

# **W.H.S. Cheerleaders**

## **2022-2023**

### **School Board Approved Handbook**

#### **Requirements:**

1. Cheerleader must have a 2.0 GPA, at all times, to participate in cheerleading. If GPA is below a 2.0, cheerleader may be released from team or unable to try out for the next season.
2. Cheerleader must have a current physical and field trip form on file with Wakulla High.
3. Cheerleaders may not owe money to Wakulla High cheerleading team or any other Middle School at the time of try outs.
4. Cheerleaders will be required to cheer football and basketball, attend practices and participate in other events.
5. A cheerleader may be dismissed at any time.
6. If a cheerleader is dismissed or quits, they are not involved with any activities or events concerning cheerleading. They will no longer be affiliated with cheerleading. They will also not be allowed to tryout the following year.
7. If a cheerleader is not in attendance at school the day of a game, unless it is an excused absence, they will not be allowed to participate in the game.
8. Cheerleaders must be present at all scheduled games and team events. Any missed practice or game must be excused medically or preapproved with the coach.
9. Cheerleaders are to maintain dignity and poise at all time. They are official representatives of Wakulla High School.
10. Cheerleaders will provide their own uniform and accessories. If a cheerleader's account is not paid by the date the coach has set, the cheerleader will be benched until the balance is paid. Uniform and accessories will be returned to the coach until the bill is paid.
11. Summer camp is an official mandatory school activity.
12. The coach and the school administrator will have the final say on any situation involving a cheerleader.

#### **Practices, unexcused/excused absences, and conduct:**

1. Excused absence from practice or events---make-up conditioning.
  - a. Make up conditioning for an excused absence is to make up the conditioning/exercise done at practice that day. It is not for punishment but to bring the cheerleader's ability back up to where they were before they missed practice.
2. Unexcused absence from practice or events—make up conditioning.
3. After 2 absences, a cheerleader may be dismissed from the team.
4. Excused Absences:
  - a. Medical emergencies such as hospitalization of a cheerleader, or of their immediate family.
  - b. Funeral attendance: Must be discussed with Coach prior to funeral.
  - c. Doctor's appointment. A doctor's note must be presented the next day or may negate this as an excused absence.
5. Any bad conduct or misbehavior will result in extra running or stadiums at any time.
6. Continuous bad behavior may result in dismissal from team. (Including, but not limited to, tardiness, disrespect to coach or teammates, disrespect to teachers, excessive referrals, etc.)

**The Cheer Coach may revisit the requirements and policies after each school year to make changes, subtract policies or add new policies. These policies and procedures in this letter are only covering the 2022-2023 season and may be subject to change the following school year.**

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The School Board of Wakulla County, Florida does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, genetic information for applicants and employees, or any other reason prohibited by Federal and State law regarding non-discrimination. See 34 C.F.R. 100.6(d); 34 C.F.R. 106.9; 34 C.F.R. 110.25.

In addition, the School Board provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. See 34 C.F.R. 108.9.

Disabled individuals needing reasonable accommodations to participate in and enjoy the benefits of services, programs, and activities of the School Board are required in advance to notify the administrator at the school/center at which the event or service is offered to request reasonable accommodation. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to any opportunity or event associated with Wakulla County Schools.

The designated Equity Coordinator, Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator as required by 34 C.F.R. 100.6(d) is Lori Sandgren, Executive Director of Human Resources, 69 Arran Road, Crawfordville, Florida 32327; (850)926-0065; [lori.sandgren@wcsb.us](mailto:lori.sandgren@wcsb.us).