

# AUSTIN ACADEMY



# AUSTIN CHEERLEADING



**2009-2010 SEASON**



# Austin Eagles Cheerleaders 2009-2010

DEAR PARENTS,

YOUR STUDENT HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN ACADEMY CHEERLEADING SQUAD FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR. IF SELECTED, THERE ARE CERTAIN PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS WHICH YOUR STUDENT MUST ASSUME IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AND REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE VAST AMOUNT OF TIME AND ENERGY THAT IS NECESSARY TO BE AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL LEADER. AUSTIN CHEERLEADERS MUST EXEMPLIFY GOOD STUDENT CONDUCT, NOT ONLY AT GAMES AND AT OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL-SPONSORED OR CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO IN ANY OTHER ASPECT OF LIFE. IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE AN AUSTIN ACADEMY CHEERLEADER, AND IT IS ONLY WITH A COMPLETE EFFORT FROM BOTH THE CHEERLEADER AND HER/HIS PARENTS THAT WE CAN HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

THE COSTS OF CHEERLEADING FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED. **THE GREATER PART OF THESE EXPENSES COMES DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS AFTER BEING SELECTED.** COSTS COULD VARY ACCORDING TO WHAT CLOTHING/ACCESSORIES A CHEERLEADER ALREADY HAS (if they were cheerleaders last year). ALSO, PLEASE KEEP EXPENSES IN MIND EARLY, AS YOU MAY WANT TO SET ASIDE FUNDS TO ENSURE THEY ARE AVAILABLE WHEN THE MONEY IS DUE FOR UNIFORMS, CAMPS, ETC., IN APRIL AND MAY.

THE GARLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION AND PROCEDURES AND THE TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKETS FOR EACH GISD MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: [www.garlandisd.net](http://www.garlandisd.net) FOLLOW THE GENERAL INFORMATION LINK AND SELECT CHEERLEADING.

THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING AT AUSTIN ACADEMY FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES ON WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 6pm IN THE LIBRARY. ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THIS MEETING IS NOT MANDATORY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW AT (972) 926-2620. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

FYI: AUSTIN SUMMER CHEER CAMP - 6:00PM-8:00PM, AUGUST 10-14, 2009  
LOCATION: AUSTIN ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE

PRE-SEASON PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 6:00-8:00PM, TUESDAY, 8/18, AND THURSDAY, 8/20.

REGULAR WEEKLY PRACTICE- BEGINS THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. PLEASE REFER TO THE CHEERLEADER PRACTICE SCHEDULE IN THIS PACKET.

PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE SUMMER CAMP IS NOT MANDATORY TO ATTEND, CHEERLEADERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE CAMP WILL BE BENCHED FOR 3 PERFORMANCES. THESE RULES REGARDING CAMP ATTENDANCE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 9 OF THE GISD MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION.

**ESTIMATED COST OF CHEERLEADING FOR THE 2009-2010 SEASON**

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SQUAD:

- ❖ CLINIC FEE \$10  
(The purpose of this fee is to cover the cost of the clinician. Clinic fees must be paid by Friday, April 3, 2009- cash, personal check, or money order made payable to Austin Academy.)
  
- COMPLETE UNIFORM (Uniform fees must be paid on Monday, April 27, 2009) \$300  
Money Order made out to **TEAMLEADER**
  
- CAMP FEES \$100  
(Camp fees must be paid by Monday, May 18, 2009- **cash or money order** made payable to Austin Academy.)

*NOTE: These amounts are only averages. The actual Cheer Uniform package **will not** exceed \$300.*

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SQUAD:

- ❖ CLINIC FEE \$10  
(The purpose of this fee is to cover the cost of the clinician. Clinic fees must be paid by Friday, April 3, 2009- cash, personal check, or money order made payable to Austin Academy.)
  
- COMPLETE UNIFORM (Uniform fees must be paid on Monday, April 27, 2009) \$300  
Money Order made out to **TEAMLEADER**
  
- CAMP FEES \$100  
(Camp fees must be paid by Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009- **cash or money order** made payable to Austin Academy.)

*NOTE: These amounts are only averages. The actual Cheer Uniform package **will not** exceed \$300. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade package may vary, as some girls may already have sweats that can still be used from last year..*

- ❖ IF SPECIAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PAY THE CLINIC FEE, PLEASE SEE MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW PRIOR TO FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009.
  
- ❖ CHEERLEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THEIR UNIFORMS. **UNIFORMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF THE FITTING BY CREDIT CARD, MONEY ORDER, OR CASHIER'S CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO "TEAMLEADER". DO NOT SEND CASH OR WRITE A PERSONAL CHECK.** THE CHEERLEADERS WILL BE FITTED FOR THEIR UNIFORMS ON **MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009.** 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHEERLEADERS WILL MEET AT 4:15 P.M. IN MRS. PERSHEY'S ROOM (44). 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHEERLEADERS WILL MEET AT 5:15 P.M. IN MRS. PERSHEY'S ROOM (44).
  
- ❖ AUSTIN ACADEMY SUMMER CHEER CAMP WILL BE AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, FROM 6PM-8PM, IN THE AUSTIN ACADEMY GYM.
  
- ❖ THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ON SUMMER CAMP FEES UNLESS A GIRL RELINQUISHES HER PLACE ON THE SQUAD BEFORE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF CAMP.
  
- ❖ PLEASE NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE SUMMER CAMP IS NOT MANDATORY TO ATTEND, CHEERLEADERS WHO DO NOT ATTEND THE CAMP WILL BE BENCHED FOR 3 PERFORMANCES. THESE RULES REGARDING CAMP ATTENDANCE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 9 OF THE GISD MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADER CONSTITUTION.

## CHEERLEADER TRY-OUT DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY	APRIL 1	INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES, 6PM IN THE LIBRARY.
FRIDAY	APRIL 3	CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE \$10 CLINIC FEE AND ALL REQUESTED FORMS FILLED OUT, SIGNED, AND RETURNED TO MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW BY 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY	APRIL 6	CLINIC FROM 4:00 – 6:30 P.M IN THE AUSTIN ACADEMY GYM. THE TRY-OUT CHEER, CHANT AND DANCE WILL BE TAUGHT IN THE COMPETITION GYM. WEAR SHORTS, T- SHIRT, SOCKS, AND TENNIS SHOES. NO VIDEO OF THE CLINIC WILL BE ALLOWED. PLEASE BRING A CD WITH YOUR NAME ON IT IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE DANCE MUSIC.
TUES-WED	APRIL 7 &8	4:00 – 4:50 P.M.- OPEN GYM PRACTICE SESSIONS. REPORT TO THE GIRLS' DRESSING ROOM READY TO PRACTICE AT 4:00.
MONDAY	APRIL 13	4:00 – 4:50P.M. –OPEN GYM PRACTICE SESSION IN GYM.
TUESDAY	APRIL 14	4:00- 4:50 PM- OPEN GYM-DRAW FOR TRY-OUT POSITIONS ON THE 14TH.
FRIDAY	APRIL 17	4:00- 5:30 P.M. -MOCK TRY-OUTS/EVALUATIONS.
SATURDAY	APRIL 18, 4:30-6:00PM	TRY-OUTS BEFORE JUDGES AT AUSTIN ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL. ALL CANDIDATES MUST BE AT AUSTIN ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR WARM-UPS AT <b>3:30PM</b> . REMEMBER THAT THE ACTUAL TRY-OUTS, AS WELL AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS, WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. PARENTS AND FRIENDS WILL NOT BE IN THE BUILDING DURING ANY PHASE OF THE TRYOUTS. ALL CANDIDATES MUST LEAVE THE SCHOOL BUILDING WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF THE COMPLETION OF TRY-OUTS. EACH CANDIDATE MAY CALL MRS. PERSHEY (7 <sup>TH</sup> ), OR MS. REW (8 <sup>TH</sup> ), ON THEIR SCHOOL TELEPHONE EXTENSION TO SEE IF THEY HAVE MADE THE SQUAD. EXTENSION NUMBERS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL THE CANDIDATES ON THE DAY OF TRYOUTS. IN ADDITION, THE TRYOUT NUMBERS OF THE WINNING CANDIDATES WILL BE POSTED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE ( <a href="http://www.garlandisdschools.net/austin">http://www.garlandisdschools.net/austin</a> ). A LIST OF THE RESULTS WILL BE POSTED SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. ON THE GLASS BY THE FRONT DOOR AT AUSTIN ACADEMY.
MONDAY	APRIL 27	MANDATORY CHEERLEADER AND PARENT MEETING- UNIFORM FITTING AND UNIFORM MONEY DUE. 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE- 4:15 P.M., AND 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE 5:15 P.M. IN MRS. PERSHEY'S ROOM (RM 44). <b><u>MONEY ORDER ONLY</u></b> , PAYABLE TO <b><u>TEAMLEADER</u></b> . TOTAL FOR UNIFORMS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT PARENT INFORMATION MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2009 (6:00 PM IN LIBRARY).
MONDAY	MAY 18	AUSTIN ACADEMY SUMMER CAMP SESSION MONEY DUE. \$100.00 PAYABLE IN CASH, MONEY ORDER, OR CHECK MADE OUT TO AUSTIN ACADEMY.

- ❖ THE CLINIC IS NOT MANDATORY. CANDIDATES MAY TRY-OUT WITHOUT ATTENDING THE CLINIC.
- ❖ ONLY STUDENTS WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY ELIGIBLE MAY ATTEND THE CLINIC. INELIGIBLE STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE ONE-DAY JUDGE TRY-OUT ONLY.
- ❖ NO ONE MAY VIDEO ANY PART OF THE CLINIC OR TRY-OUTS.

### ATTIRE FOR TRY-OUTS

IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE CANDIDATE WEAR SOLID GREEN SHORTS WITH AN ELASTIC WAIST, A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT (NO LABELS OR LOGOS), WHITE SOCKS, AND WHITE TENNIS SHOES. THE CANDIDATES MUST WEAR THEIR HAIR UP. HAIR RIBBONS OR ANY TYPE OF BOW, EARRINGS, OR OTHER JEWELRY ARE NOT PERMITTED.

THE SHORTS/T-SHIRT MAY NOT CARRY EMBLEMS, NAMES, ETC. THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE CANDIDATE AS A PREVIOUS CHEERLEADER.

### TRY-OUT PROCEDURE FOR CHEERLEADING CANDIDATES

ALL CHEERLEADING CANDIDATES WILL BE JUDGED ON EACH EVENT OF THE TRY-OUT, EXCLUDING THE WARM-UP CHEER/CHANT/DANCE. LISTED BELOW IS THE SEQUENCE OF REQUIRED SKILLS EACH CANDIDATE WILL BE ASKED TO DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF THE JUDGES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

#### WARM-UP CHEER/CHANT/DANCE:

AS A WARM-UP, ALL CANDIDATES WILL PERFORM THE CHEER, CHANT AND DANCE AT THE SAME TIME. CANDIDATES WILL NOT BE JUDGED DURING THIS TIME.

#### ENTRANCE:

INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES WILL RUN-IN FOR THE JUMPS/CHEER.

#### MANDATORY JUMPS:

THESE WILL BE DEMONSTRATED TO THE CANDIDATES AND PRACTICED AT THE CLINIC:

TOE TOUCH  
RIGHT HERKIE OR LEFT HERKIE  
ONE OPTIONAL JUMP

#### INDIVIDUAL CHEER:

TAUGHT TO CANDIDATES AT CLINIC – WILL BE PERFORMED AT TRYOUTS INDIVIDUALLY.

#### GROUP CHANT:

TAUGHT TO CANDIDATES AT CLINIC – WILL BE PERFORMED AT TRYOUTS IN GROUPS OF THREE.

#### GROUP DANCE:

TAUGHT TO CANDIDATES AT CLINIC – WILL BE PERFORMED AT TRYOUTS IN GROUPS OF THREE.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

### ENTRANCE:

PRESENCE/POISE (5)  
TUMBLING DURING RUN-IN (10)  
SPIRIT/ENTHUSIASM (5)

### CHANT:

MOTION TECHNIQUE (10)  
TIMING (5)

### JUMPS:

TOE TOUCH (10)  
RIGHT/LEFT HERKIE (5)  
OPTIONAL JUMP (5)

### DANCE:

MOTION TECHNIQUE (10)  
PROJECTION (5)  
MEMORY (5)

### CHEER:

MOTION TECHNIQUE (10)  
VOICE/PROJECTION (5)  
INCORPORATION (JUMPS/STANDING TUMBLE) (5)  
MEMORY (5)

THERE ARE 100 POINTS AVAILABLE FROM EACH JUDGE.

THERE ARE 5 JUDGES.

THE HIGH AND LOW SCORE WILL BE DROPPED.

THE REMAINING THREE SCORES WILL BE AVERAGED.

CANDIDATES MUST EARN A MINIMUM SCORE OF 30 FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, AND 35 FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, TO BE PLACED ON THE SQUAD.

## TRY-OUT DETAILS

- ❖ TRY-OUTS WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 P.M. AND END AT 6:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18, AT AUSTIN ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL. ALL CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM TRY-OUTS. CANDIDATES SHOULD BE AT AUSTIN ACADEMY BY 3:30 P.M. IN THEIR TRY-OUT ATTIRE FOR WARM-UP SESSION.
- ❖ CANDIDATES MAY NOT RECEIVE GIFTS AT SCHOOL AT ANY TIME DURING THE TRY-OUT WEEK.
- ❖ THE CANDIDATES CHOOSE RANDOM TRY-OUT NUMBERS ON THE DAY OF MOCK TRYOUTS. THEY WILL SAFETY- PIN THE NUMBER TO THE FRONT OF THEIR SHIRT THAT IS REQUIRED ATTIRE FOR THE TRY-OUT (PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT- NO EMBLEMS, NAMES, ETC. ON T-SHIRT). THERE WILL BE NO SWITCHING OF NUMBERS AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN DRAWN.
- ❖ AN ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL TRY-OUTS.
- ❖ SCORES WILL BE TABULATED BY A PERSON NOT CONNECTED TO THE TRY-OUT USING A COMPUTER GENERATED FORMULA THAT WILL BE USED DISTRICT-WIDE.
- ❖ EVERY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO HIRE JUDGES THAT HAVE NOT WORKED WITH STUDENTS IN THE GARLAND AREA. HOWEVER, WITH THE HUNDREDS OF CAMPS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS OF CHEERLEADERS AND TAUGHT BY HUNDREDS OF INSTRUCTORS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE AT SOME TIME THAT A MEMBER OF THE JUDGING PANEL MAY HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH A CANDIDATE WHO IS TRYING OUT.  
PROFESSIONAL JUDGES WITH OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS AND REFERENCES WILL BE HIRED FOR ALL TRYOUTS. THEY WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO JUDGE THE CANDIDATES BASED ONLY ON THE MASTERY OF THE SKILLS THAT THEY SEE DEMONSTRATED DURING THE TRYOUTS. TRYOUT RESULTS WILL NOT BE CHALLENGED BECAUSE OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF JUDGES AND CANDIDATES.
- ❖ PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION – MEDICAL HISTORY FORM – PLEASE NOTICE THAT CHEERLADING CANDIDATES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A PHYSICAL EXAM UNLESS THEY ANSWER YES TO QUESTIONS 1,2,3,4,5 OR 6. IF NONE OF THESE APPLY, THEY ONLY NEED TO TURN IN THE FIRST PAGE. IF THEY ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, THEY MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL EXAM AND MUST TURN IN BOTH PAGES OF THE FORM.

## CHEERLEADER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

THE SCHEDULE LISTED BELOW IS BASED ON SCHEDULING INFORMATION KNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME. IT MAY BE AMENDED IF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS ARISE. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT MIDDLE SCHOOL SQUADS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO CHEER AT ONE SPORTING EVENT PER SCHOOL WEEK.

.....

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL GAMES ARE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. CHEERLEADERS WILL CHEER AT THE FIRST VOLLEYBALL GAME PRIOR TO THE START OF FOOTBALL, UNLESS THAT GAME IS AN AWAY GAME.

FOOTBALL GAMES ARE ON TUESDAY EVENINGS, AND ONE OR TWO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M.

DURING FOOTBALL / VOLLEYBALL SEASON, CHEERLEADING PRACTICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOONS BEGINNING AT 4:00 P.M, AND ENDING AT 6:00 P.M. THE CHEERLEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN THE SPONSOR'S CLASSROOM AT 4:00, DRESSED AND READY TO BEGIN PRACTICE. PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PICK CHILD UP PROMPTLY AT 6PM.

BASKETBALL GAMES ARE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M. AND WILL END AROUND 7:00 P.M. CHEERLEADERS WILL ONLY CHEER AT HOME GAMES. THERE IS A HOME GAME EVERY WEEK.

DURING BASKETBALL SEASON, CHEERLEADING PRACTICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 4:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL GAMES ARE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. CHEERLEADERS WILL CHEER AT THE FIRST VOLLEYBALL GAME PRIOR TO THE START OF FOOTBALL, UNLESS THAT GAME IS AN AWAY GAME.

FOOTBALL GAMES ARE ON TUESDAY EVENINGS, AND ONE OR TWO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

DURING FOOTBALL / VOLLEYBALL SEASON, CHEERLEADING PRACTICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 4-6PM, BUT PRACTICE MAY BE CHANGED TO 1-2 MORNINGS PER WEEK. IF THIS CHANGE IS MADE, IT WILL BE PERMANENT. PRACTICE SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN TO CHEERLEADERS AS SOON AS TIME IS DETERMINED. CHEERLEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DRESSED IN THEIR PRACTICE UNIFORM AND READY TO GO IN THE DESIGNATED AREA BY THE TIME PRACTICE STARTS. PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PICK CHILD UP PROMPTLY AT 6 PM, OR MAKE SURE THEY ARE AT SCHOOL BY 8AM FOR A MORNING PRACTICE.

BASKETBALL GAMES WILL BE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. AND WILL END AROUND 8:00 P.M. CHEERLEADERS WILL ONLY CHEER AT HOME GAMES. THERE IS A HOME GAME EVERY WEEK AT AUSTIN ACADEMY. .

DURING BASKETBALL SEASON, CHEERLEADING PRACTICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR ONE HOUR AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, FROM 4-5PM, OR ON ONE MORNING PER WEEK.

.....

CHEERLEADERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE ON TIME FOR ALL PRACTICE SESSIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE PRACTICE SESSIONS.

CHEERLEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE GAME SITE NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START TIME.

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE STADIUM AND GYMS TO PICK UP CHEERLEADERS AS SOON AS THE GAME AND/OR PRACTICE ENDS. IF A CHEERLEADER IS STILL WAITING FOR A RIDE 30 MINUTES AFTER THE EVENT ENDS, SHE/HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHEER AT THE NEXT EVENT.

**AUSTIN ACADEMY CHEERLEADER APPLICATION AND EXPECTATION FORM**

CANDIDATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to be a cheerleader at Austin Academy for Excellence, and I am initialing the items below to verify that I understand and will abide by all of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the sponsor and principal of Austin Academy for Excellence, and be present for all practices and games. It is my responsibility to have my child at all functions on time, and to pick up my child from all functions on time, as stated in the Cheerleader Constitution and/or Austin Academy school policy. I also understand that if I pick up my cheerleader more than 30 minutes late from a school function (practice or game), she may be ineligible to cheer at the next game.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader is expected to act in an exemplary way regarding behavior in and out of the classroom and/or school, and will be representing our school in and out of uniform. I understand that ANY incidence that could result in an office referral or placement in the Reassignment Room could result in removal from the squad, and my cheerleader will behave and hold herself to a higher standard because she is being selected by the DISTRICT to represent our school.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader is required to attend all practices, and I understand what an excused absence is (see Cheerleader Constitution, attached). I also understand that serving detentions and/or attending tutorials on a practice day, as well as doctor appointments, are NOT EXCUSABLE absences. Detentions/tutorials must be arranged on non-practice days. I also am aware that there may be occasional summer practice sessions, including an NCA Camp, which my cheerleader will be required to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader must receive at least a 70 for every class on all report cards, and that it is my responsibility to ensure that my cheerleader is not in a position to be benched due to grades. I understand that if I have access to a computer, I can monitor my cheerleader's grades on the ONLINE GRADEBOOK on a daily basis, and, if necessary, I can set the grade book up to alert me if grades fall below a certain point.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader WILL treat every member of the squad with respect at all times, and my daughter will be held accountable for any negative or derogatory actions made toward another cheerleader, or ANY other person in or out of school. All squad members will act as a team, regardless of level of ability, and will always put the squad first. There is no "I" in team.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader will only wear sweats (top or bottoms) on days that the cheer uniform will be worn to school. Sweats are not to be worn to school on days that cheerleaders are not dressed out. After cheer season is over, my cheerleader will NOT wear her sweats to school (this includes the jacket).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must pay all of my cheerleader fees at the time they are required. No uniforms for the squad will be shipped until all payments are made in full. I understand that cheerleading requires several fees up front, and I acknowledge that I will pay them when I am required to do so.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my cheerleader will be required to pay attention and be serious in practice at all times. I understand that if my cheerleader does not show that she knows the material for the upcoming game, she may be benched during the half-time show until she shows she can perform it in synch with her teammates. I also understand that my cheerleader may have to practice routines at home, in order to master them.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that as a cheerleader, my child is covered at school-sponsored events by the school insurance, providing that the proper GISD channels are followed. However, this GISD insurance coverage is a supplemental coverage, and not primary coverage. I am encouraged to have my own insurance coverage, and to take the additional school insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if my child cannot attend the Mandatory Summer Camp at Austin Academy, she/he will be benched for 3 performances. I also understand that the rules regarding camp attendance, as well as all other rules regarding attendance, are located in the GISD Middle School Cheerleading Constitution on page 9.

\_\_\_\_\_ I confirm that I have selected Austin Academy as the school of choice for the 2009-2010 school year for my student.

I agree to the above statements, and have read all the attached forms regarding cost, regulations, try-outs, and the standards of cheerleading. I understand and will abide by all the rules, and I understand that parents/guardians are not allowed in the building during the clinic, open gym time, or during try-outs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature and date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheerleader Candidate Signature and date

**Parent/Cheerleader Candidate Acknowledgement  
Receipt of Middle School Cheerleader Constitution**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent of \_\_\_\_\_, a potential cheerleader for Austin Academy 2009-2010, and parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, cheer candidate, do acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Garland Independent School District Middle School Cheerleader Constitution, and that I am aware of the policies and procedures involved in Middle School Cheerleading.

I also acknowledge that I am aware of the guidelines, required conduct, and deduction system, which is located on pages 6-11 of the Constitution.

I pledge that I will and can abide by, and agree to all the contents therein, and I understand that my cheerleader candidate, should she make the squad, will be held accountable and disciplined according to the information found in the Constitution. I also understand that not following these rules could result in my cheerleader being benched, or possibly dismissed from the squad, if the rules are not followed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheerleader Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Parent Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

**Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM  
AUSTIN ACADEMY CHEERLEADING**

CHEERLEADERS ARE EXPECTED TO CONFORM TO A HIGHER STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL. AUSTIN CHEERLEADERS WILL ABIDE BY AND UPHOLD ALL THE CHEERLEADER RULES, REGULATIONS, AND TRADITIONS, AS WELL AS THE POLICIES OF AUSTIN ACADEMY.

CANDIDATE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE FOR THE :        8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE \_\_\_\_\_        7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE \_\_\_\_\_



EACH OF YOUR TEACHERS MUST FILL OUT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

---

SUBJECT	TEACHER	FINAL AVERAGE FOR 4 <sup>TH</sup> SIX WEEKS
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____

PLEASE HAVE THIS SHEET, THE RECOMMENDATION FORM, A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT CARD, AND THE MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND TURNED IN TO MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 3, AT 4:00 P.M. ALONG WITH THE \$10 CLINIC FEE.

THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, AT 6 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY. ALTHOUGH ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING IS **NOT** MANDATORY FOR STUDENTS TO TRY OUT FOR CHEERLEADING, WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARENTS OF INTERESTED STUDENTS TO COME.

**TRY-OUT PACKET CHECKLIST  
(RETURN WITH PACKET)**

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE RETURNED TO CHEERLEADER SPONSOR WITH APPROPRIATE SIGNATURES.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ CHEERLEADER APPLICATION AND EXPECTATION FORM.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ MEDICAL RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN. \*Check to see if you need a Dr. Signature!\*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT/CHEERLEADER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONSTITUTION FORM
4. \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM WITH TEACHER SIGNATURES.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ LATEST REPORT CARD (**NOT** PROGRESS REPORT)- CAN BE OBTAINED IN COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
6. \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 CLINIC FEE- CASH OR CHECK (MADE OUT TO AUSTIN ACADEMY)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN THIS CHECKLIST, ALONG WITH REQUIRED PAPERS (#1-6), TO MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW **BEFORE** 4PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE COST OF CHEERLEADING BEFORE YOU COMMIT. IF YOUR CHILD MAKES THE SQUAD, ALL OF THE MONEY IS DUE WITHIN THE NEXT 2-4 WEEKS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE PAYMENTS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT MRS. PERSHEY OR MS. REW BEFORE YOUR CHILD TRIES OUT FOR THE SQUAD.