



FLOYD MIDDLE
MAGNET SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING
TRYOUT
CONSTITUTION
2022-2023



Dear Cheerleading Candidates, and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in trying out for the 2022- 2023 Floyd Middle Magnet School Cheer Squad. We at Floyd Middle Magnet School believe that cheerleading is an exciting and rewarding sport that teaches teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, leadership, school spirit, and hard work. Being chosen to represent Floyd Middle Magnet School as a cheerleader is both an honor and a privilege. As a FMMS cheerleader, you will be in the forefront as a representative of our school and will be expected to adhere to a strict code of conduct with honor at all times, both on and off campus.

While deciding whether or not to be part of our program, please remember and consider the time commitment this sport will require from both student and parent. Your commitment will involve active participation in afterschool practices (3 times weekly maximum), pep rallies, summer practices and camp, fund raising, team bonding, community service activities, weekly games (football- once weekly and basketball- maximum two times weekly), and potentially competitions.

It is also required that each student have an updated AHSAA (Alabama High School Athletic Association) sports physical signed by a physician, before participation in tryouts or practice will be permitted. Sports physicals expire one year from the date signed by the physician. Important forms on Dragon Fly will also need to be filled out and update as requested by Coach.

Please be aware that I have tried to include all information and requirements for trying out for Floyd Middle Magnet Cheerleading in this packet. However, as the cheer coach, I reserve the right to make exceptions (only in extreme or unforeseen circumstances) if those exceptions are in the best interest of the cheer candidates and the future squad.

I look forward to an exciting try-out clinic and wish everyone the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Torquoria S. Abner

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Cheerleading Tryout Checklist:

- _____ Cheerleading Application - The application **MUST** be filled out by the potential cheerleader!
- _____ Cheerleader/Parental Agreement *Initialed and Signed
- _____ \$30 Fee *Paid to FMMS My School Bucks



Important Dates

Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2022

* All cheer candidates and parents are strongly encouraged to attend

*Virtual Meeting 6:00 PM

MANDATORY- Parent/Cheerleader Meeting and First Payment

(\$300) due via My School Bucks

Date: March 7, 2022, 5:30pm

Location: FMMS Lunchroom

*This meeting is mandatory for all cheerleaders and parents both returning and new. The penalty for not being in attendance for either the meeting or fittings will (at a minimum) not cheering for the first football game. Let me know ASAP if you have a conflict with these dates! *

Deadline for Tryout Packet

Friday, February 25, 2022 by 3:45PM

* Paperwork must be turned into FMMS Front Office in a letter size manila envelope with candidate first and last name clearly marked with a black marker:
Attention: Coach Abner

Return Packet to FMMS

Front Office by 2/25/22 @ 3:45 PM

Cheerleading Tryouts

March 4, 2022 @ 4:00pm

Location: FMMS GYM

Mandatory Tryout Clinic

February 28-March 3, 2022

4:00pm - 6:00pm

MANDATORY - Uniform Fitting

March 31, 2022 @ 4:30pm

Location: FMMS Lunchroom

UCA Summer Overnight Camp

(Mandatory)

Date: June 6-9, 2022

Location: Auburn University

Parents are not permitted to attend until the showcase on the last day of camp.



Tryout Requirements and Guidelines

- Incoming 7th Graders must have a 2.5 GPA or higher in the 1st semester of their core classes.
- Incoming 8th Graders must have a 2.75 GPA or higher in the 1st semester of their core classes.
- Provide a printout of your child's report card to submit with your tryout registration packet.
- Required Paperwork- See checklist
- \$30.00 Clinic Fee (Judges fees and miscellaneous tryout expenses)
- Satisfactory Discipline Record (as determined by the coach)
- Each candidate will be judged on:
 - **Cheerleading Skills-** Chant; Cheer; Dance (the first three will be taught at clinic) Due to the short time frame, potential cheerleaders will need to have the ability to learn new material quickly and well; Jumps; Tumbling (Tumbling skills used for tryouts will be expected to be **maintained** and improved upon throughout the season);
 - Candidate for competition squad will be judged on flags, signs, and pom usage.
 - Character/Academics- Attitude and work ethic during clinic;
 - At the end of the clinic on the first day, February 28, parents are invited to come into the gym and video the tryout material. **We will not provide a DVD.**
 - **Clinic Wear:** White t-shirt, black shorts (such as Soffee), and cheer shoes. Absolutely no jewelry of any kind will be worn. Hair should be pulled back into a ponytail with a white bow.
 - **Tryout Wear:** Plain white t-shirt, plain black gym shorts, white or black no show socks, and cheer shoes. Absolutely no jewelry of any kind will be worn. Minimal makeup or "school makeup" is acceptable- no competition style makeup should be worn. Hair should be pulled back neatly into a ponytail with a white ribbon. Shorts should not be rolled at the waist and a ponytail holder should not be used to tighten the tryout shirt. In addition, nothing should be added to the shirt or shorts. **If girls are not dressed in proper attire they will not be permitted to tryout.**
 - Judges for cheerleading tryouts will be neutral adults that are comprised of people from the following groups: cheerleading coaches, and dance coaches.
 - **The decisions of the judges will be considered final.**
 - No grandfathering clause is in effect. A position on the squad for the current year does not guarantee a position on the squad for the next year.
 - Parents assume the responsibility for the applicant's health, medical, and accidental insurance for both tryouts and for the cheer season.



Cheer Expectations

Before tryouts, it is imperative that everyone is well aware of what is expected and the standards to which our cheerleaders will be held. The three most important requirements that both the candidate and her parents need to take into consideration for the duration of the 2022-2023 year are good character, financial requirements, and our school's cheerleading constitution. If for some reason, you feel that your child cannot meet these expectations, you may need to reconsider trying out.

Displaying Exemplary Character

It is the belief of both the coaches and administrators that being a cheerleader is not only an honor; it is a privilege as well. Therefore, should you be chosen to represent Floyd Middle Magnet School, it is essential that you follow all school rules and regulations. Disrespect for authority, school personnel, school policy, fellow students, etc. will not be tolerated and may result in temporary or permanent dismissal from the squad.

Financial Obligations

Upon becoming a cheerleader, there are some immediate financial obligations. The first payment of \$300 will be due before or no later than March 7, via MySchoolBucks. **No Exceptions.** If not paid then cheer candidate will forfeit their spot. **After the first payment, then, parents will pay for cheerleading items through the Varsity Portal and My School Bucks, never to the Coach. Cheerleaders will not receive clothing, equipment or attend camp until it has been paid for in full by the parent.** Parents are responsible for their daughter's cheer bill even if she quits or is removed from the squad. The cheer bill does not include the monthly Bama Blaze fees or choreographer fees. **Monthly fees will be paid directly to Bama Blaze or to the individual choreographer.** Please see the attached sample for an estimate of the required expenses for cheerleading. **A down payment of \$300 must be paid before or by March 7th. Itemized bills will be sent thereafter as items are purchased/due for the season. No items will be given to the cheerleader until the item is paid for. The parent can anticipate an estimated payment plan provided by the varsity rep for the cheerleader's apparel.**

The cheer bill must be paid in full before the first football game, the cheerleader will not be permitted to cheer until the bill is brought to term.



Floyd Middle Magnet School Cheerleader Constitution

If selected for the FMMS Cheer Squad, it is the responsibility of the cheerleader and parents to read and abide by the Floyd Middle Magnet School Cheerleader Constitution. The constitution and rules will be discussed with both parents and cheerleaders at our first meeting (March 7, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.). The FMMS Cheerleader Constitution discusses our objectives, our philosophy and purpose, and specifically states what is expected of every cheerleader on the squad. To avoid future conflicts, it is YOUR responsibility to become well acquainted with the contents of this document.



Squad Size & Captains

The 2022-2023 squad size will consist of 12-20 cheerleaders for Game Day Cheerleaders. Competition Squad will tryout during Game Days and be candidates for Comp Squad will be selected by July 1. Candidate have the option of trying out for Game Day Cheerleader or both Game Day and Competition Squad. Competition Squad is based on AHSAA Large or Small School Division Squad size.

Captain and Co-Captains will be selected by the Coach. The cheerleader has to have one-year experience on FMMS squad to be considered. The coach will use cheerleader tryout score, peer interaction, leadership, dependability and general knowledge of cheerleading, to make the decision.



Additional Expectations Fundraising

The FMMS Cheer Squad will participate in several fundraising events throughout the 2022-2023 cheer season. Some of these events will be **MANDATORY (all general account fundraisers are mandatory)** and will require the participation of each cheerleader. If for some reason, approved in advance by the coach, a cheerleader is not able to participate in a mandatory fundraiser, she will be responsible for paying a \$150 "opt out" fee to the general cheerleading account.

The cheer coach reserves the right to allow the fundraiser absence to be made up through participation in another activity. The monies collected from these events will pay for team necessities, such as new uniforms, pep rallies, end of year awards, end of year banquet venue, competition registration fees, choreographer for competition, Breast Cancer Awareness apparel, some game day meals, competition signs and apparel, etc. If a cheerleader signs up for a shift to participate in a fundraising event and does not show she will pay a \$150 opt out and receive demerits for lack of dependability. Parents are expected to sign up and participate.

Committees will be form and parents are asked to join at least one committee to assist with game day meals and snacks, ordering of parent t-shirts, Christmas Party, Senior and Honors Night committee.

Parental involvement in scheduling and organizing fundraising activities is strongly encouraged and will be greatly appreciated.



Practices

A summer schedule will be issued to the new squad during the first meeting. Scheduled summer practices and summer camp are a **requirement and mandatory** for all girls on the team. Girls will be given a BAND Communication App to facilitate group communication between Captain, Co-Captains and squad, to learn cheers and chants, and the cheerleader is responsible to know the majority of cheers.

Additionally, once school begins, we will have regular practices most days after school. Generally speaking, Mondays and Wednesdays. Please remember that Floyd cheerleading comes first, always before city sports, all-star cheer involvement, dance practices, lessons and/or appointments. If a girl misses a practice and is unprepared for a game or performance she will sit out the next game. If a girl does not know the routine she will sit out the performance.



Cheer Attire

Girls are to look uniform and as a team. Girls should strictly follow dress code for all events. If a cheerleader is not in the proper attire, the cheerleader is subjected to benching for that event. Event attire assignments is not a choice it is mandatory. For pep rallies and spirit week girls will be asked to purchase extra items and to dress a specific way. Participating in school events such as spirit week is mandatory.



Coach Expectation & Contact

Not only do the cheerleaders have an expectation but the coach does as well. It is the coach's responsibility to facilitate practices, complete proper paperwork for events, and strategize with Administration to coordinate school events, keep proper records, budget cheer account, cheerleader bills, order items, mentor cheerleaders and collaborate with cheerleaders. Any issues or concerns regarding cheerleading can be discussed with the coach through email or a scheduled conference. It is important to acknowledge that before and after practices time is spent supervising the team and this is not the appropriate time for conferences, unless scheduled. The coach will have office hours in which parents can expect responses or contact the coach. Office hours will be Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. Any questions, emails, or phone calls we be returned or addressed during this time. Any further pertinent information, time of games, changes in places/time, and/or sensitive information will be given out through GroupMe on a daily basis. All parents must join.



Floyd Middle Magnet 2022 Cheer Items

Customer #34944564

Order 1		Order #54404585	DUE 4/20
Camp Wear	\$216.48		
Gameday Uniform (Black)	\$155.00		
	\$371.48	(\$418.62 w/tax and \$10 shipping)	

Order 2		Order #12830318	DUE 5/15
Glitter Bag w/monogram	\$87.55		
Shoes	\$94.95		
2 Bows, Socks	\$63.85		
Boy Cut Brief	\$14.95		
	\$261.30	(\$247.93 w/tax and \$10 Shipping)	

Order 3		Order #54404588	DUE 7/15
Gameday Uniform (Gold)	\$175.00		
Gameday Jersey	\$80.70		
Boy Cut Brief	\$14.95		
	\$270.65	(\$297.72 w/tax and no Shipping)	

Order 4		Order #54404587	Due 9/1
Warmup Package w/Lettering	\$212.00		
Black Midriff	\$21.95		
	\$233.95	(\$262.35 w/ tax and \$5 Shipping)	

GAME DAY UNIFORMS / CAMP WEAR

GAMEDAY GEAR

FLOYD MIDDLE MAGENT SCHOOL 2022 CHEER

2022 WARMUP

2022 CAMPWEAR

COMPETITION UNIFORM BELOW

Uniform	\$121.00
Bodyliner	\$78.95
Brief	\$23.95
Bow	\$14.95
Total	\$238.85



ANTICIPATED EVENTS

PRACTICES:

TBA

FUNDRAISERS:

TBA

UCA CHEER CAMP:

June 6-9, 2022

Location: Auburn, AL

Uniform Fitting

March 31, 2022

FMMS Lunchroom @ 4:30 PM

Events:

Tryouts – MARCH

Open House - AUGUST

Home Football Games – FALL

Homecoming Parade – FALL

Home Basketball Games – WINTER

Christmas Party – DECEMBER

Athletic Banquet - JANUARY

8th GRADE NIGHT – JANUARY



Demerits

It is the cheerleader's responsibility to notify the coach if there is a conflict with the practice schedule and another school activity (i.e. chorus concert).

*Unexcused absence is defined as an absence where no notification is given, or proper prior notification is not given or an absence due to choosing another activity over cheerleading responsibilities.

*In lieu of or in addition to the demerits listed below, conditioning (such as running, push-ups, squats, etc.) may be assigned.

Infraction/Category	Number of Demerits
Practice and Participation	
Missing a Practice without notification	1
Missing a game without notification	2
Misconduct at cheer activity (Complaining, lack of pep, tardiness, excessive talking, lack of dependability)	1
Habitual absences from practice (Excused or unexcused)	2
Conduct and Appearance	
Out of uniform for practice or game	1 (practice) / 2 (game)
Untidy appearance (ex-nails untrimmed or painted, untidy shoes, jewelry)	1
Being uncooperative (arguing with squad member, disrespect to coach or adult, bullying team mates, etc.)	1
Lack of honesty	1
Poor sportsmanship	1
Social Media issues that are unbecoming (Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc).	3
Out of uniform at school	1
Behavior, academics, and class attendance	
Using profanity	1
Teacher complaint about work ethic or behavior in classroom (based on severity). Conditioning may be assigned.	1
GPA below 2.5 on Report Card	5 -Cheerleader will not participate until GPA is a 2.0
Public display of affection in or out of uniform	3
Office referral	2
Continual disrespect to coach/or another adult (Ex.- talking back, rolling eyes, lack of honesty)	3
Being assigned STP/OSS	5-Removal
*All infractions and resulting consequences will be reviewed, decided upon, and assigned by the coach. There may be other issues, not listed here, that arise throughout the season. Demerits will be assigned for those issues at the discretion of the coach.	



Demerit System:

- 5 demerits: Loss of a cheer event, such as a game
- 10 demerits: Suspension from squad for 2 weeks
- 15 demerits: Removal

In addition, if the suspension results in the cheerleader not being prepared for a performance or a game, the cheerleader will sit out for that as well.

Cheerleader's Signature _____

Date

Parent's Signature _____

Date



Oh No! I Earned a Demerit!

Name: _____

Date of Demerit _____

Why? _____

I currently have _____ demerits
for these 9 weeks.

Parent Signature: _____

Oh No! I Earned a Demerit!

Name: _____

Date of Demerit _____

Why? _____

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for these 9 weeks.

Parent Signature: _____

Oh No! I Earned a Demerit!

Name: _____

Date of Demerit _____

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Parent Signature: _____

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Name: _____

Date of Demerit _____

Why? _____

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for these 9 weeks.

Parent Signature: _____



Cheerleader Application

2022-2023

Parents, please have your student fill out Questions 1-3!!

Name: _____
 Grade (next year): _____ Age: _____
 Home Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Parent Cell Phone: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Parent E-Mail address: _____
 Cheerleader Cell Phone Number: _____

1.) What qualities do you possess that make you a good choice to represent FMMS as a cheerleader?

2.) List your past years' experience in cheerleading, gymnastics, and dance. If you have cheered before, what positions in stunting have you held?

3.) Do you have any tumbling experience? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please list the skills you can perform without a spot (i.e. round off, backhand spring, tuck, etc.)

CHEER CHOICE FORM

CHECK ONE

GAME DAY CHEER SQUAD

GAME DAY & COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD

*Note: Game Day Squad will be announced on March 5, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. on the Floyd Coaches Facebook Page and the Cheer IG Page.

Follow the Cheer IG Page  @fmms.cheerleaders and also

on  Floyd Coaches on Facebook to see the announcement on 3/5/2022.

Competition Cheer Squad will be announced June 13, 2022.



Cheerleader/Parental Contract

Parent/Guardian:

As a parent/guardian, I give my child permission to try out for cheerleading. By initialing by each statement below, I am verifying that I understand and agree to abide by each:

_____ All forms must be turned in by 3:45 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2022 or my child will not be eligible to tryout.

_____ I understand the importance of the first parent/cheerleader meeting (date to be announced) and will make plans to attend.

_____ If my child makes the squad, I understand that she must attend uniform fittings (date to be announced).

_____ I agree to pay the costs described, minus any profits my child raises during fundraising activities, by the deadlines outlined in the information packet.

_____ If my child is chosen, I understand that she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coach and the principal and be present for all practices and games. ***I agree not to question the coach's decision regarding the enforcement of said rules and regulations once the cheer season begins.***

_____ I agree to serve as a **positive participant** in the FMMS cheer family and to convey my support of the coach and the cheer program to my daughter.

_____ I Understand that my child is to dress according to calendar and I will ensure that this is done.

_____ I understand my child will have to purchase items, so everyone will look uniform and as a team.

_____ If my child does not know the material or routine I understand that she will be subject to benching.

_____ There are inherent risks involved in the sport of cheerleading. I agree not to hold Floyd Middle Magnet School or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

_____ I understand that my child needs to look neat and appropriate for games and events.

_____ **I understand that cheerleading tryouts are a process and that qualified judges will evaluate my daughter. I agree to abide by the decision of the judges and understand that their decision is final.**

My signature below verifies that I have read the entire information packet and understand the selection requirements as well as what is involved in cheerleading for Floyd Middle Magnet School.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date



Student:

I am trying out for cheerleading. By initialing by each statement and signing contract below, I am verifying that I understand and agree to abide by each:

_____ I agree to follow all guidelines stated in this packet. I understand what is required for tryouts for FMMS cheer.

_____ If I do not follow the rules and guidelines set by the school and the coach, I understand that consequences will result, and I may be removed from the squad.

_____ I know that I am expected to maintain my grades during the entire season.

_____ I know that I am expected to do my fair share in fundraising in order to help my parents and team with the expense of cheerleading.

_____ I know that if I am selected as a cheerleader, I will not only be representing my team, and myself, I will be representing Floyd Middle Magnet School. I know my actions and conduct will be viewed by all who see me in my Floyd Middle Magnet School cheerleading uniform.

_____ I agree to serve as a positive participant in the FMMS cheer family. I understand that negativity among my cheer sisters and/ or others only contributes to the division of our squad. I will handle my questions or complaints maturely and will approach the coach or a captain at an appropriate time to discuss cheer issues.

My signature below verifies that I have read the entire information packet and understand how I will be selected, as well as what is involved in cheerleading for Floyd Middle Magnet School.

Student Signature

Date



TRYOUT REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

I _____ (Parent Name) and _____ (Cheerleader Name) have read all the information in this packet and understand the expectation if selected for the 2022-2023 cheer team. I have done the following things (Initial next to each item):

- ❖ _____ Cheerleading Application - The application MUST be filled out by the potential cheerleader! Should be turned in with Fee.
- ❖ _____ Cheerleader /Parental Agreement *Initialed and signed. Turned in with fee.
- ❖ _____ \$30 Clinic Fee should be paid through MPS MySchoolBucks when all paperwork is turned in. Please sign up at <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> if you're not already.
- ❖ _____ Demerit sheet read and signed.

I understand the responsibilities and expectations of joining the 2022-2023 Cheerleading team.

Items to be turned in all at once to coach when registering for tryouts:

- _____ \$30 Fee
- _____ Demerit Sheet (Page 12)
- _____ Cheerleading Application (Page 15)
- _____ Cheer Choice Form (Page 16)
- _____ Cheerleading/Parental Agreement (Pages 17 & 18)
- _____ A print out of student's grades 1st, 2nd and Semester Grade. (The report card from PowerSchool portal is sufficient)
- _____ Tryout Registration Checklist (Page 19)
- _____ Cheerleader Constitution Contract (Page 20)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Cheerleader Signature _____ Date _____

FLOYD MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURES

Cheerleader Constitution Contract

To the Cheerleader:

I, _____ have read the Floyd Middle Magnet School Constitution and Procedures and hereby agree to follow all rules and guidelines set forth in this document. I understand that if I do not follow these rules and guidelines in the constitution that it may result in ground for removal from the cheerleading squad.

Cheerleader Signature

Date

To the Parent/Guardian:

I, _____ have read the Floyd Middle Magnet School Constitution and Procedures and hereby agree that I understand the rules and guidelines that my daughter is to follow as a Floyd Middle Magnet Cheerleader. I understand that if my daughter does not follow these rules and guidelines in this constitution that it may result in grounds for removal from the cheerleading squad.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date