FARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHEER PROGRAM

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● The FMS cheer squad is a competitive squad that completes at 2 NCA competitions in December and January.
● We have practice EVERY FRIDAY unless off for a school Holiday. We will have Friday practices on Teacher work days even though students do not have school.
● Friday Practices are at The Texas AllStar and Dance cheer gym 4:30-6:30. Parents/Guardians must be able to provide transportation for practice via parent pick up or car pool.
● You can also expect an additional 2-3 sometimes 4 after school practices at FMS in addition to Friday practices based on FMS gym availability.

● FMS cheer Packet will be made available ONLINE by 2/11/19 and MUST be completed by the parent meeting 2/27/19. Late packets will be accepted until 3/4/19.

● The estimated cost of participation is $1,400-$1,500 for the year.

● There are Mandatory Summer Camps for ALL members who make the squad. Dates TBD. If you make the squad and do NOT attend the summer camps you cannot participate on the squad.

● Tryouts are open to ALL incoming 5th graders and 6th and 7th graders.
● ALL athletes must be in good academic standing, no school fines, or disciplinary reports in order to be eligible.
● There will be a MANDATORY parent meeting for cheer tryout information. That date is Wednesday February 27th at 5:30. Those who did not attend the meeting will be ineligible to participate in clinic and tryouts unless prior communication was made with the coaches about missing the meeting due to another conflict.
● Cheer tryout material will be posted on the Farley website by 2/15/19.

● Hippomanation.org> Schools>Farley Middle School>Student Activities>Clubs and Organizations>Cheerleading>Tryout Material
• Mandatory Clinic Week: **March 4th through March 7 and March 18** (Farley Middle School Gym, 4:00-6:00). Clinic and tryouts are **CLOSED** events, no public viewing. Parents may wait in the cafeteria with contestants.

  - **Clinic days are MANDATORY.** Candidates MUST attend 4 of the 5 clinic days. Absences from clinic days that are not communicated will disqualify candidates from tryouts.
  - Tryouts **Tuesday March 19:** After a candidate completes their tryouts they are free to leave.
  - The list will be posted on the **FARLEY CHEER PAGE** by midnight on March 19.

• **Mascot Try Out March 8.** Mascots attend clinic MARCH 18 to practice skit in Hippo costume and then will try out March 18 @6pm

  - A 1:30-2:00 minute skit is required in the **hippo suit. The suit will be provided.**
  - The skit must have an overall theme, crowd interaction, and elements of surprise
  - The skit must be choreographed to music and props, please download the music on your phone or tablet that can sync to a bluetooth speaker (speaker provided by coaches).

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FMS CHEER RULES and REGULATIONS

PURPOSE OF CHEERLEADING
The purpose of this organization is to promote participation in and support for the athletic teams of Farley Middle School through the development of leadership, cooperation, and self-discipline. We encourage a spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship in each individual member. The organization shall fulfill its purpose for the benefit of Hutto Schools and the community.

ELIGIBILITY
A. The candidates will receive a copy of the cheerleader handbook, a letter of agreement, and will receive a physical form upon making the team, which must be signed, completed and returned.
B. The candidate must be cleared through the principal and counseling offices. Candidates must have no record of serious offenses or persistent display of misconduct for the current year. The determination of “serious offense” and “persistent display of misconduct” shall rest with the principal or appropriate administrator. Candidates should have passed all classes first semester and be passing all academic classes at tryouts and submit a grade sheet report at tryouts.
C. Candidates will not be eligible if they have received discipline referrals that have resulted in ISS, DAEP, or at home suspension within the year of tryouts.
D. If a candidate has resigned or been removed from any cheerleading squad the previous year due to any offense, they may only be considered for tryouts at the coaches’ discretion.
E. Once selected, any squad member of the team will have to maintain a 70 average in all classes. Once a squad member’s average in any class drops below a 70, they will be required to attend mandatory tutorials in the class that the average has dropped. This is to help ensure the success of the student athlete as well as the success of the squad. Failing athletes at six week grading periods will not be able to cheer at athletic events or participate in school activities sponsored by cheer until grades improve. If the athlete fails the 2nd or 3rd six week grading period they will NOT be eligible to compete at NCA competitions.
F. If an athlete fails more than one six week grading period, the athlete will be removed from the squad.
G. Parent/Parent representative and candidate must attend a mandatory meeting prior to tryouts. Failure to attend may result in inability to try out. Conflicts will be handled on a case by case basis. Information provided at the meeting will be a brief synopsis of the handbook. Parents and candidates are ultimately responsible for the material. Information that will be covered in the meeting will include:
   1. Performance criteria and required forms
   2. Organizational rules and standards
   3. Financial requirements of each member

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The coach/coaches will review all applications and screen candidates. Candidates may be declared ineligible based on failure to meet stated criteria.

Commitment:
Members of the cheerleading program will follow the guidelines in the handbook. Cheer members will serve from the day of selection through the last day of school the following academic year.

- Cheerleaders represent HISD and FMS at all times.
- Cheerleading is a year-round commitment that requires devotion of time and effort (i.e. attendance guidelines). It is an honor that requires commitment, hard work and dedication.
- HISD cheer commitments should come before other obligations such as: select sports, outside cheer teams, etc. Should there be a conflict with a school-related activity, those conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Consequences will be enforced as necessary. More than two absences due to a conflict in other activities may be grounds for removal from the squad (coaches discretion).
- Each member is required to do physical conditioning running, weight training, push-ups, crunches, etc. during cheer season and off season.
- All Cheerleaders who make the squad will be enrolled in the cheer class for the next school year. If you DO NOT enroll in the class you cannot continue your commitment to the cheer program. Mascots WILL NOT be enrolled in the cheer class.

CLINIC
A. There will be a clinic held after school before the tryout date. All material for tryouts will be taught at this time.
B. Candidates will wear a white t-shirt or tank, sports bra, black shorts, and tennis shoes.
C. Hair must be pulled back off of face in a ponytail.
D. No gum or jewelry of any kind.
E. No glitter of any kind including glitter make-up or glitter lotions may be worn.
F. Electronic recordings will not be permitted for tryout purposes.
G. Parents will be prohibited from having contact with any candidate(s) during the designated tryout hours with the exception of an emergency situation. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification.
H. Cheer candidates will be prohibited from using any type of communication device in the dressing room or waiting area during tryout hours. In the event of an emergency situation, a cheer sponsor will be responsible for establishing communication with the parent/guardian by use of personal information provided on the student’s emergency card.

TRYOUT
A. The judging panel will consist of cheer coaches from surrounding programs.
B. The judges’ scores will be used as a guide for squad selection. Judges’ decisions on team placement will be final. Judges’ selections will be based on the following criteria:
   i. Physical ability - including but not limited to: motion technique, jumps, tumbling, overall skill level, cheer and dance. Male and female candidates will be judged independently. A number will be attached to
each candidate’s shirt for identification. No names will be used on the judge’s sheet, just the candidate’s number.

ii. Teacher Recommendations- two teacher recommendations completed and submitted.

iii. Attendance

iv. Grades

C. Tryouts will be closed to the public and all results are final. NO EXCEPTIONS.

D. A list will be posted as to which candidates made the team after tryouts are complete.

CAPTAIN(S) and CO-CAPTAINS/TEAM LEADERSHIP

A. A captain will be chosen after the squad has been assembled. More information to come.

Events

A. Members of the squad are required to perform at all designated activities and any other event(s) deemed necessary by the coach/coaches. All members of the squad will remain at any event until dismissed by the coach/coaches.

B. Athletes will be dismissed to their parents/parent representatives after all practices and events.

C. Athletes are allowed to ride home with parents/guardians after FMS cheerleading practices and events. During football season parent pick up is 7pm. This is usually the 4th quarter. We will meet as a team by the back entrance of the gym where you can pick up your athlete. Cheerleaders may only stay to continue to watch the game in the presence of a parent/guardian.

D. During out of town trips: Athletes will be released to parents/guardians. Athletes are allowed to ride home with someone other than their parent/guardian with an email sent to the coaches prior to departure from their parent/guardian.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

1. All parents and guardians who have a student who is a member of the cheerleading program are responsible for any and all financial obligations that he/she may incur.

2. All financial obligations will be non-returnable/non-refundable.

3. ALL financial payments MUST BE MADE ONLINE through our website with the exception to the initial 200$ cash fee due March, 27, 2019.

4. All expenses are required to be paid in full on the date(s) set by the coach/coaches. Failure to make payments on the due date makes your child ineligible and forfeits his/her spot on the team.

5. Loss of attire/equipment will cost additional funds from parents/guardians to replace. 10$ to replace shirts, 30$ to replace bow, full charge to replace uniform & warm-ups)

6. Other costs throughout the year may develop (team gifts, dinners, secret sister gifts, spirit items, etc.).

7. If a cheerleader fails the 2nd or 3rd six week grading period there will be a $175 removal charge applied to your account from NCA. NCA requires pre payment for registration and alterations to the cheer roster will cost the cheerleader $175.

6. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. NO EXCEPTIONS.
Estimated mandatory purchases:
- Uniform Package $250-400 (shell, skirt, long sleeves, backpack & warmups)
- Shirt and Bow fee $100
- NCA Cheer Camp $410
- Choreography Clinic $100
- TAC Gym Fee $350
- NCA State Registration $100
- NCA State Hotel Fee $100
- Lipsense BLU RED & GLOSS $30

***EVERY CHEERLEADER NEEDS TO HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL MAKEUP AND LIPSENSE (BLU RED)***

Personal Purchases
- Optional TAC makeup kit $70 (email coaches for details)
- White Cheer Shoes $60 (estimated cost)
- Black Spanx $10-15 (estimated) need 1 or more pairs
- Black Leggings $10-15 (estimated) need 1 or more pairs
- White Socks $10-15 (estimated) need 1 or more pairs
- White Sports Bra $10-15 (estimated) need 1 or more
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NCA SUMMER Camp
1. Camp for all squad members is **required** and is available for mascot
2. **Camp will be at Sam Houston June 10-13 THIS IS A 3 NIGHT OVERNIGHT CAMP**
3. **Cheerleaders will be responsible for paying camp tuition by the due date set by the coaches in order to be eligible to attend**
4. Transportation, housing and meals will be provided
5. These are closed events with the exception of the final day June 13.

TAC SUMMER Choreography Camp
1. Camp is **REQUIRED**
2. **Camp will be at the end of July or Beginning of August on a Friday, Saturday and ½ day Sunday.**
3. **Cheerleaders will bring their own lunches**
PHYSICAL FITNESS
A. It is required that any member of the cheerleading program have a medical release form notarized and completed by their parent/guardian and a completed physical form before they can participate.
B. Students must realize that a position on the squad will require them to make an effort in representing their school the best way they can. This includes grooming, care of uniforms, and conduct.
C. All members of the cheerleading program are required to follow a workout schedule. This will consist of a conditioning routine. Participation is required even if you have come from another activity that may also require the same routines.

Injuries
- We will notify parents about major injuries as soon as possible.
- Cheerleaders can have injuries evaluated by the High School Athletic Trainer appointments must be made through an FMS COACH.
- Dr. Note must be provided to be excused from physical activity/practice as well as a release to allow the cheerleader to participate in physical activity/practice again.

CHEERLEADING vs. ANY OTHER SPORT/ACTIVITY
A. Any conflict between two or more school activities or events will be resolved between the campus program directors and coordinators.

*State and National CHEER Competitions take precedence over other sporting/UIL events*

X. FUNDRAISING
A. All members are required to participate.
B. SNAP & RAISE IS THE ONLY FUNDRAISER THAT WILL PUT FUNDS into the cheerleaders personal account.
C. ALL OTHER FUNDRAISERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE GENERAL ACTIVITY CHEER FUND.
   a. Group fundraisers help us pay for meals when we travel, and extra items for the squad.

Practices
A. It is mandatory that all squad members attend ALL practices. Failure to do so is subject to consequences up to and including removal from the squad. Removal from the squad based on absences examples:
   ○ 2 or more no call, no shows to practices or events
   ○ Missing practice due an after school detention (coaches discretion)
   ○ Missing 2 or more practices for outside non FMS extracurricular activities
B. Attire shall consist of Cheerleading shoes, socks, sports bra, black spanx and assigned cheer shirt.
C. For safety reasons, NO jewelry will be allowed.
D. For health reasons NO SODA or Caffeine drinks during cheer practices and events. Please limit snacks to healthful snacks. (When in uniform or when attending cheer events).

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GAMES/ PERFORMANCE
A. Every cheerleader is required to be in the designated uniform. If a cheerleader is missing any part of the complete uniform, the cheerleader will not participate in that day’s event.
B. No unusual hairstyle or unnatural hair color will be allowed while participating as a member of the cheerleading program. All hair must be kept up and out of the face during performances. All female squad members will wear the same hairstyle while in uniform (ex. hair pulled back in ponytail). Hairstyle will be determined by coach/coaches.
C. No colored fingernail polish may be worn during NCA competitions while in uniform.
D. NO ACRYLIC NAILS! For safety purposes.
E. For safety reasons, NO jewelry will be allowed. Any member of the cheerleading program who is caught wearing jewelry at any practice or event will have consequences.
F. Each cheerleader is required to arrive at the designated time as set by coach/coaches before each event. All squad members will be released by coach/coaches. Times are to be determined by the coaches.
G. All cheerleaders are required to ride to and from events on school provided transportation unless coaches determine otherwise.
H. For safety reasons, NO jewelry will be allowed.
I. For health reasons NO SODA or Caffeine drinks. Please limit snacks to healthful snacks. (When in uniform or when attending cheer events).

PEP RALLIES
A. In order to participate in the pep rally, the cheerleader must attend the practice immediately before the scheduled pep rally and must demonstrate knowledge of the cheers, chants, dance, and games included in that pep rally. If material is not mastered, the cheerleader will sit out of the pep rally.
B. Pep Rallies are open to parents once checked in by the front office. Be sure to provide a valid driver's license.

ABSENCES
A. Members are required to contact the coach of any and all possible absences in advance. This must be done through written notice with a parent/guardian signature, phone call, or email. Should an emergency (accident, death in family, illness) arise, please contact coach/coaches as soon as possible.
B. If a squad member has an unexcused absence from any practice or event, the member may be suspended for a performance and/or event.
C. If a squad member has two unexcused absences, they will be dismissed from the squad as determined by the coach/coaches.
D. Any appointments should be scheduled around practice times.
E. If a cheerleader is absent from school for more than 4 class periods they CANNOT attend practice unless they have an excused absence (Dr. Note)
F. If a cheerleader is not able to perform due to injury, she must still attend all cheerleader functions (in uniform if the function is so indicated).

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UNIFORMS
A. The sponsor shall be in charge of all uniform selection. All uniforms will be purchased by each cheerleader/mascot.
B. All uniforms shall be neat, clean and in good condition at all times. If not, the squad member will not participate. At no time shall the uniform be worn without authorization of the sponsor.
C. Cheerleaders/Mascot will not alter their uniform in a permanent way without coaches’ approval. Also, the mascot will stay in full uniform throughout all public appearances.
D. “Complete Uniform” will consist of: cheer top, cheer skirt, cheer shoes, cheer socks, bloomers, cheer bow, cheer warm-up when cold, fitted undershirt when cold, and pom poms.

SAFETY
A. Safety is each cheerleader’s constant responsibility, including flyers when building and stunting.
B. NO TUMBLING OR STUNTING WITHOUT COACHES PRESENT.
C. All cheerleaders will be required to practice safety measures at all times.
D. NO Coach—NO practice!!! No building or stunting at practices or games if the sponsor or appointed person in charge is not present.
E. Due to safety concerns, practices may be held at a specifically designated cheer gym for use of the facilities and each squad member will be responsible for any and all gym fees.
F. The use of any and all electronic devices during practices or events is prohibited. Consequences will be strongly enforced for any squad member using cell phones etc.

Code of Conduct
A FMS Cheerleader takes on the role of a respectful and disciplined athlete who should model appropriate behavior for his/her peers at all times—in school, after school and in the community. This is a very visual position. Along with this position comes a great deal of responsibility; cheerleaders display a good work ethic, and a spirit of cooperation with parents, coaches, and other cheerleaders, and other students. Each squad member will be held to these high standards in and out of school. Cheer coaches will determine discipline should infractions occur. This expectation begins the day the members becomes a part of the FMS Cheer Program.
Athletes in the FMS Cheer Program will follow a “Three Strike” System. Strikes will be given based on a cheer member’s behavioral infraction. The coaches will document each behavioral infraction and communicate strikes with the cheerleader and their parent.

Level III infractions are grounds for automatic removal.
Any cheer member who is removed from the cheer program during the school year will be moved from the cheer class to another class for the remainder of the semester. Any student who is removed from the program for grade or behavior must submit a formal request to try out for the cheer program for the following year. Appeals will be granted on a case-by-case basis determined by the campus coaches and administration.
The following levels outline discipline infractions and possible consequences. All discipline is designed to be corrective in nature.

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Level I (these infractions do not incur strikes):
Immediate reminders: The cheer coach will determine the remainder and consequence at the time of the infraction. Consequences for Level 1 behaviors may result in reminders, physical conditioning, or suspension for all or part of a game or event. Examples include:
- Tardiness to practice or class (more than 10 minutes)
- Chewing gum, eating candy, or snacking during a game, practice or an event without permission
- Being disruptive, horsing around, or talking excessively
- Failure to help paint, hang, or remove signs when assigned
- Failure to turn in paperwork
- Incorrect practice clothes (including hair bows and shoes, if applicable)

Level 2 (these infractions incur strikes):
The cheer coaches will determine if a strike is warranted by the cheerleader’s behavior. Strikes may result in the same consequences as a Level 1 infraction, along with the strike itself. Examples include:
- Incorrect game day clothes (including hair bows, if applicable)
- Disrespect/insubordination towards cheer coaches
- Disrespect/insubordination towards a teacher or administrator
- Disrespect/inappropriate language toward another team member
- Absence to a practice that has not been excused or being more than 10 minutes tardy
- Leaving practice/game/event without permission
- Unsportsmanlike conduct at a game or event
- Talking or texting on cell phone during game/practice/event/class
- Academic dishonesty
- Assignment to ISS
- Receiving a discipline referral, including cell phone violations
- Not participating in fundraising activities
- Being tardy to practice/game/event 2 times
- Committing 2 Level I infractions within a three week period
- Failing to fully participate in sponsored activities
- Failure to bring designated materials when required
- Any jewelry (all body jewelry/spacers) including ears, belly, nose, etc.
- Failing at a report card and failing to recover grades at the three week progress report

Level III (Removal from the Team):
- Absence from a game/event that has not been excused.
- Suspension from school
- Receiving 3 strikes
- Assignment to DAEP
- IN or OUT of school suspension
- 2 or more lunch detentions
- Failing any two six-week grading periods
- Alcohol Use (on or off campus)
- Drug Use (on or off campus)
- Smoking (on or off campus) including vaping.
- Destruction or vandalism of school property
- Stealing
- Academic or Athletic Dishonesty
- Inappropriate use of social media (bullying, harassment, drugs/alcohol, tobacco/vaping, profanity, inappropriate gestures).

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Competition

- Competition is a privilege, not a right of cheerleaders.
- All costs/fees of competition MUST BE PAID IN FULL in order to be eligible for competition.
- If the cheerleader is academically ineligible for either NCA competition, he/she will be unable to compete, and is required to pay said fees (172, cancelation fee). Refunds will not be issued.
- If fees are not paid, the cheerleader will be placed on the HISD Obligation List.
- **FOR NATIONALS (our second competition)** we will treat our athletes to a team dinner open to parents to attend. Prices for this dinner will range from 20-35$ per person. Children 3 and under are typically free. We will send out instructions for meal payments and the deadline for payment. Payments must be made in full to secure our reservation by the assigned due date or parents/other family members forfeit their seat in the reservation.

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Checklist

All of the following are due on or before Monday March 4 to Coach Bownds/Briones

NO late folders or cheer packets will be accepted!!!

- FMS Cheer Agreement and Receipt of Handbook (PG 13)
- Signed Social Media Contract (PG 14)
- Emergency Information Card (PG 15)
- Letter of Agreement of Cheerleading Constitution (PG 16)
- Financial Agreement (PG 17)
- FMS Middle School Application (PG 18)
- 4th 6 weeks report card (STAPLE TO CHEER APPLICATION)
- Signed Student Acknowledgement and Agreement (PG19)
- Self-Evaluation (PG20)
- Teacher recommendation #1* (PG21)
- Teacher recommendation #2* (PG22)

*Recs must be from 1 or more core teacher or 1 core and 1 elective teacher

By Signing below I acknowledge that I have read the cheer contrat online through the FMS CHEER PAGE. I understand the expectations set forth by the FMS cheer coaches & administration.

Parent Signature____________________________Date_______

Student Signature____________________________Date_______

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FMS Cheer Agreement and Receipt of Handbook

____________________ (student) has my permission to be a cheerleader at Hutto High School if selected.

Please initial the following:

Parent  Candidate

______  _______ We understand that is our responsibility to read the cheer code of conduct online. Our signatures verify that we have read and understand the cheer code of conduct.

______  _______ We understand that he/she must abide by all rules set forth in the handbook. We understand all expectations and responsibilities including the Code of Conduct completely.

______  _______ We understand that parents may be required to provide transportation to events for the cheerleader.

______  _______ We understand that all forms must be completed and turned-in by March 4.

______  _______ We understand the tryout process including selection of cheerleaders. We agree to abide by the final decision of the FMS cheer coaches.

______  _______ We understand all costs involved and that we are financially responsible for items ordered as well as school-purchased items. Any failure to comply will result in being placed on the HISD Obligation List.

______  _______ We understand that if we are selected to the team that the cheerleaders are a school and community figure and may appear as public figures in newspapers, radio, television broadcasts, yearbook spreads, etc. Parental signature indicates permission to appear in all publications or presentations involving the FMS Cheerleaders.

______  _______ We understand that by the nature of the activity, cheerleading carries a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the coaches and participants are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injury includes minor injuries such as muscle strains, dislocation and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death. We are fully aware of these risks and will not hold Hutto ISD or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time. If an injury should occur, we understand that parents will be responsible for payment via personal insurance and finances.

Student
Signature__________________________________________________Date_______________________

Parent
Signature__________________________________________________Date_______________________

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Student-Athlete & Parent Social Media Agreement

Social media can be a useful tool to communicate with teammates, fans, friends, coaches and more. Social media can also be dangerous if you are not careful. Every picture, link, quote, tweet, status, or post that you or your friends put online is forever part of your digital footprint. You never know when that will come back to hurt or help your reputation during the recruiting process, a new job, or other important areas of your life. If a student-athlete fails to uphold the social media it is classified as a Level III infraction and the student-athlete WILL be removed from the squad. Recognizing the above: (PLEASE INITIAL BELOW)

- [ ] I take responsibility for my online profile, including my posts and any photos, videos or other recordings posted by others in which I appear.
- [ ] I will not degrade my opponents before, during, or after games.
- [ ] I will post only positive things about my teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.
- [ ] I will use social media to purposefully promote abilities, team, community, and social values.
- [ ] I will consider “Is this the me I want you to see?” before I post anything online.
- [ ] I will ignore any negative comments about me, screenshot and report when appropriate, report and will not retaliate.
- [ ] If I see a teammate post something potentially negative online, I will have a conversation with that teammate. If I do not feel comfortable doing so, I will talk to the team captain, or a coach.
- [ ] I am aware that I represent my sport(s), school, team, family and community at all times, and will do so in a positive manner.

Student Signature: __________________________________________ date: ____________

Parent Signature: __________________________________________ date: ____________
EMERGENCY INFORMATION CARD
Please Print

Students Name: ________________________________________________________________

Last               First               M. Initial

Address: _________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Parent/ Guardian’s Name: ______________________________________________________

Home Phone: __________________________________________________________________

Place of Business: ________________________ Work Phone: _______________________

List two neighbors or nearby relatives who will assume temporary care of your child if you
cannot be reached:

1. Name: _____________________________________ Relationship: ____________________
   Address: _______________________________ Phone: _________________________

2. Name: _____________________________________ Relationship: ____________________
   Address: _______________________________ Phone: _________________________

Insured’s Name: ____________________________ Ins. Co. Phone: ______________________

Insurance Company: _________________________ Group #:___________________________

Ins. Co. Address: ____________________________ Policy #:___________________________

Family Physician: ____________________________ Office Phone: ______________________

Business Address: ___________________________ Home Phone: _______________________

Health History: Circle any area that your child has had difficulty:

Kidneys       Heart       Asthma       Diabetes       Blood Pressure

Epilepsy       Sight       Hearing

Allergies (Explain)
____________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Do you wear corrective lenses while competing? ___________ [Glasses____] [Contacts____]

Are you allergic to any medication?_______ Explain:___________________________________

In case of accident or illness, I request the school contact me. If the school is unable to reach me,
I hereby authorize the school to call the physician indicates above to follow his instructions. If
this physician cannot be reached, the school may make any arrangements necessary for the
welfare of my child.

Signature: ________________________________________ Date:________________________
LETTER OF AGREEMENT OF CHEERLEADING CONSTITUTION

My child, ______________________________, has my permission to be a cheerleader at Farley Middle School. I understand that he/she must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor, principal, and administration of Farley Middle School, and be present for all practices and games. I have read the rules and regulations of the constitution and understand that the violation of any of these rules may lead to temporary or permanent suspension from the squad. I understand and give permission for my daughter/son to ride with the advisor and/or other parents when necessary on school provided transportation. I understand that all forms attached must be completed prior to the first day of the cheerleading clinic tryouts or my child will not be allowed to tryout. I understand that my child must attend all practices (unless excused by the coach) and required tryout sessions or my child will not be considered for a cheerleading position. I understand that my daughter/son will be evaluated by qualified judges, and we agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I understand all costs involved as stated in the rules and that I, the parent/guardian, am responsible for all financial obligations. If my daughter/son chooses to quit or is dismissed, no reimbursements will occur and he/she is still responsible for the fees.

I understand by the very nature of the activity that cheerleading carries a risk of physical injury. No matter how careful the participant and coach are, how many spotters are used, or what landing surface is used, the risk cannot be eliminated. The risk of injury includes minor injuries such as muscle pulls, dislocation, and broken bones. The risk also includes catastrophic injuries such as permanent paralysis or even death from landing or falls on the back, neck, or head. I understand, and I am fully aware of these risks and will not hold Farley Middle School or any of its personnel responsible in the case of accident or injury at any time.

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Parent or Guardian Signature  ___________ Date  ___________

I am interested in being a cheerleader at Farley Middle School. I understand the risks stated above. If elected, I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the advisor, principal, and administrators of Farley Middle School. I agree to cooperate and follow the instructions of the cheerleading coaches.

Student Signature:  __________________________________________ Date:  __________

Home Address:  __________________________________________

School now attending:  __________________________________________ Grade next year:  __________

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY COACHES/SPONSORS

Does this student currently hold the correct amount of credits for the grade they will be entering into for the 2019-2020 school year?  YES  NO

I also verify that this student has passed ALL classes for the last grading period.

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Signature of Coaches/Sponsors

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL COACHES/SPONSORS

I verify that this student has no record of serious offenses or persistent display of misconduct.

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CoachesSignature
Financial Agreement

● Cost for the year may vary each year. Please see the attached estimate of cost for an approximate financial commitment.
  ○ Fundraising is done and may benefit the cheerleader individually. Group fundraisers will be applied to the cheer account.
  ○ Should the cheerleader not participate in fundraising, then this will result in a larger amount of fees due.
● Other costs throughout the year may develop (team gifts, dinners, player gifts, spirit items, etc.).
● If a cheerleader fails the 2nd or 3rd six week grading period there will be a $175 removal charge applied to your account from NCA. NCA requires pre payment for registration and alterations to the cheer roster will cost the cheerleader $175 paid to the cheer account online.
● A payment schedule will be set for all payment dates.
  ○ If circumstances exist that prevent a cheerleader from paying said fees, payment plans can be made according to needs of the cheerleader. Please discuss with coaches immediately.
  ○ If items are not paid for by due date, cheerleaders will not practice or perform until payment had been made.
  ○ Cheer members must be current with their payment schedule. Not being current will result in suspension from all cheer activities until payment is made.
  ○ Balance must be paid in full by 3/1/20 or the student-athlete will be added to the school fine list.
● Cheer members who owe a balance on their account will be ineligible to try out until payment is made in full.
● Cheer members may be required to attend and participate in fundraising activities in order to cheer. Cheer members may also be required to participate in group fundraising activities in which all profit will benefit the general activity cheerleading fund. Cheerleaders who do not participate fully as dictated by the coaches may incur strikes per the FMS Cheer Code of Conduct.
● If a member is declared ineligible, injured, is being disciplined, is dismissed or resigns from the team, the member is still responsible for ALL fees. Refunds will not be issued.
● Failure to pay fees will result in the HISD obligation list.

Cheerleader Candidate Signature___________________________________________

Parent Signature________________________________________________________

Date_________________________________________________________________

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FMS Middle School
Cheer Application

I, __________________________________________________________, submit this application for the Farley Middle School Cheerleading Organization. I will be a 6th/7th / 8th (circle one) grader next school year at Farley Middle School. In submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:

1. The cheerleading sponsor will verify my academic standing, grades, and behavior. I must not be on academic or disciplinary probation. Any of the above will immediately disqualify me from participation in this extracurricular activity.
2. Once selected, I understand that I must follow all rules and regulations outlined by the FMS Student Handbook as well as the rules and regulations of the Farley Cheerleading Organization.
3. If selected, I will attend scheduled practices, classes, performances, summer camp, and other designated functions or duties by the cheerleading sponsor.
4. I agree to follow all safety guidelines deemed necessary by the cheerleading sponsor.

I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the above guidelines will result in my disqualification from consideration and participation in the cheerleading program. I also agree that, if selected, I will fully abide by the cheerleading rules and regulations.

Participant’s Signature: ____________________________________ Date: __________________________

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________
Home phone number: ____________________________________________
Work number: __________________________________________________
Cell number: ______________________________________________________

TSHIRT SIZE:    YL   AS    AM    AL    AXL (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) Y=Youth, A=Adult

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Acknowledgment and Agreement

Sponsors will obtain grade verification regarding grade eligibility and behavior concerns for each class in which the individual is enrolled prior to acceptance on the team. Based on this verification, I understand that I could be ineligible to participate. Sponsors will meet with students who don't meet requirements as soon as possible.

After the season has started, lack of compliance of this contract will result in the inability to be a member of this organization.

I have read the Farley Middle School cheerleading rules and regulations, and I understand the expectations specified. I understand the rules and regulations identified and agree to follow them.

Parent Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

Student Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________

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FMS Cheerleading/ Mascot: Self-Evaluation Form

This form is to be completed by all applicants.
You will not receive credit for this evaluation unless it is included in your folder.

1 is low........5 is high

Citizenship: (How is your behavior and attitude toward fellow classmates and adults on campus? Are you a good citizen at school?)

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Explain your choice:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Leadership: (Do you have positive and influential potential? Do you go above and beyond what is required to make something meaningful? Do you take initiative with what you do, or do you always have to be told what to do and when?)

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Explain your choice:
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Dependability: (Are you on time to class? On time with school work? Do you come prepared and ready to work in class? Is your attendance a problem?)

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Explain your choice:
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Attitude: (Are you willing to listen to suggestions? Is your hallway behavior appropriate? Do you take pride in yourself at Farley Middle School? Do you respect your peers and adults?)

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Explain your choice:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Cooperation: (Needed for working on a team. Do you understand that you let teammates down when you don’t practice hard, when you are late, when you decide to QUIT?)

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Explain your choice:

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #1

Why would you recommend ________________________________________________, for a spot on the 2019-2020 cheer squad? Please explain in the space provided:

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Teacher Signature: ________________________________________________________

Teacher Name (please print): _____________________________________________

Subject Taught___________________________________________________________

Date: ________________________________

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION #2

Why would you recommend ____________________________________________, for a spot on the 2019-2020 cheer squad? Please explain in the space provided:

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Teacher Signature: __________________________________________________________________________________
Teacher Name (please print): ___________________________________________________________________
Subject Taught_____________________________________________________
Date: ___________________________________

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