

2019-2020 DMS Cheerleading Tryouts Information/Expectations

Thank you for showing an interest in cheerleading for the Falcons at Davis Middle School! We hope you find this information useful. Please remember that all forms must be completed and submitted before the end of the school day on TO BE DETERMINED or the candidate will not be allowed to begin tryouts on TO BE DETERMINED. If you have any questions or if there is any confusion about the information you receive today, please contact Sonya Elzey at sonya.elzey@hallco.org or Caitlin Hansard at caitlin.hansard@hallco.org.

Tryout Schedule:

When: Students will report to the gym at **1st bus call**

- Work Sessions: TBD
- Official Tryout Date: TBD 4:00 until your tryout is complete
- All sessions will be held in the DMS gym.
- All sessions are CLOSED to the public.

What will I need to do for tryouts?

1. Specific jumps and jump of choice
2. Cheer
3. Chant
4. Dance
5. Other scoring points: Overall coordination, attitude, spirit shown, voice quality, timing, tightness of motions, teamwork.
6. GOOD ACADEMIC AND DISCIPLINE STANDINGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN PHYSICAL SKILLS. These will be taken into account during scoring.

** Tumbling is optional and a time will be given during tryouts to show tumbling ability. NO SPOTTING will be available.

What to wear to tryouts:

1. Work Session Days: (Tuesday- Thursday): T-shirt (NO TANK TOPS), gym shorts (appropriate length), socks, tennis shoes, and hair pulled back in ponytail.
2. Tryout Day: (Friday): SOLID RED t-shirt (NO TANKS), BLACK gym shorts (appropriate length), ankle socks with tennis shoes, hair pulled back in a ponytail.

BRING WATER TO DRINK EVERYDAY

What is NOT allowed during tryouts:

1. Jewelry/ piercings anywhere (including ears) on any day of tryouts. Do NOT use Band-Aids to cover piercings. (We do not allow piercings per the GHSA Cheerleading guidelines.)
2. Gum
3. Nails longer than fingertip length. (We do not allow piercings per the GHSA Cheerleading guidelines.)
4. Nail polish/acrylic nails

Per Davis Middle School Athletic policy, cheerleaders will be chosen by the coaches based on an evaluation of tryouts performance, grades, and attitude. Students should be well respected by peers and teachers. Attitude and maturity will also be taken into account when choosing the squad.

The results of tryouts are FINAL. If you have a question or concerns about the outcome of the tryouts, you may contact the cheer coach with a written request. NO questions/concerns will be handled via phone or email. All concerns will be handled promptly and you will be contacted in response to your concern. Address all concerns to:

Davis Middle School, ATTN: Cheerleading Coach, 4335 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

WHAT KIND OF COMMITMENT AM I GETTING INVOLVED WITH?

It is important for the student to be available on the dates listed on the calendar. Permission must be obtained from the coach in advance if the student cannot fulfill this obligation. Sickness/Emergency situations are the only excusable reasons for absences.

Tentative Dates for Planning Purposes:

SPRING 2020:

April/May - Parent Meeting & Uniform Fitting

SUMMER 2020:

June - Camp (1 week, dates TBA)

Late June through July – Morning Practices (twice a week)

All summer practices are from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Practice on your own at home to learn and reinforce both new and current cheers/chants.

Practices will be announced after squad is chosen. (May add other practices as needed during the month of July in preparation for back to school and open house responsibilities)

FALL 2020:

August through October - Afterschool Practices & Football Season

Mondays: Practice 4-5:30, Tuesdays: Game Days, and Thursdays: Practice 4-5:30

Must attend all games

WINTER 2020-2021:

November through January - Basketball Season

Mondays and Thursdays: Game Days; Practice (if needed) 4 – 5:30 on Tuesdays

Parent Involvement:

- Support the DMS cheerleaders, coach, and program.
- Organize and lead fundraisers: Picking up items, sorting for delivery, helping cheerleader sell (coach will assist with ideas)
- Support girls by providing snacks. Teams of parents will be responsible each game for pre and post game drinks and snacks.

Grades:

- Students who wish to try out for an athletic program must have passed five out of six classes from the 1st semester of the current year. (Semester proceeding the beginning of the season.)
- If chosen for the squad, cheerleader must bring a copy of each progress report and report card to the coach for review in a timely manner.
- Cheerleaders are students first. If a cheerleader is failing one or more subjects, they will be asked NOT to cheer but are still required to attend all games and sit with the coach until the grade is improved. Plans for extra academic support can be discussed.