

Merits/Demerits

I. A merit/demerit system is set up for all cheer squad members to follow. Your Sponsor is the ultimate authority regarding merits or demerits.

II. When merits/demerits are issued, the Sponsor will inform the student and both the Sponsor and the student will sign the merit/demerit book for acknowledgment.

III. The following merit/demerit system will be enforced:

A. Merits

1. One merit will erase one demerit.
2. Cheer squad members may earn merits in the following ways:
 - a. Painting extra signs on their time.
 - b. Straight A's on report card.
 - c. Assisting the 8th grade cheerleaders at various times.
 - d. Other activities approved by the Sponsor.

B. Demerits

1. One Demerit Issued for:
 - a. Less than 15 minutes late to a required cheer squad function.
 - b. Late on the field (for example at the beginning of the game or half-time)
 - c. Leaving practice less than 15 minutes early.
 - d. Huddling, unnecessary talking and/or not cheering.
 - e. Chewing gum during practice or games, etc.
 - f. Wearing jewelry during practices, pep rallies, or games.
 - g. Failure to meet due date for forms (One demerit per day). This includes turning in money.
 - h. Failure to perform clean-up duties, such as, the gym after practice, side lines, etc.
 - i. Having food on the sidelines or drinks other than water or a sports drink.
 - j. Using a cell phone during practice or a game.
 - k. Failure to have correct and complete practice clothes.

2. Three Demerits Issued for:

- a. More than 15 minutes late to a required cheer squad function.
- b. Leaving practice more than 15 minutes early.
- c. Not having any appropriate practice clothes or not dressing out.
- d. Not having the correct, complete, and clean uniform for a game.
- e. Recipient of disciplinary action from the office.
- f. Use of profanity, poor attitude, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate or unladylike conduct.
- g. Failure to perform to fullest ability.
- h. Failure to follow Sponsor's directions.

C. Suspension from squad

- a. From the current pep rally/and or game, or from the next pep rally and/or game: (If both occur on the same day, suspension may be for both.)
 - i. Insubordination or disrespect to Sponsor or other school authority.
 - ii. Assignment to S. A. C.
 - iii. 7 demerits (pep rally)
 - iv. 10 demerits (pep rally & game)
- b. Three-Weeks Suspension from Squad:
 - i. Suspension from school.
 - ii. Receiving a "U" in conduct in a grading period.
 - iii. Disciplinary referrals to the office resulting in more than 2 assignments to S. A. C.
 - iv. Three unexcused absences for the current year from required cheer squad functions and/or practices.

NOTE: Should a cheer squad member be tardy or miss practice, a game, or a pep rally, the cheer squad member must have a note from a doctor, parent, etc. to excuse the absence or tardiness. Multiple tardies and absences, even with a note, may result in demerits and/or suspension from the squad. Please remember ... without squad members, there is no squad.