

**Tarpey Elementary**

**Cheer  
Handbook**

**2020-2021**





★ Introduction

★ This handbook was prepared to help students and parents understand what will be  
★ expected of the Tarpey Elementary Cheer Team. We are looking forward to working  
★ with you this year and hope this will be a memorable elementary experience for your  
★ child. We are available to assist you in any area of concern regarding this program. If  
★ you have any questions, please email at [Melinda Miller@cusd.com](mailto:Melinda.Miller@cusd.com) or  
★ [JenniferBall@cusd.com](mailto:JenniferBall@cusd.com) or call Melinda Miller (559) 940-2018.

★ Philosophy

★ It is an honor and privilege to be a member of the Tarpey Elementary School Cheer Team.  
★ Being a member requires a tremendous amount of dedication, time, and personal  
★ responsibility that other activities may not require. In order to maintain the standards of  
★ the Tarpey Elementary Team Squad and to promote showmanship, it is necessary to have  
★ a body of well-trained and disciplined students.

★ Mission Statement

★ The MAJOR FOCUS of our cheer program is to support the Tarpey Spartan athletic  
★ teams and various activities held on campus. In addition, it is also to provide positive  
★ leadership for the student body and community in developing school spirit and pride at  
★ athletic and other student events. The Cheer Team Program will provide the members  
★ with an outlet for developing personal poise, physical strength, stamina, coordination,  
★ showmanship, and the opportunity to learn to work together as a team.

★ There is certainly some personal sacrifice involved in being a squad member, and the  
★ commitment is not taken lightly. Attendance by squad members at the assigned events is  
★ ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY. This includes practices, meetings, outside events, and  
★ home games.

★ **Squad members are representatives of Tarpey Elementary and are expected to behave**  
★ **in an appropriate manner at all events!**



## General Rules

1. A squad member may not chew gum, eat, or drink on the field (cheering) or during practice, except at breaks called by the coach.
2. Squad members may not wear make-up to games or rallies.
3. Squad members must attend all events and practices as scheduled by the coaches unless there is prior parental notice. Unexcused absences may result in probation or dismissal.
4. Squad members are expected to learn all routines taught to the squad. If a member cannot satisfactorily perform a routine, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the rally, activity or performance.
5. School rules and regulations must be followed at all times. The principal, G.I.S., or coaches will bench or remove from the squad, any member who displays undesirable behavior in or out of uniform or consistently fails to meet expectations.
6. Squad members must be on time to all practices/events/games. Being tardy or leaving games/events/practices early will result in progression on step process.
7. Practice dress code: t-shirt, shorts (sweats in cold weather), tennis shoes and hair in high ponytail and no jewelry.
8. Parents must be on time to pick their child up. If parents are continuously late in picking up their child, that squad member will progress on step process.

## Camp

We will be attending Buchanan High School's Elementary Cheer Camp over summer. It is currently scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The camp **MUST** be attended by all squad members. We will be learning routines that will be used throughout the year. Therefore it is crucial that all members are present. Plus it is a great chance to bond as a team.

## **Competition**

Competition is an important part of the Cheer program. All members of the squad will be eligible to participate at competition. We are a no cut squad. Competition is usually held in late February or early March. Please note, there will be longer and extra practices in the months leading up to competition. Squad members and their families need to consider the time commitment necessary to be a part of the competitive team.



Uniforms are required for all performances, unless the coaches direct otherwise.

## Policies and Procedures

### Cheer Responsibilities:

All squad members will participate in the following activities and any others deemed necessary: BHS Cheer camp (end summer-August), school rallies, elementary football carnival, all home football and basketball games, BHS football spirit night, BHS Spirit Night, and CNHS Pep and Cheer Showdown.

### Eligibility:

Participation requires students to meet the following eligibility standards throughout the school year: These are checked each quarter:

1. A GPA of 2.0 or better
2. Good Citizenship: No excessive office referrals or suspensions
3. Regular school attendance (including no excessive tardies)

### Ineligibility:

We will be using a step process. If the team member gets four steps in a quarter, they will be benched for the season. They may be eligible to rejoin for the next season if parents, coach, administration/and or their teacher deem it appropriate.

1. Disrespect, lack of cooperation, or petty gossip
- 2.. Unexcused missed practices, games/Tardies/ 2 late pickups
3. Detention
4. Discipline referral to office
5. Inappropriate uniform or practice attire

### **If a squad member receives a step the following actions must be taken:**

- 1st step will result in formal warning and call to parents
- 2nd step parent will be notified will result in one-week suspension.
- 3rd step parent will be notified one-week suspension.
- 4th step parent will be notified, student will be off squad for the season and uniform must be turned in.

# Application

Please return by Monday, June 1st

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Check-off:**

~~Student does NOT have excessive tardies/absences~~

~~Student does NOT have below a 2.0 GPA~~

~~Student does NOT have any suspensions (current year)~~ \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Initial

**\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Distance learning we will handle above and the email you send Mrs. Miller with your child's information will be considered as you giving your child permission to participate. Therefore you do not need to sign below until we are back at school!\*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the entire Tarpey Elementary School Pep & Cheer Handbook for the 2020- 2021 school year, and I agree to abide by all of its rules and regulations. I understand that if I don't abide by these rules, disciplinary action will be taken.

Student Print Name

Date

Student Signature

I give my child full permission to participate in 2020-2021 Tarpey Cheer Squad. I have read the entire Tarpey Elementary School Cheer Handbook for the 2020- 2021 school year, and I agree to hold my child responsible for abiding by all of the rules and regulations. I also agree to allow the school to follow through with any disciplinary actions against my child if he/she does not abide by the rules.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Print Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number

Home Number





