

# **24-25 Carver Cheer Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade for 24-25:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Current HR:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Requirements:**

- **Current Physical**
- **WCSD Release or Insurance Form**
- **Concussion Awareness Form**
- **Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form**
- **Student Emergency Information Form**
- **2 Teacher Recommendations**
- **Passing 4 out of 5 classes**

**All forms are required to participate in the cheer clinic and tryouts!**

**Informational Meeting: March 27, 2024, in the cafeteria at Carver at 5:30 pm.**

**Tryouts**

**Clinic April 15-17**

**Tryout Day April 18th**

**Rising 7th and 8th Graders 2:45-4:30**

**Rising 6th Graders 3:45-5:30**

**Tryouts**

Cheerleaders are chosen based on three criteria:

Teacher Evaluations & Grades (conduct, attendance, participation)

Coach Evaluation (meeting deadlines, attendance, behavior)

Ability (jumps, motions, dance, spirit, tumbling, professional appearance)

Candidates will not be able to participate in tryouts unless registration is complete and all forms are turned in to the coach by the deadline of April 12, 2024.

**Cheer Contract**

Values of Cheerleaders

Portray yourself as a LEADER for my peers at all times making academics your top priority.

Stay free from the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, or any other drugs.

Be accountable for your actions at all times on and off campus.

Be present and on time for ALL practices and games unless you have a valid excuse approved in advance by a CMS Cheerleading Coach.

Represent your school in a positive manner on and off Campus by your behavior, social media posts, and text messages.

\* There will be a penalty, at Coaches' discretion, for violating any of the above values.

I understand and agree to the cheer contract: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheerleader Candidate's Signature

**Attendance**

Cheerleaders are expected to make their CMS squad the priority over any other squad they may be part of. Attendance at CMS practices and games is required. Very few exceptions will be made to this requirement.

**Grades**

Academics should be a top priority for every CMS Cheerleader. They are students first and athletes second. The Walton County BOE policy for middle school athletes is the student must pass at least 4 subjects in the preceding grading period. The connections classes taken in the same quarter are

averaged to count as one subject for eligibility purposes. Students must be passing 4 subjects to play. Understanding that they are being evaluated on 5 grades since Connections classes are averaged together for one grade.

Coaches are allowed to have their own guidelines on grades. CMS Cheerleading requirements are below:

CMS Cheerleaders' grades will be evaluated at progress report time, and at the end of the quarter.

**Failing 1 Class:**

They are still able to participate in cheerleading, but they will be on academic probation.

This means that the coaches will be monitoring their grades closely and communicating with their teachers to see if that girl is doing everything she can to bring her grades up.

**Failing 2 or More Classes:**

Cheerleaders will be on academic suspension.

They will be required to schedule after school tutoring for the classes they are failing. These tutoring sessions will be in lieu of practices.

Since they will be missing practices they will not be allowed to perform at the games or pep rallies.

They must still attend all events, but they will sit with the CMS Cheer Coach.

They will not use it as a time to socialize.

\*Students who are on probation or suspension twice during a season may lose their spot on the CMS Cheer Squad.

**Uniforms/Appearance/Behavior**

Each cheerleader will be responsible for keeping up with and taking care of the uniforms and equipment used during the season.

Hair must be kept out of face at all times and hair bow needs to be worn unless otherwise told by your coach.

NO JEWELRY may be worn.

Make-up is to be worn at a minimum.

Your items need to be carried at games in your CMS cheer backpack.

No eating, drinking, or chewing gum during practice or games.

No grooming while on the field or the court.

Stand at attention during games.

No talking to anyone in the stands or each other during games.

Return from half-time and breaks at the time designated by the CMS Cheer Coach.

\* There will be a penalty, at Coaches' discretion, for breaking any of the above rules.

### **Games**

Behavior at games must be respectful to all other teams, audience members, the coach and other girls on the squad.

At certain schools, we follow the requirements set by the school for an away game that are not up for discretion. Girls need to abide by rules if this situation arises.

### **Transportation**

Parents are responsible for transportation home from school after practices and events. Cheerleaders MUST be picked up within 15 minutes of practice/game end time. \*Cheerleaders who are repeatedly picked up late from practices and or games will receive a penalty at the coach's discretion.

All cheerleaders must ride the bus to away games. Exceptions will be made upon coach's discretion. Cheerleaders may ride home with parents or other designated driver with prior written approval.

The coaches or a designated school employee will be responsible for the cheerleaders if the coach is unable to attend the game/event.

### **Physical Risk:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand by the very nature of the sport, cheerleading and gymnastics carry a risk of physical injury. Should emergency medical treatment be necessary during this course of activity, I hereby authorize the responsible adult in charge to seek and approve medical attention needed. I will not hold Walton County Board of Education, CMS, or any of its personnel responsible in case of accident or injury. \*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Responsibility:**

\_\_\_\_\_As the PARENT, I have read and understand the cheerleading contract and understand the estimated cost of \$750 for the 2024-2025 school year. A payment schedule will be provided. Any cheerleaders that are not current on fees will not participate.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Permission:**

My child has permission to be a cheerleader at CMS. I understand that she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coaches and the principal of CMS and be present for all practices and games. I have read the Cheerleading Contract and understand the requirements. I understand that an updated physical and concussion form must be completed and returned to Coach Almand by April 12, 2024 or my daughter will not be allowed to tryout. I understand that final squad decisions will be made by the judges AND the coach and that decisions are final.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed cheer packets can be returned to Carver Middle School or emailed *in its entirety* to [Whitney.Almand@walton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Whitney.Almand@walton.k12.ga.us)**