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Purpose

The opportunity to represent the district and its communities as a member of a cheerleading squad is a privilege that must not be taken lightly or abused. All participants shall be bound by the following district guidelines specific to cheerleading squads.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, **varsity squad** shall mean a squad selected from the combined Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes.

Competition squad shall mean a squad focused on competitive cheerleading, chosen from among the members of the varsity squad.

Middle school squad shall mean a squad of no more than ten (10) individuals, selected from the combined 7th and 8th grade classes.[1]

Authority

The Board shall make school facilities, supplies and equipment available for cheerleading.

The Board shall maintain the program of cheerleading at to participating students, except that:

1. **The Board's responsibility for provision of supplies shall carry the same exemptions as listed in the Board's policy on regular school supplies.[3]**
2. **Students may assume all or part of the costs for travel and attendance at cheerleading events and trips.**

Where eligibility requirements are necessary or desirable, the Board shall be informed and must approve the establishment of eligibility standards before they are operable.

The Board directs that a student may not participate in cheerleading who has not:

1. **Attended school regularly.[4]**
2. **Been in attendance on the day of the event or practice for the hours required.**
3. **Adhered to applicable discipline standards.[2]**
4. Met the requirements for academic eligibility.

Off-Campus Activities

This policy shall also apply to student conduct that occurs off school property and would otherwise violate the Code of Student Conduct if any of the following circumstances exist:[2]

1. **The conduct occurs during the time the student is traveling to and from school or traveling to and from school-sponsored activities, whether or not via school district furnished transportation.**
2. **The student is a member of an extracurricular activity and has been notified that particular off-campus conduct could result in exclusion from such activities.**
3. **Student expression or conduct materially and substantially disrupts the operations of the school, or the administration reasonably anticipates that the expression or conduct is likely to materially and substantially disrupt the operations of the school.**
4. **The conduct has a direct nexus to attendance at school or a school-sponsored activity, for example, a transaction conducted outside of school pursuant to an agreement made in school, that would violate the Code of Student Conduct if conducted in school.**
5. **The conduct involves the theft or vandalism of school property.**
6. **There is otherwise a nexus between the proximity or timing of the conduct in relation to the student's attendance at school or school-sponsored activities.**

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations pertaining to cheerleading. All cheerleading shall adhere to Board policies and administrative regulations.

The varsity coach shall be recommended **on an annual basis** by the **building** principal, in consultation with the Athletic Director, **and shall be** subject to Board approval.

The varsity coach, **in collaboration** with the **building** principal and Athletic Director, **shall be responsible for the enforcement of applicable Board policy applicable to cheerleading.**

The varsity coach shall be responsible to select both the competition squad and middle school **squad** coaches, subject to Board approval. The three (3) coaches **shall** be considered members of the district cheerleading staff.

Guidelines

Each member of the cheerleading squad shall be responsible to comply with all written cheerleader guidelines, revised and issued annually by the varsity coach and approved by the **building** principal, in consultation with the Athletic Director.

The district cheerleading staff will work together to select the best candidates for cheerleader at all levels.

Varsity Squad

The Varsity squad **shall** be responsible to cheer at home and away varsity football games, home varsity basketball games, pep rallies and any other events agreed upon by the **building principal**, Athletic Director and cheerleading staff.

Competition Squad

The competition squad **shall be presented with** the opportunity to participate in interscholastic, regional, state or national competitions, as selected by the

coaching staff and approved by the administration.

Transportation

Due to liability **purposes**, students **shall be required to** use direct transportation to and from all games and events. **Exceptions** may be **provided in accordance with the** approval **of** a coach or advisor.

Violations shall result in disciplinary action(s), in accordance with applicable Board policy.

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