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HUFFMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

**CHEERLEADING
TRYOUT PACKET
2026-27**

Welcome to HMS Cheer Tryouts! We are so excited that you are interested in trying out for the 2026-2027 HMS Cheer Squad. Please read through this packet carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

All paperwork is due
MONDAY MARCH 9th at 3:30pm.
No late packets will be accepted.

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HMS TRYOUT INFORMATION

TRYOUT SCHEDULE:

Meet in the middle school gym and use 7th grade locker rooms to dress out.

- Practice Clinic March 16, 17, and 18 3:00pm-5:00pm
- **Mock Tryouts** March 19 3:00pm-6:30pm
- **OFFICIAL TRYOUTS** March 20 3:00pm-until finished
(estimated time 7pm)

All practice/tryout days are mandatory.

Any unexcused absence or more than one unexcused tardy will disqualify the candidate.

Students must be present the week of tryouts to be considered for the squad.

**Students involved in a school related event on March 16, 17 or 18 may be excused.*

Documentation of absence must be submitted by Monday March 9th, 2026.

**ALL PRACTICE AND TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.
ONLY CHEER CANDIDATES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE GYM.**

Dance and Cheer material will be posted on the Huffman Website March 16th:

<https://hms.huffmanisd.net/>



Extra Curricular



Cheerleading

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Tryouts are open to students going into 7th or 8th grade in the 2026-27 school year and are enrolled at Huffman Middle School.
2. At the time of tryouts, each candidate must have passed ALL CLASSES for the MP2 grading period, according to UIL Eligibility. If the candidate failed a class or classes for the MP2 grading period, they must be passing ALL CLASSES at the most recent progress report at the time of tryouts.
3. No more than 4 referrals that resulted in displacement of the student's learning environment (ISS – In School Suspension, OSS – Out-of-School Suspension, DAEP (Disciplinary Alternative Education Program) or JJAEP (Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program))
4. Completed packets and paperwork must be submitted to the cheer coach or the front office by **MONDAY, March 9th at 3:30pm**. *No late packets will be accepted.*

DRESS CODE:

All candidates, cheerleader or mascot are to adhere to the following dress codes:

PRACTICES DRESS CODE:

- Shorts
- Fitted shirt
- Tennis/cheer shoes
- Sports bras must be covered
- Hair up and pulled away from the face
- No jewelry
- Trimmed nails

TRYOUTS DRESS CODE:

- Solid white shirt (*fitted, not loose or tucked*)
- Solid black shorts
- Solid white sports bra
- Solid no-show white socks
- Solid white tennis shoes or cheer shoes
- Hair must be pulled away from the face with a solid white bow
- No jewelry
- Trimmed nails
- Natural makeup is permitted

NO pom-poms, signs, glitter, competition make-up or other items that would distinguish one candidate from another can be used.

DAY OF TRYOUT EXPECTATIONS:

- **Friday March 20th**
 - 2:50pm - Middle School Gym is open for stretching/prepping
 - 3:30pm - Judging will begin
 - 3:30pm - Finished - candidates will try out individually and in groups of 3*
- *All candidates must stay in gym until dismissal announcement at the conclusion of tryouts*

- Candidates are not allowed to leave school early on the day of tryouts.
- All candidates will be given a randomized number on mock tryout day. This number will be the same for official tryouts. Candidates will be judged in order, according to their number.
- The judging will be conducted by judges from an outside cheerleading organization and not HMS staff.
- During tryouts, candidates will not be allowed to build or perform stunts.
- Tryouts, in the competition gym, will be closed to parents and spectators, however, they may wait in the cafeteria during the tryout process.

CHEERLEADER SPECIFICS:

- **Candidates will try out individually (a cheer and 2 jumps) and in groups of three (a dance).**
- Candidates will all learn the same cheer and dance routine.
- **Candidates must perform one toe touch and a second jump of their choice.**
- Candidates will be judged based upon categories as indicated on the scoring form in the tryout packet.
- Mock tryouts will be held on the 4th day of the tryout week. Candidates will perform in front of outgoing/former cheerleaders and/or HMS staff in the same method as they will during official tryouts.
- Outgoing/former cheerleaders and/or HMS staff will provide feedback to each candidate on their performances.

MASCOT SPECIFICS:

- Candidates will be in full costume and perform one skit of their own creation.
- The candidate must demonstrate creativity, originality, character definition, animation, and delivery to judges. Candidates will be judged based upon categories as indicated on the scoring form in the tryout packet.
- A full costume will be provided for each candidate.
- The mascot candidate must use his or her own music and props.
- **Music must be ready and submitted by March 9th, or the candidate will not be allowed to tryout. Music must be given to the cheer coach.**
- Each candidate may have 1 student assistant (*not trying out for cheer*) for tryouts. **The assistant may attend all week to assist the mascot with practice and tryout.**
- Each mascot tryout material should be at least 2-3 minutes long.

Huffman Middle School - Cheer Tryouts
CHEERLEADER Judging Sheet 2026-27

Candidate # _____

Judge # _____

Comments:

ENTRANCE (up to 8 points)	POINTS:
<input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Entrance --- 1 2 3	
Select ONE of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Pass: R/O, Front/back walk over, Ariel --- 1 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Pass: R/O to Jump or R/O BHS --- 1 2 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Elite Pass: Multiple BHS or R.O BHS/tuck --- 1 2 3 4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Superior Pass: Lay-out or above --- 1 2 3 4 5	

JUMPS (Up to 30 points)	POINTS:		
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CHEER (Up to 45 points)	POINTS:
<input type="checkbox"/> Voice Projection --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Facial Expression --- 1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Confidence/Memory --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit/Enthusiasm --- 1 2 3 4 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Placement/Sharpness --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	

Skill Performed in Cheer (Up to 5 points)	POINTS:
Select ONE of the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Jump Form --- 1 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standing BHS --- 1 2 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Back Tuck --- 1 2 3 4 5	

DANCE TECHNIQUE (Up to 30 points)	POINTS:
<input type="checkbox"/> Motions --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Timing/Rhythm --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Expression --- 1 2 3 4 5 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Memory --- 1 2 3 4 5 6	

TOTAL POINTS 1-118	TOTAL SCORE:
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Huffman Middle School - Cheer Tryouts
MASCOT Judging Sheet 2026-2027

Candidate # _____

Judge # _____

Comments:

CATEGORY		POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS
SKIT: A well-prepared routine showcasing the mascot's energy, personality, and crowd engagement.	Originality (10 pts): The uniqueness of the skit, ensuring it stands out with fresh and entertaining content.	10	
	Creativity (10 pts): The level of imagination and innovation used in the performance, including character portrayal and storytelling.	10	
USE OF PROPS EFFECTIVE: Incorporation of props to enhance performance without overwhelming the routine.		20	
EFFECTIVENESS OF MUSIC: How well the chosen music complements the skit, enhances the mood, and engages the audience.		20	
LENGTH OF MUSIC CHOICE 2-3 minutes: The music selection must fit within the required time frame.		5	
ANIMATION: The mascot's energy, enthusiasm, and ability to bring the character to life through movement and gestures.		20	
OVERALL DELIVERY: The confidence, stage presence, and ability to engage and entertain the audience throughout the performance.		15	
TOTAL POINTS 1-100		TOTAL SCORE:	

RESULTS:

CHEERLEADERS: Cheerleaders will be selected based on their combined total scores from the tryout evaluation sheet and teacher recommendation forms. Candidates who score above a natural break in the final total scores will qualify for the squad.

MASCOTS: Mascots will be selected based on their combined total scores from the tryout evaluation sheet and teacher recommendation forms.

****Parents/guardians are allowed to view their child's score sheets ONLY at the conclusion of tryouts. Please contact an administrator for inquiries. No other information will be released regarding tryouts.***

Results will be posted on March 20th at the conclusion of tryouts on the HMS cheerleading website.

Follow the directions below to access the cheerleading website:

<https://hms.huffmanisd.net/>



Extra Curricular



Cheerleading

Captain and Co-Captain

A separate tryout will take place after the squad has been selected.
(Details/Official Date TBD)

IF I MAKE THE SQUAD... Congratulations!!!

Here's what to expect:

➤ UPHOLD THE HMS CHEERLEADING CONSTITUTION

A copy of the constitution can be found on the website following the steps below:

<https://hms.huffmanisd.net/> ➡ Extra Curricular ➡ Cheerleading

➤ ATTEND PARENT MEETING/UNIFORM FITTING

- **Date April TBD - 6:00pm-7:30pm**
- *Deposit of \$350 due (funds will be applied to Varsity order)*



Scan this QR code to
access the constitution!

➤ MANDATORY ATTENDANCE TO CHEER CAMP:

- Location: Texas A&M – College Station
- Dates: July 27th - 30th
- Cost: \$502 (*includes travel to camp, lodging, and food*)

➤ COMMIT TO MEETING ALL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY MAY 28TH, 2026.**

Cheer invoices can be paid in full upon receipt or split into scheduled payments through the payment plan listed below:

- **Payment 1:** Deposit of \$350 due at time of uniform fitting (Date TBD)
- **Payment 2:** 25% of Remaining Balance due 2 weeks after fitting date
- **Payment 3:** 25% of Remaining Balance due 4 weeks after fitting date
- **Payment 4:** 25% of Remaining Balance due 6 weeks after fitting date
- **Final payment:** Any Remaining Balance due Last Day of School May 28th, 2026

*****Failure to pay invoices in full could result in removal from the squad and disqualification from the subsequent cheer tryouts. (See pg 8 of the HMS Cheerleading Constitution)***

➤ CHEER AT HOME FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES

➤ PERFORM/ASSIST AT SCHEDULED SCHOOL EVENTS

(example: soft start, open house, pep rallies, 5th grade tour, etc.)

