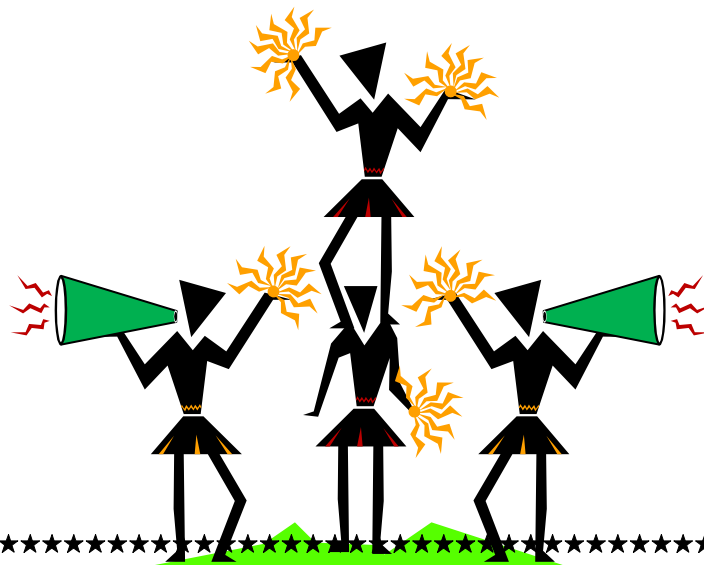




EAST COLUMBUS MAGNET ACADEMY

2022-2023

CHEERLEADING APPLICATION





May 6, 2022

Dear prospective Cheerleader and parents/guardians,

Your interest in the East Columbus Magnet Academy cheerleading program is greatly appreciated. It is our goal to find talented student-athletes who have a genuine love for cheerleading and strive for academic excellence.

Please read all information in this packet carefully and make sure that *ALL* paperwork is submitted on or before **Monday, May 16, 2022.**

If paperwork is not received on or before May 16, you will not be allowed to tryout. Please submit all paperwork to Coach T. Hunter in Room 401. The current cost for the 2022-2023 Knights Cheerleaders is an **estimated \$550.00, which includes camp fees**. All funds are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and items purchased are property of that cheerleader.

In order to try out for the 2022-2023 cheerleading season, you must be academically eligible, hold a good discipline record, no attendance issues and have no outstanding balances and/or school uniform/equipment from other extra-curricular activities. The following is required before your child will be permitted to participate in the tryout process:

General Eligibility:

- 2.5 GPA/Pass 5/6 classes for 2nd semester, good attendance/citizenship, maintain good physical fitness
- Cheer Application (all forms completed and returned)
- Sports Physical
- Insurance Waivers (current)
- Current Grade Report Sheet
- Letters of Recommendation
- Cheer Questionnaire/Interview

Voluntary conditioning will be held May 10-11, 2022, from 4:15-6:15pm. An interest meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the ECMA Learning Commons. You must have a physical on file or bring a physical to participate in the conditioning.

Official tryout clinic will be held May 16th-18th from 4:15 pm-6:30 pm. During the tryout clinic, 2 cheers, 1 dance, 1-2 chants will be taught. Participants will also be given the opportunity to work on basic jumps and motions.

TRYOUT CLINIC ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY. Failure to attend daily may result in forfeiting being able to tryout.

TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC!

Please consider that there is a great deal of commitment required once chosen as an East Columbus Magnet Academy cheerleader for both the student and parent. Once your child has been selected as an ECMA cheerleader, there will be a mandatory parent/cheerleader meeting to be announced at a later date. At the parent meeting, payments will be collected and you will receive the 2022-2023 East Columbus Magnet Academy Cheerleading Constitution & Demerit Information, fundraiser information, summer practice schedule & game calendar if available.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Please feel free to contact me at 706-565-3026 or hunter.traveika@muscogee.k12.ga.us with any questions and concerns. Thanks again for your interest!

Cheerfully,

Traveika Hunter
Head Cheerleader Coach

2022-2023
CHEERLEADING TRYOUT
SELECTION CRITERIA

CATEGORY

CRITERIA

- Cheer Motions
 - Jumps
 - Voice Projection
 - Group Cheer
 - Dance
 - Timing & Rhythm
 - Spirit
 - Tumbling
 - Personality Projection
 - Appearance
 - Overall Performance
- Sharp, strong, good placement
Height, form, sharpness, landing
Loud, clear, natural (no singing)
Timing (unity with group), formation
Agility, execution, timing
Routines balanced /flowing smoothly
Enthusiasm and crowd motivation
Attempt, Agility, execution, synchronization
Eye contact, smile, sincerity
Neatness, grooming
Physical stamina, overall technique

Please note that evaluations will take place each day during tryout clinic.

Be your best and do your best at all times!!

ACCEPTABLE TRYOUT ATTIRE

Top: solid white t-shirt with sports bra (no tank tops)
Shorts/leggings: Black
Socks: solid white ankle length
Shoes: solid white sneakers/tennis shoes

As a reminder, please to bring water and a towel to tryouts!!

2022-2023

East Columbus Magnet Academy Cheer Application

Please Print Clearly in ink

Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Home Address: _____ Date of birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Email Applicant: _____ Parent: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Current GPA: _____

Activities you are involved with in elementary or middle school: _____

Honors/Awards received in elementary or middle school: _____

Sizes: Cheer Shoe: _____ T-Shirt/Baby tee _____ Cheer Shorts: _____

Cheer Briefs: _____ Cheer Socks: _____

**Please note that most cheerleading attire has a tendency to run small.*

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Please review the following information to complete your application:

- **2 Recommendation Letters from CURRENT English, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies and 1 Recommendation from CURRENT Connections/Specials Teacher**
- **1 paragraph each (5-7 sentences, typed & double spaced, 12 font) stating "Why I want to become an ECMA Cheerleader" and "What it means to be a 'Leader'?" Email to hunter.traveika@muscogee.k12.ga.us or share with Traveika Hunter via Google Docs or Office 365.**

I understand that all forms attached must be turned in by Friday, May 13, 2022, and no later than tryout time on Monday, May 16, 2022, or the participant will not be allowed to tryout. I understand that the participant must attend the entire tryout session, or child will not be considered for a cheerleading position. I understand that the participant will be evaluated and agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I agree to abide by the rules/procedures set forth by the East Columbus Magnet Academy Cheerleading Program. If selected, I also understand that failure to comply may lead to temporary/permanent suspension from the squad. In addition, I understand that once the ordering process has begun all fees paid are **non-refundable** and **no items** will be ordered until payment is received.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

East Columbus Magnet Academy Cheerleading Skills Checklist

Place a check next to the skills you have mastered.

Tumbling

- ____ Standing back hand-spring
- ____ Standing back tuck
- ____ Standing back hand-spring back tuck
- ____ Toe touch back hand-spring
- ____ Round-off back hand-spring
- ____ Round-off back hand-spring back tuck
- ____ Round-off back hand-spring layout
- ____ Round-off back hand-spring full twist

Jumps

- ____ Toe touch
- ____ Herkie
- ____ Hurdler
- ____ Pike
- ____ Spread Eagle

Any tumbling skills you have that are not listed above: _____

Stunts

What is your primary stunting position? Base: _____ Flyer: _____ Spot: _____

What stunts are you most familiar with?

- ____ Straight up extension
- ____ Liberty
- ____ Arabesque
- ____ Heel Stretch
- ____ Bow & Arrow
- ____ Scale
- ____ Scorpion
- ____ Toe touch basket toss
- ____ Back tuck basket toss
- ____ Full cradles
- ____ Double full cradles

Any stunting skills you have that are not listed above: _____

Cheerleading Background/Experience/Achievements: _____

Cheerleading or Sports Related Injuries: _____



East Columbus Magnet Academy Parent Consent Form

As the parent/legal guardian of _____, I release any and all representatives, agents, servants, and employees of East Columbus Magnet Academy from liability for any injury to said minor, resulting from any cause whatsoever occurring to said minor at a time while attending the ECMA Knights Tryout Session and Cheer Season. This includes cheerleading camp on the ECMA campus, exempting only injury or damage resulting from willful acts of negligence from such representatives, agents, servants, and employees of East Columbus Magnet Academy. East Columbus Magnet Academy is also released of any expenses resulting from the injury.

To protect the safety of your child and other students, East Columbus Magnet Academy has a no-tolerance policy that could result in an immediate termination of the tryout session and cheer season if your child is found to be in violation of any or all of the rules governing the policy. The policy rules are as follows:

1. No blatant disrespect or defiance to administration, teachers, coaches, staff, and/or potential ECMA Cheerleaders.
2. No use of violence and/or possession of weapons.
3. No use of alcohol and/or drugs.
4. No use of profanity.
5. No bullying.
6. Appropriate use of social media.

Parents and/or guardians of students who violate the rules of this policy will be notified to pick up their child.

Please be sure to stress to your child the importance of obeying all rules governing this policy as all funds are **non-refundable**.

During tryouts and the cheer season, we will be taking pictures of the potential Knights Cheerleaders that may be used in a slideshow for promotional material as well as the East Columbus Magnet Academy Sports yearbook and on the website.

Participant Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____



East Columbus Magnet Academy Waiver of Medical Liability

1. I, _____ will participate in a walk on tryout with the cheerleading team sponsored by the East Columbus Magnet Academy Athletic Department. I presently have no injuries or illnesses that might prevent me from participating in the tryout.
2. In the event of an injury occurring during the tryout, I will not hold East Columbus Magnet Academy and/or Muscogee County Public Schools responsible in any way.
3. I have current medical insurance that will cover any costs incurred due to injury sustained during the tryout.

Please note: In the event of an injury that requires immediate medical attention, your child will be taken to the nearest medical facility:

**Piedmont Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Inc.
710 Center Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901
(706) 571-1000**

Participant Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____



**2022-2023
CHEERLEADING TRYOUT
CHECK LIST**

- Complete and return cheer application packet in a **3-pronged folder with a photo attached to the outside of the folder on or before Friday, May 13, to Coach Hunter:**
 - Application
 - Parent Consent Form
 - Medical Waiver
 - Physical
 - Grade Sheet or copy of most recent report card
 - 3 Recommendation Letters with required signatures (core classes only)
- Wear comfortable white t-shirt (no tanks tops), sports bra, black shorts or leggings, and tennis shoes. Also bring water to tryouts.
- No food, gum, or jewelry allowed during clinic or tryout.
- Hair should be safely secured in ponytail and off of face (no metal clips)
- Smile! Be enthusiastic and confident!!

HAPPY CHEERING!