



## General Policies and Expectations

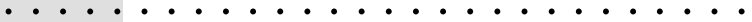
- All practices and games are required.
- Cheerleaders are responsible for letting the coach know ahead of time that a conflict will prevent them from attending a scheduled practice or game. With no notice, the cheerleader will be required to attend the next game and sit in the stands.
- Cheerleaders provide leadership and are role models for BRMS and our community. They are responsible for promoting school spirit, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship. Cheerleaders are to present a positive attitude at all times. If athletic events bore you, you should not be a cheerleader!
- A cheerleader that participates in inappropriate behavior (in/out of school) or presents a negative attitude during practice, games, or competitions may be benched for part/all of a game or pep rally, and may be removed from the squad.

## Selection of Cheerleaders

- Exact dates TBD; however, tryouts will last a total of 3 days after school in the gym from 4 – 5:30 pm
  - Each candidate will learn a cheer, chant, and dance
  - Each candidate will perform the following jumps:
    - Toe touch
    - Jump of choice
  - Each candidate will be asked to perform any tumbling skills they have already acquired
    - *Note: these skills should only be attempted if the candidate has experience w/out spot*
  - Candidates will be judged throughout the selection process. Three judges will be present for the final try-out on the third and final day. Decisions will be based upon the following:
    - Execution of Fundamentals – tumbling, jumps, dance, motions
    - Difficulty – tumbling, jumps, dance, motion
    - Overall Performance – showmanship, spirit, athleticism
    - Coach Evaluation – cooperation, attitude, attendance, dependability (behavior, grades, and discipline reports taken into account)
    - Teacher recommendations – cooperation, attitude, attendance, dependability
  - There will be 13-20 candidates selected.

## Athletic Eligibility

- All cheerleaders are athletes and must meet the eligibility requirements stated in the MCSD handbook.
- You may not participate if you have failed any classes during the first semester. If you are in danger of failing a class this semester you should not try-out.





## Attitude and Behavior

- Cheerleaders are responsible for their behavior both on and off the field/court.
- Cheerleaders will follow the rules as outlined in the BRMS Handbook.
- Cheerleaders must maintain good rapport with the BRMS staff and faculty, both on and off the school grounds.
  - The coach reserves the right to:
    - Suspend from participation
    - Release from squad
- A cheerleader is a role model for the student body and fans. A positive attitude and good sportsmanship toward squad members, teams, coaches, teachers, students, and officials is expected at all times.

## Responsibility and Commitment

- As noted previously, all performances and practices are required.
- At the conclusion of a practice or game cheerleaders should be picked up within 15 minutes.
- **Practice Schedule**
  - Parent meeting TBD
  - Practice will be every Monday through Friday from 4-6 pm during the month of August in order to prepare for football season.
  - Additional information TBA
- **Camp Schedule**
  - Camp: Saturday sessions will be mandatory to learn our halftime routine
  - Additional information TBA
- **Games**
  - Attendance at all games is required during football season.
    - August - October
    - Specific Schedule TBA
  - Attendance at all assigned home games is required during basketball season.
    - December - February
    - Specific schedule TBA
- We are also responsible for a variety of school spirit events that cheerleaders are expected to support. In the past we have participated/planned:
  - Back-to-School Dance
  - Homecoming Week
  - Pep Rallies
  - Open-house
  - Community events
- **Accountability**
  - All BRMS athletes will be required to obtain, complete, and turn-in WEEKLY progress monitoring sheets to the Coach. These sheets will be completed by each athletes' teachers to show grades and classroom behavior that the Coach may not be aware of. Failure to turn-in these sheets on time will result in consequences from the Coach.



## Estimated Donations

- Each cheerleader is responsible for raising the funds associated with being a member of the cheerleading squad. The amounts listed below are approximate and do not include tax. A detailed statement will follow for members.

Description of Item	Price
Uniform (skirt & top) Rental	\$50.00
Bloomers	\$20.00
White cheer shoes	\$50.00
Poms	\$40.00
Bow	\$15.00
Cheer bag	\$40.00
Practice t-shirt	\$15.00
Warm-up suit	\$60.00
Athletic Booster Club Dues	\$35.00
Camp Fees	\$30.00
<b>Approximate Total</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>

- All monies paid for cheerleading are nonrefundable. Any cheerleader removed from the squad during the season will not receive a refund. **Some items may not need purchasing if you have cheered before.**

## Required Paperwork (due by 4 pm the day BEFORE tryouts begin...NO EXCEPTIONS!)

- Tryout Packet Cover Sheet
- BRMS Application for Cheerleading Tryouts
- MCSD Athletics Assumption of Risk & Waiver of Liability
- GHSA Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form
- GHSA Concussion Awareness Form
- Pre-participation Physical Evaluation
- 2 Teacher recommendation forms