

CHEERLEADER REGULATIONS

The Athens Board of Education believes the purposes of cheerleading are to promote school spirit and to provide an opportunity for students to participate in a leadership development activity. The Board approves and supports activities designed to accomplish these purposes.

In an effort to protect students who may participate as cheerleaders and to protect the interest of Board employees and the Board, the following procedures are adopted as Board policy.

1. Each cheerleading squad is to be placed under the direction of a certified Board employee. This employee will serve as the coach or sponsor of each squad.
2. Each cheerleader sponsor or coach must be in attendance and actively direct all cheerleading squad functions, practices, and performances.
3. Prior to participating in any cheerleading activity, including try-outs, each student must present evidence from a medical doctor that the student is in appropriate physical condition to participate in cheerleading activities.
4. All students participating in cheerleading squad activities must be insured by a medical insurance policy.

SOURCE: Athens City Board of Education, Athens, AL

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LEGAL REF.: Ala. Code § 16-11-9 (1975); The Alabama High School Athletic Association Guidelines, The National Federation of State High School Association Guidelines.