**TOMLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING**

**Rules, Policies and Expectations 2013-2014**

***The primary role of a Tomlinson Middle School Cheerleader is to promote school spirit, enhance crowd involvement, and positively represent TMS both as a leader and an athlete.***

**Academics:**

• Cheerleaders must be passing all classes including UAs to participate.

• Should a cheerleader be failing one class, she will be put on probation. The coach will be in contact with the teacher of that class to verify that improvements are being made.

**Attendance:**

* Attendance is mandatory at all events (games and practices) that are on the schedule. Students must have transportation outside of the late bus as some practices and games go past 4:00 p.m (see schedule).
* If a cheerleader will miss one of the scheduled practices or games, notice must be given to Coach Taddei (preferably as soon as possible). A note signed by a parent, guardian, or doctor is required.
* A note from a parent is NOT required if the student is on the “Absent Excused” list for school that day.
* If absences become a problem, the coach will determine further participation.

**Rules/Procedures:**

* Cheerleaders **MUST be on time** for practice and games. Not obeying this policy will result in probation after being late three times. We have very limited practice time, so maximizing it is important. Be changed and ready to go by **3pm.** You will not be able to change in the locker room…you must change in the girl’s bathroom as there will not be supervision. Keep your cheer clothes and shoes in your regular locker!
* **Cell Phones are to be turned off and out of sight** during all events and practices. This includes during breaks.
* **Appropriate attire** should be worn for practices including shorts, shorts, tank top or t-shirt (no spaghetti straps), cheerleading shoes and/or sneakers.
* **Gossip or being disrespectful will not be tolerated**. You are to respect your coaches, your teammates, and equipment AT ALL TIMES (in and out of cheerleading)!!! Any level of negativity will not be tolerated.
* **You are a TEAM**! You do not have to be “best friends” but you are to all support and include one another. Every girl earned their spot on the team.

I acknowledge and understand the rules above. I will be a positive role model for my team and fellow peers.

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**Cheerleader’s signature Print Name Date**

I acknowledge and understand the rules above. I approve of my child participating.

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