



**Dear Parents and Students,**

We are thrilled to announce that tryouts for the Edwards Middle School Cheer Team are coming soon! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their cheer skills, collaborate with peers, and perform at school events.

**Important Details:**

- **Tryout Dates:** May 7-13 (material taught) May 15 (tryout with judges)
- **Time:** May 7-13 @4:10pm – 6:00pm **May 15 dismissed once you tryout**
- **Location:** Gymnasium EMS

**Requirements:**

- **\$5 tryout fee cash only must be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day you arrive for tryouts**
- **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders** must bring current sports physicals and “COPY” of insurance card to Coach Hogan on first day of tryouts.
- **Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders** 2 letters of recommendations (**This must be from your current teacher that teaches you Science, Social Studies, Math, & ELA. Have them email me [thogan@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:thogan@rockdale.k12.ga.us) to receive the recommendation link.**)
- **Current Middle Schoolers:** Rank One accounts must current by the day of tryouts. If it is current, it will show a green check mark. If you don't see a green check mark, then it is not current.
- **Current Middle Schoolers:** Must pass 5 out of 7 classes at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for the 25-26 school year.
- **Current Middle Schoolers:** Recommendations from your 4 current content teachers. This will be included in your try out scoring so please make sure your teacher submits them. The forms will be posted in Canvas announcements for all teachers at EMS.



**PAYMENTS & FEES (This is an exemplar. Price may change but due dates will remain)**

Parents have been provided with the expected fees for upcoming events and due dates. The funds do not have to be provided all at once. You are more than welcome to begin submitting fees as a whole or in portions, as long as they are **received by the due date**. We will be doing fundraisers to help offset any costs. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE!!!** We will have several fundraisers throughout the summer and during the school year to assist as much as possible with fees. Cheer is our most expensive sport because all material comes from Varsity and it is uniquely created for the individual cheerleader. Unfortunately uniforms and practice wear is not shared like other sports.

**Cheer Camp:**

**Cost: \$300 due within 5 days of being notified that your child made the team.**

**MANDATORY! Failure to attend camp will forfeit your child's spot on the team.**

**Program Fee: \$300 Due by August 30, 2026**

**NO EXCEPTIONS! This is used for Game Day Meals, Team Bonding Events, Banquet Gifts, Holiday Parade, Holiday Party, etc.**

**Cheer Uniform fees: Installment amounts aren't posted here because we are still finalizing uniforms. You will be notified of exact numbers once you make the team. Please use the total as a guide for now.**

**1st Installment Due May 27, 2026**

**2nd Installment Due June 24, 2026**

**3rd Installment Due July 15, 2026**

**4th installment Due Aug 15, 2026-**

**Total for new cheerleader: about \$1,325**



Returning cheerleaders will only need to purchase New Practice Wear, and New Blue Uniform. If a cheerleader needs to replace anything they are free to purchase whatever they need.

Uniform Fee total for returning cheerleaders: about \$750

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DUE DATES.

**YOU WILL RECEIVE A LINK TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO THE VENDOR. IF YOU DON'T MAKE YOUR PAYMENT YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM WILL NOT BE SHIPPED. DELAYED PAYMENTS MEANS DELAYED UNIFORM.**

Discipline:

Demerit System

Out of Uniform, Disrespect to Coaches, et 1 Demerit

10 Demerits (consequence leads to being dismissed from the team)

OSS: Automatic removal from the team

ISS: 5 Demerits per instance

Online/Social Media Derogatory statements about Coaches and Team: Automatic removal from team.

For any questions or more information, please contact one of us. Head Coach Hogan [thogan@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:thogan@rockdale.k12.ga.us) or Athletic Director Coach Westbrook [twestbrook@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:twestbrook@rockdale.k12.ga.us).

We look forward to seeing the amazing talent and enthusiasm that our students will bring to the dance team!

Sincerely,

Coach Hogan  
Cheer Team  
Edwards Middle School