

**Tarpey Elementary**

**Cheer  
Handbook**

**2021-2022**





★ 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  
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★ 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 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<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.

## Excused Absences

Excused absences from games or practices must be requested 24 hours prior to (except in case of emergency). The coaches will not honor multiple excuses from the same person.

\* Squad members may not have more than two unexcused absences per quarter.

Excused absences are absences caused by:

1. Illness
2. Emergency family need
3. Participation in a school sponsored event
4. Participation in a religious observance
5. Accompanying family out of town

## Cost of Uniform

We will be using a school purchased uniform for the 2021-2022 academic school year. The uniform provided by Tarpey Elementary includes a one piece uniform, liner, and bow. We will be assigning a uniform to your child, and it will be you and your child's responsibility to care for it. You will be asked to sign a contract for this uniform. If any part of the uniform is lost or damaged, you will be responsible for paying for its replacement. You are responsible for getting your own white no show socks and a pair of ALL WHITE tennis shoes. (Machine washable, cold water (gentle cycle), hang or lay out to dry, NO bleach, DO NOT dry clean, NO dryer)

## Game and Performance Attire

Uniform

Shoes (completely white-no color at all, including laces and stitching, no canvas)

White socks (no show and no color)

Hair in a high ponytail with hair bow facing forward

Long sleeve liner (cold weather)

NO JEWELRY

NO MAKE-UP

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.



