

De Soto High School Cheer

TRYOUT AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2018-2019

Application and Agreement Due by 3:00 pm	March 23rd	Return to office at DHS, LTMS or MCMS
Teacher Recommendations Due by 3:00 pm	March 23rd	Return to office at DHS, LTMS or MCMS



Cheer Clinic	Wednesday, March 28th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at DHS	Thursday, March 29th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at DHS
Cheer Tryouts	Friday, March 30th Begin at 4:30 p.m. at DHS	



2018-2019 DHS CHEER

Thank you for showing an interest in trying out for DHS Cheer! This is an exciting opportunity for students interested in leadership, growing their athletic skills and abilities, and displaying Wildcat Pride at school activities and events.

The information in this packet explains tryouts and the expectations and responsibilities associated with DHS Cheer. Tryouts will be held on Friday March 30th, 2018 at 4:30 pm – DHS Main Gymnasium. We will hold two required cheer clinics on March 28th and 29th to help prepare the students for tryouts.

Wednesday March 28th: CHEER CLINIC (required)

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – DHS Main Gym

Registration, stretching, administrative business, learn cheer, dance and expectations for tryouts.

Thursday March 29th: CHEER CLINIC (required)

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. – DHS Main Gym

Stretching, review of cheer, dance, entrance/exit and mock tryout!

Friday March 30th: TRYOUTS

4:30pm Tryouts begin.

Students interested in tryouts are required to attend both cheer clinics.

The 2018-2019 Spirit Squad members will be posted on the De Soto High School Cheer website on March 30th, as soon as finals decisions are made.

Website >> <http://dhswildcatnation.com/cheerleading>

Questions or Comments?

Kelcie Cater

Head Coach

Email: kcater@usd232.org

IMPORTANT: The following items must be returned to the school office (DHS, LTMS, or MCMS) no later than **Friday March 23rd, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Packets returned after the deadline will not be considered.

- ❖ Completed membership application
- ❖ Signed agreement of expectations
- ❖ Teacher Recommendations

Tryout Components

Cheer Participants will perform the following in front of a panel of independent judges.

1. Three jumps (individually)
2. One cheer (individually)
3. One chant (group)
4. One short dance (group)

Clinic and Tryout Attire

Clinic Attire should include:

- Comfortable clothing or cheer attire
- Comfortable athletic shoes
- Hair must be worn completely out of face in a ponytail
- No jewelry will be allowed (Including watches, small earrings and navel rings) KSHAA RULE

Cheer Tryout Attire

- Solid white t-shirt with short sleeves (no writing or logos)
- Black athletic shorts or Black Nike Pros
- Athletic Shoes
- Hair must be worn in high pony neatly out of face. You may wear a bow.
- No jewelry will be allowed (including watches, small earrings and navel rings)

Selection Process

- Academics and Teacher Recommendations (25%)
- Tryout/Performance (75%)

Teams

There will be one DHS cheer squad for 2018-2019. We cheer at all Varsity home/away football games and all home/away Varsity girls' and boys' basketball games. We also attend 1-2 competitions throughout the year.

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS for members

Shoes	\$80.00
¼ Zip Fleece pullover	\$30.00
Warm-ups & Team Jacket	\$175.00
Head Warmer	\$10.00
Backpack	\$45.00
Black Crop	\$20.00
New Leggings	\$30.00
New DHS Uniform	\$50.00
Poms*	\$40.00
Bows* (new or replace)	\$50.00
Camp Clothes/Practice Clothes*	\$100.00
Camp Fee*	\$350.00
Choreography Fee* (due at choreography camp)	\$50.00

*Purchased each year

(Some of these items will be ordered the week after tryouts so that we have them in time for camp.)

Cheer Camp: June 25-28 at Emporia State University: \$350.00

The Cheer squad will attend NCA Camp at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. All members are required to attend.

- **Cheer parent meeting: April 3rd DHS Union 7:30pm-\$350.00 Camp payment due**
- **First practice, Monday, April 9th at 6:30pm**
- **ALL** Checks should be made payable to “DHS Cheer”

DE SOTO HIGH SCHOOL CHEER SQUAD AUDITION INFORMATION

DHS cheerleaders provide school spirit and leadership for many athletic and school events. We encourage good sportsmanship and attendance at school events.

Cheer Squad members are expected to participate in all assigned games and practices, wear proper uniforms, and conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on De Soto High School. A system of demerits will be used to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all members.

Team Obligations

1. Members must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and maintain this GPA throughout their membership.
2. Cheer is an 11-month team and is a substantial time commitment. Membership must be of the highest priority.
3. Members must attend practices and events. There may be as many as two to five events per week.
4. Members must abide by a strict code of conduct in and out of uniform.
5. Members will not be allowed to wear jewelry at any practices or performances.
6. Members must purchase required clothing. (See list in this packet.)
7. Members must help run a Junior Wildcat cheerleading clinic during the football season.
8. All members must attend the summer camp.
9. All members are required to abide by the DHS Cheer Constitution.
10. All members must be a positive role model and ambassador for DHS at all times, **in and out of uniform.**



Agreement of Expectations

I _____ have read the Cheer Squad tryout packet and understand the time, financial, individual and team expectations. I agree with the information presented and wish to be an Applicant for the 2018-2019 De Soto Cheer Squad. If selected, I will honor my obligations and represent De Soto High School as a member of the Wildcat Cheer Team.

Printed Name of Applicant _____

Signature of Spirit Squad Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Due: March 23rd by 3:00pm



2018-2019 DHS *Spirit Squad* Tryout Application

This application must be completed by the student and their parent/legal guardian. Please read all the information concerning DHS Cheer Squad. It is an 11-month long commitment and should be your primary commitment for the upcoming year. Your signatures will verify your understanding of the expectations outlined. **Application must be returned to the school office (DHS, LTMS, MCMS) by Friday March 23rd by 3:00 pm.** You are encouraged to return them early.

Name: _____ Current Grade (circle): 8 9 10 11 12

Current School: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list your current Core Classes and Teachers

Core Classes	Teacher

Make sure ALL your core teachers receive a recommendation sheet. Your teacher evaluation will be worth 25% of the selection process; therefore, it is important that ALL recommendation forms be completed. The teachers will return the forms to the school office. Please remind your teachers that these recommendations are due Friday March 23rd, 2018.

Signature & Acknowledgement: We understand the coaches will collect a confidential teacher evaluation from each core class teacher. We hereby give our consent and will support the fulfillment of these obligations.

Student

Parent/Guardian

Date

Teacher Evaluation
2018-19 DHS Cheer Squad



Student Applicant: _____

Teacher: _____

Student's Current Letter Grade: _____

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Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1-5 (5 being highest) for the following qualities:

Respect of authority	1	2	3	4	5
Respect of Peers	1	2	3	4	5
Attendance/Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
Effort/Quality of Work	1	2	3	4	5
Honesty and Integrity	1	2	3	4	5

Total: _____

Would you recommend this individual for membership? YES NO

Comments (optional):

Teacher Initials: _____

The above information will be used only for the purpose of selecting a well-rounded squad and captains/officers. Applicants will not be allowed to view teacher recommendations. The coach may contact you for further clarification if she has concerns about something noted on the evaluation.

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