



Dear McQueen Cheerleading Candidate:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Robert McQueen High School Cheerleading tryouts. This program has a tradition of success, and we are looking forward to a great season.

The McQueen Cheerleading Program is made up of all around talented individuals. We place emphasis on different skills, but overall, McQueen Cheer is focused on kind, talented, outgoing young women and men that are looking to support their school, perform at games and events, work with younger cheerleaders as role models, and most importantly, achieve in the classroom.

About the McQueen Cheer Program 2026-2027:

The McQueen Cheer Program cheers for: football, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball as well as attends other athletic teams' games throughout their season and even after. This season, members of the team will coach children ages 5 yrs old through middle school with the Little Lancer Cheer Program. Members of the team do community service. Travel varies from year to year.

Report back for the season is Camp. There are games scheduled during Fall and Christmas Breaks that will require attendance. Practice for the 2026-2027 Season will be Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 for JV and Varsity, JV Tuesdays 3-5pm, Varsity conditioning/practice 3-4pm on Tuesday/Thursdays with weights Tu/Thu. 4-5pm.

Requirements are:

All around sideline cheer components, including but not limited to, dancing, performing, jumping, stunting, cheering, motions, memory, execution and tumbling.

Tumbling skills will help to add to the well roundedness of the cheerleader trying out, but it is **NOT** required to be on the team.

Eligibility: ACADEMIC: 2.0 CITIZENSHIP 2.0

Teacher/Former Coach (not McQueen Cheer staff) Letter of Recommendations: Each applicant will be required to obtain 2 Teacher/Coach Letter of Recommendations verifying their character, leadership, academics, work ethic and school spirit potential and experience. They must be in a sealed envelope with a teacher signature sent to McQueen HS Cheer or put in the cheer mailbox. These recommendations will account for 20 points of the overall score, if they are not turned in a sealed envelope by May 8th, 2026, they will not be counted, **no exceptions**. There will be a 5 point deduction each day they are late. Any suspected forgeries will be investigated and if confirmed you will be disqualified from tryouts.

TRYOUT INFORMATION
May 16th, 18th, 19th

THERE ARE NO VIDEO TRYOUTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON
Applicants must attend all tryout days or points will be deducted. Tryouts are closed to viewers.

WHERE: Tryouts will be held in the Big Gym at McQueen High School.

Saturday, May 16th

Schedule:	8:45-9:00am	Check In
	9-11:30am	Material Instruction
	11:30-12:30PM	Lunch Break
	12:30pm-3:00pm	Material Instruction
	3:00-4:00pm	Material Review

Attire: White T-shirt & black shorts
Athletic Shoes ONLY!
No jewelry/No piercings/Tattoos must be covered
Bows are encouraged

We are looking for a neat, well-kept appearance, look your best!
Bring snacks and water!!

Monday, May 18th

Schedule	3:00	Check In
	3:00-3:45	Material Review
	3:45-4:00	Break
	4:00-5:00	1st Cut Tryouts

Band Dance & Sideline Cheer will be performed & interviews (if necessary) will be held.
CUTS WILL BE MADE, IF NECESSARY

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Athletic Shoes ONLY!
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Tuesday, May 19th

Schedule	3:00	Check In
	3:00-4:00	JV only CLOSED Tryouts
	4:00-4:15	Break
	4:15-6:00	Varsity only and JV/Varsity applicants

CLOSED Tryouts

Tryout Criteria will include, but is not limited to:

- Dance routine, Fight Song, Jumps, Cheer & Chant, Tumbling
- Performance skills and facial expressions
- Comprehension of material

- Ability to perform to the style of the team.
- Execution and memory
- Level of technique
- Overall Ability – well rounded performer/cheerleader
- Spirit/Ability to lead a crowd

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What to include in your packet:

If any part of your application is not complete, you will not be able to participate in the tryout, until missing items have been turned in!

- All Applications must be turned in to the Cheer mailbox at McQueen HS by May 8th, 2026.
- Completed Application Packet – please be sure all handwriting is legible
- Non-returnable photo

PLEASE NOTE: PACKETS MAY NOT BE EMAILED!

Additional Information

Placement:

We are looking to place Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheer; final placement is at the coaches' discretion. Up to 16 spots are available for Fall Junior Varsity, and up to 24 spots are available for Fall Varsity teams. **Freshman may not try out for Varsity.** JV rostered sophomores or juniors may be offered Varsity positions for basketball season based on roster availability and performance. Grades, maturity, physical readiness, and skill level will be taken into consideration for placement.

Mandatory Dates – FULL SQUAD PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED:

- May 16th TRYOUTS 9am-4pm big gym at McQueen.
- May 18th TRYOUTS 3:00-5:30 PM in big gym
- May 19th TRYOUT Performances 3PM-7ish big gym
- May 20th Individual Team Reveals 2:30-5pm in Girls locker room office
- June 1st **Mandatory** Athlete and Parent Meeting in Theatre 6pm-8pm
- June 3rd **Mandatory** Uniform Fitting 3:00-6:ish p.m. Cafeteria (Must bring initial \$500 deposit check made out to McQueen Cheer) **(Make**

sure to have sports bra and spanx/Nike pro-like shorts on for fitting)

- July 6th-22nd Highly recommended summer conditioning Monday -Wednesdays 6:30-8:30
- July 27th -31st : **MANDATORY REPORT BACK DATE - CAMP** 9-3 pm
- July 31st 3:30pm Showcase
- August 3rd: Official Start of Practices 3-6 pm (football field)
- August 7th Team Bonding
- August 10th: First Day of School
- August 19th: Welcome Back Assembly
- August 21st: **Mandatory** Stunt Clinic 4-8pm
- August 22nd: **Mandatory** Stunt Clinic 8 am- 12 pm
- September 8,9,10-11th: Fall Little Lancer Camp – 5:30-7:00 pm
- August 8/20 JV and 8/22 Varsity: First Football Game

These dates are subject to change; however, **all** members of the McQueen Cheer Program must fully participate in these dates as a condition of being on the team.

Dual Activity/Outside Sports Participation:

McQueen Cheerleaders can participate in outside activities, such as other McQueen Sports, Leadership, etc. However, McQueen Cheer needs to be top priority. Any NON-MCQUEEN clubs, sports, or activities shall not interfere with McQueen Cheer and Stunt program requirements. **Varsity athletes shall not participate in any outside club/competitive cheer programs due to program requirements.**

**ESTIMATED EXPENSE SHEET
SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027**

ITEM	AMOUNT	
Uniform (shell, skirt and sleeves)	\$333.00	
Camp	\$300.00	
Practice clothes (3 tshirts, tank, long sleeve, crewneck, skirt, 2 shorts)	\$228.00	
Varsity Only: Competition Fees (registration fee, music, choreography)	\$150.00	
Cheer Bag	\$64.00	
Double Edge Pro Cheer Shoes	\$116.00	
Poms	\$61.00	
Warm-ups (jacket and pants) Varsity	\$212.00	
Bows Gameday and theme games	\$45.00	

Briefs	\$34.00	
Varsity Total:	\$1534.00.	Estimated
JV Total:	\$1384.00	Estimated

*****All expenses are estimates; the final amounts may be slightly more or less. Monthly statements will be sent out to all who make the team and total costs are final. Some fundraising available. Payment Plans are available.***

Communication:

Please direct all team correspondence to the team email: mcqueenlancerscheer@gmail.com

The Cheer Program uses SportsYou and instagram to send out information. Please follow our McQueen Cheer Instagram (mcqueenlancercheerteam). Upon making the team, an invite to our Sports You Team Page will be in your welcome to the team folder.

This packet is meant to give an overview of the program, its goals, and expectations. It is our goal to develop well-rounded, productive, and successful cheerleaders through teamwork, good sportsmanship, and physical development in a safe, athletic environment. The coaches will do their best to provide ample notice and communication to the families of McQueen Cheer if there are any changes to the schedule, season plan or budgets. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us.

Thank you for taking time to thoroughly read through this packet. We look forward to seeing you at tryouts!!

Sincerely,

Jessica Bradshaw, Nia Waters, Emma Waters & Stephen Waters
McQueen Cheer Coaching Staff