



2021-2022 McLean Cheer Grade Information Packet



Hello Parents and Guardians! Thank you for showing interest in the cheer program at McLean Middle School. We anticipate a fantastic year! McLean cheerleading will consist of separate teams for 7th and 8th graders. Each team will have approximately 20 - 25 cheerleaders. Our cheer squads will focus on building school spirit through participating in pep rallies, athletic events, and community activities. McLean cheerleading is primarily a fall commitment. Cheerleaders will be tired from balancing late night games, afternoon practices, school work, and outside commitments. This is also a very large commitment for parents; please review all information in the packet to make sure you know what to expect!

To get Reminds about due dates, clinical and tryout information text @cheermms21 to 81010.
or use the Remind App

Mandatory Responsibilities:

First Practice Intro Meeting - Cheerleaders only

Tuesday, June 8th 7:30-8:45 AM (I will walk the 6th graders back to the 6th grade center)

We will go over practice expectations

Learn how to access calendar, Remind, and cheer videos

Mandatory New Team Meeting

Thursday, June 10th 6:00 – 7:00 PM

If your daughter makes the team, a parent must be in attendance

1st payment and athletic contract due

Further discussion of responsibilities, fundraising, and expectations

Uniform Fittings – Upstairs girl’s locker room

Varsity rep - Lana Hutson

Date TBD

7:45 - 9 AM

Parents can attend if they would like, but do not need to

6th grade cheerleaders are responsible for walking to McLean after school

Physicals Due: June 1st

All cheerleaders will be required to have an updated physical by June 1st.

On May 26th McLean will hold a physical clinic during school

Cheer Camp (Mandatory)

Cheer camp will take place at The Cheer Connection
August 2nd -5th from 2:30 - 7:30 PM
Will learn all cheers, chants and dances for the year
Team building
Captain Tryouts- essay required

Cheer Practices- Fall 2021

7th and 8th grade - Mondays and Thursdays - 4:45 to 6:15 PM
Location TBD

Football Games – We will cheer at all home football games that take place at Paschal HS

(August – October) Typically on Tuesday evenings
7th grade: 5:30 – 7:15 PM (meet at Paschal field)
8th grade: 6:45-8:45 PM (meet at Paschal field)
Cheerleaders will cheer for their own grade.

Other Athletic Games – To Be Announced

We may cheer for a select amount of championship games depending on time and location
Our goal is to support McLean athletics whenever we can

Other Responsibilities:

- Maintain Passing grades/conduct - No Pass No Play rules apply
- Pep Rallies
- Championships – football, volleyball, basketball championship games
- Various McLean School Events - ex. Greeting 1st day of school
- Voluntary - Help with Teacher move-in, possible dates Aug. 9-13

Participation in other McLean Activities/Athletics: Cheerleaders may participate in other McLean activities. It is their responsibility to communicate effectively with coaches or club sponsors, maintain grades, conduct and all cheerleading responsibilities if they decide to participate in other activities. We need all members of the team to make a 100% commitment to cheer. Cheerleaders will be expected to be at each practice since there are only twice a week. We will work with other McLean commitments as needed but there will need to be good communication from the cheerleader to help coordinate. *Remember you will need to watch the cheer videos and practice on your own time at least twice a week. Tutoring and routine doctor's visits may not take place during practice time. If your cheerleader is absent it Must be communicated with the coaches, via Remind or email both coaches. Please talk with your child about their interests and commitments.

All dates, times, and events are subject to change due to FWISD COVID 19 Protocol.

McLean Clinic and Tryout Information

Parent Meeting Tuesday May 18th 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the McLean Library

Tryout Clinic: Tuesday- Friday June 1st-4th 7:30 - 8:30 AM in the Gym

Tryouts: Saturday, June 5th 8:00 - 11:30 AM

Clinic Fee, Agreement Form, and Physical Form Due: Tuesday, June 1st

All forms will be given at the parent meeting. McLean Physical Day is Wednesday, May 26th.

Tryout Clinic

Students will not be allowed to participate if they have not turned in their Agreement Form, Physical Form, and tryout payment (\$10.00) by June 1st. Forms and payment will be collected during the first 10 minutes of the clinic.

Throughout the clinic, candidates will learn and practice proper motion technique, jump technique, cheer, a chant and spiring. Cheerleaders will also be conditioning at the beginning of the clinic each day. All clinic practices will be closed to anyone other than coaches, administrators, and cheerleader candidates. It is encouraged that all candidates attend all clinic dates.

Tryout Attire:

Athletic shoes (cheer shoes are allowed, but not required)
Plain white t-shirt (no tanks)
Black athletic shorts
White Ankle socks
Pony Tail (no bows allowed)
ABSOLUTELY no jewelry

Tryout Clinic Attire:

Athletic shoes
Any t-shirt (no tanks)
Any color athletic shorts
Pony tail (no bows allowed)
ABSOLUTELY no jewelry

Tryouts

Tryouts on June 5th will begin at 8 AM and may continue into the afternoon depending on the number of candidates trying out. If a candidate is late, she will not be allowed to try out. Candidates will be given a random number on Friday, June 4th, to determine the order of their try out. The try out numbers of the girls selected for the team will be posted on the cheer portion of the <https://www.fwisd.org/domain/2013> website by 5:00 pm. The top 20- 25 scores will be selected for each grade level. In the event of a tie, both candidates will be selected.

Candidates and parents will not be allowed to watch each other's performances. Parents will not be allowed into the building while tryouts are being conducted. Tryout material will include a chant, a cheer, jumps, an optional tumbling pass, and spiring.

Candidates will be asked to leave as soon as their tryout is finished.

Judges: Our clinic fees will pay for certified judges. **Coaches will have no part in the selection process.**

McLean Cheerleader Tryout Score Sheet

Tumbling

Cartwheel	(0-1)	_____
Roundoff	(2-3)	_____
Front/Back Walkover +	(4-5)	_____

Jumps

Technique and Flexibility	(0-10)	_____
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Cheer

Voice Projection, spirit, expression	(0-10)	_____
Technique, Sharpness	(0-10)	_____

Chant

Voice Projection, spirit, expression	(0-10)	_____
Motion Technique, Sharpness	(0-10)	_____

Overall Performance

(potential, appearance, neatness – hair pulled back, shirt tucked in etc.)	(0-10)	_____
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Total: _____
*Max Score 65

Estimated Costs and Deadlines

New Cheerleaders			
Clinic Fee:	\$10	June 1st	Cash
1 st payment: Cheer Camp/Practice Attire	\$125	Thursday, June 10th	Check or Online
2nd payment: Uniform and Accessories	\$265.40	Friday, June 18th	Online through Varsity
Total Cost:	\$400.40		

*2nd payment is an estimate; invoice will be given after uniform fittings with the exact cost

Returning Cheerleaders			
Clinic Fee:	\$10	June 1st	Cash
1 st payment: Cheer Camp/Practice Attire	\$100	Thursday, June 10th	Check or Online
2nd payment: Uniform and Accessories	\$75.95 +	Friday, June 18th	Online through Varsity
Total Cost:	\$TBD		

*2nd payment is an estimate; invoice will be given after uniform fittings with the exact cost

Cheerleading Coaches:

- Julie Sherrill (head coach) and Jessica Leavitt (assistant coach)
 - julie.sherrill@fwisd.org and jessica.leavitt@fwisd.org

Cheerleading Webpage: All events will be frequently updated through the calendar on the McLean cheer website. Any event changes will be sent through a Remind that will be established after tryouts.

<http://www.fwisd.org/McLean> click Athletics, Click Cheer

- Calendar + Updates will be posted on our McLean Cheer Website
- Please check the website weekly for updates

Breakdown of Cheer uniform costs

-Due June 18th through Varsity Online Payment. After tryouts have been completed, information will be sent out on when your cheerleader will be measured and how to pay for your uniform online through Varsity.

Item	Cheer Package	Uniform (top/skirt/liner)	Briefs	Poms	Shell top Only	Skirt Only	Liner Only
Price	265.40	209.95	13.95	41.50	\$101.95	\$66.95	\$75.95
Quantity							

*Cheer Package includes all items: Shell top, skirt, liner, briefs, and poms

McLean Middle School Cheer



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