absences
  - L. Hazing
  - M. Truancy
  - N. Forgery
  - O. Assignment to AEP/DAEP
  - P. Cheating
  - Q. Pregnancy
  - R. Disciplinary action involving any law enforcement agency and/or security guards.

- S. Unsupervised functions in which alcohol and/or drugs are served and consumed.
- T. Any offense deemed severe by the coach and/or administration.
- U. Suspension from school.
- V. Inappropriate texting and/or online memberships, online postings, or online conversations.

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## **ARTICLE XI DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM**

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Section 1.     Demerits

- A. Demerits may be given to members, as necessary, by the coach. A cheerleader will receive a demerit when he/she fails to satisfactorily complete any responsibility. (See Demerit Offenses Addendum)
- B. Demerits accumulate, but can be erased through a merit system.

Section 2.     A total of 5 demerits will result in probation.

Section 3.     A total of 8 demerits will result in dismissal from the cheerleading program.

Section 4.     Merits

Merits are given for cheer related activities not required by the entire team. This could include, but is not limited to, attending extra sports activities, sign making, pep rally preparation, documented community service, or any other activity approved by the coach.

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## **ARTICLE XII PROBATION AND DISMISSAL RESIGNATION AND THE APPEAL PROCESS**

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Section 1.     Probation

- A. Probation is a designated period of time in which the member may participate in limited organizational activities as determined by the coach. A probation contract will be written for the member and the member will be notified of his/her probationary regulations.
- B. Should it become necessary for a member to be placed on probation a second time, dismissal may occur.
- C. Reasons for probation:
  - 1. Academically ineligible at the time of tryouts. Eligibility must be regained by the next grading period.
  - 2. Conduct/Attitude
  - 3. Assignment of In School Suspension.
  - 4. Failure to comply with absence policies.
  - 5. Excessive or severe disciplinary problems as deemed by the coach and/or administrators.
  - 6. Receiving 5 demerits.

7. Assignment of Saturday School for non-attendance issues.
- D. Probation eliminates the member from participation at mandatory functions and excludes participation in performances and special events. However, the member is required to participate in practice sessions. The probationary member will attend designated activities, but he/she is not allowed to wear any part of the team uniform to school or activities during the period of probation.

Section 2. Dismissal

- A. Dismissal involves the loss of membership from the Cheerleading team. Once a member has been dismissed, he/she loses all privileges of the Cheerleader team. Students may not wear any part of any Cheerleading uniforms or additional clothing, jackets, etc. in public. **The former Cheerleader will be held financially responsible for any and all items ordered. No refunds will be made. If financial responsibility is not paid, the Cheer Coach and Principal can determine other courses of action.**
- B. In cases of dismissal, the coach will confer with the principal.
- C. Reasons for dismissal:
  1. A second time that the member is on probation for any reason. Probation does not have to occur consecutively.
  2. The second time that the member is on probation for academic ineligibility. Probation does not have to occur consecutively.
  3. Suspension from school.
  4. Receipt of maximum demerits allowed. (8)
  5. Failure to meet necessary requirements to be removed from probation.
  6. Failure to comply with absence policies.
  7. Assignment to AEP: Placement in DAEP will result in formal dismissal from the program.
  8. Excessive severe disciplinary problems as deemed by the coach or administrator(s).
  9. Any act of inappropriateness as deemed by the school administrator(s).

Section 3. Resignation or Electing Not To Return

Resignation shall be defined as a choice made by the individual member that he/she no longer desires participation in the cheerleading team. Resignation procedures involve a conference with the coach and a letter of resignation from the resigning member, signed and dated with the parent/guardian signature. Resignations are permanent decisions and the member will not be reinstated under any circumstance. **All uniforms, clothing, and equipment must be turned in and financial obligations must be cleared at the time of resignation.** Students may not wear any part of the Cheerleading uniform or additional clothing, jackets, etc. in public. **The member will be held financially responsible for any and all items already ordered. No refunds will be made. If financial responsibility is not paid, the Cheer Coach and Principal can determine other courses of action.**

Section 4. Once resignation, election not to return or dismissal for reasons other than academic, from the cheerleading organization has occurred, reinstatement will not be allowed during the current year. Upon resignation or dismissal, the former member loses all privileges of cheerleading membership and may not be a guest at cheerleading functions. Re-tryouts may occur for the following year only at the discretion of the coach and administration and will incur the acceptance of strict guidelines and the acceptance of probationary status if seen as needed by the coach.

Section 5. Appeal Process

- A. The order in which a parent/guardian or team member should follow concerning the appeal of a discipline decision should be:
  - a. Reference to the cheerleader handbook rules and constitution.
  - b. Contact or conference with the coach.
  - c. Contact or conference with the principal.
  - d. The principal will advise as to the next procedure according to district policy.
- B. Time limitations involving the appeal of a decision will be followed according to School Board Policy.

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**ARTICLE XIII**  
**UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT**

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Section 1. Uniforms

- A. Each uniform should be taken care of properly and cleaned after every use for the next performance.
- B. If uniform is lost/damaged for any reason, the coach needs to be notified immediately. Arrangements between the parents and coach will be made to repair or replace the item.
- C. Uniforms will be worn at school activities including: games, pep rallies, fundraising events, etc, only.
- D. For no reason should the uniform be worn half on or with other attire. Uniform should be worn appropriately.
- E. All items provided by the school must be returned at the end of the year. Anything not returned must be paid for and is the responsibility of the student.

Equipment

- A. All equipment should be taken care of properly.
- B. Items will be used only for school events.
- C. All items provided by the school must be returned at the end of the year. Anything not returned must be paid for and is the responsibility of the student.

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**ARTICLE XIV**  
**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Section 1. The parent/guardian must give permission for the member to fulfill all responsibilities of being a member of the Cheerleading organization before he/she is officially accepted.
- Section 2. The parent/guardian must be willing to meet all financial obligations involved in having his /her child as a member of the Cheerleading organization.
- Section 3. The parent/guardian is responsible for arranging transportation to and from all activities, except when transportation is provided by the school district and the coach.
- Section 4. The parent/guardian must be willing to participate in the various Cheerleader fundraisers and activities. These fundraisers help provide the support to run our program and support our athletes.
- Section 5. The parent/guardian must be willing to cooperate with the coach and keep him/her informed of dates that might conflict with cheerleading activities.
- Section 6. Each parent/guardian of a team member is required to attend mandatory meetings.
- Section 7. The parent/guardian should be supportive of their child and the Cheerleader organization.

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**ARTICLE XV**  
**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

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- Section 1. The constitution is subject to change at any time, due to policy changes by the Texas Education Agency, Fort Davis ISD School Board, and the principal or with approval from the coach and the principal.
- Section 2. At any time, additions may be made to the handbook with the approval of the coach and the principal.

**2023-2024 Constitution of the Fort Davis Cheerleaders**  
**Acknowledgement Form**

I have read the Constitution of the Fort Davis Cheerleaders. I understand the governing policies, procedures, and decisions involved and I agree to abide by the policies set forth in these documents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**ADDENDUM**  
**Demerit Offenses**  
For  
Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Cheerleading Squad

The following Demerit System applies to all Fort Davis Junior-Senior High School Cheerleaders.

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>DEMERIT</b>
Any action, or lack of, that creates a safety issue	5
Abusive language and rude gestures	2
Unexcused absence from cheer event or practice	2
Blatant and/or inappropriate public display of affection	1
Disrespectfulness to others (cheerleaders who receive any conduct grade other than E or S will receive demerits)	N=1 U=2
School dress code violations	1
Unexcused tardy from cheer event or practice	1
Incomplete uniform or practice clothes	1
Failure to meet deadlines	1
Failure to bring all required equipment and/or belongings to practice or cheer events	1
Gum chewing or eating candy during cheer practice or event	½
Wearing jewelry or metal clips during performances/practices	½

**CONSEQUENCES**

Any cheerleader who accumulates **5** demerits will be placed on probation. (See Article XII, Probation and Dismissal)

**MERITS**

Cheerleaders may earn merits to offset their demerits. 1 MERIT will be given for each of the following:

- Documented community service
- Reports of outstanding positive behavior
- Unsolicited assistance to fellow squad members
- Extra spirit projects done on own time
- One hour of workout in the weight room
- Actions deemed worthy of merits by the cheer coaches

MERITS WILL BE AWARDED ON AN AS EARNED BASIS. HOWEVER, ONCE 5 DEMERITS ARE ACCUMULATED, MERITS WILL ONLY BE APPLIED AFTER APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS OCCURRED.



**2023-2024 Constitution of the Fort Davis Cheerleaders  
Demerit Offenses Addendum  
Acknowledgement Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received and understand the Demerit Offenses Addendum to the Constitution of the Fort Davis Cheerleaders as described for the 2023-2024 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As the parent/guardian of the above Fort Davis Cheerleader candidate, I acknowledge the receipt of the Demerit Offenses Addendum to the Constitution of the Fort Davis Cheerleaders as described for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date