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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Date: February 26, 2018
To: Board of Trustees
From: Suzanne Eiben
Subject: Cheer Constitution for PJHS and PHS

The Constitutions for the junior high and high school cheer teams guidelines for selection and operation are presented for your approval.

For the Palestine Junior High, revisions include:

Article V – Tryouts: Requirement #3 – the statements have been combined to include “....must not have received a discipline referral that resulted in DAEP, ISS, or suspension during the current school year.”

Requirement #7 – candidates must acquire a letter of recommendation from one of their current teachers as one of the requirements to tryout.

Procedures:

#5 – The Maroon squad will consist of both 7th and 8th grade students with no less than ten total on the squad.

#6 – The White squad will consist of both 7th and 8th grade students with no minimum for the squad.

#8 – If a Maroon squad cheerleader quits or resigns before summer camp, the next candidate in line of scores from the white squad will be the replacement, if the minimum number requirements of ten has not been met.

Article VIII – Demerits –

The statement at the end of this section addresses reimbursement of funds paid if a cheerleader quits or is dismissed. The student may keep the items if payment was received in full, but the student may not wear them until the following school year.

For the Palestine High School, revisions include:

Tryout: Requirements:

- At the time of tryouts, if a candidate has failed two or more six weeks' periods during the current school year the student will not be eligible to tryout.
- 2017-2018 – a student had to be academically eligible at the time of tryouts, along with the same standard for 2018-2019.
- Added “attend parent, candidate meeting...”

Tryout: Selection Process:

- Added to the selection of scoring method that assigns a weight of 80 % to the scoring of judges and a 10% sponsor and 10% to the average of teacher recommendations.
- 2017-2018 the assignment of weight of teachers' recommendation was 20%.
- Added areas to judged – motion sharpness, cheer ability, dance ability, spiriting, attitude, initiative, teamwork, and leadership.

Tryout: Squad Membership, Judges, and Scoring

- Changed “Tabulations will be checked by high school administration: from “by a technical assistant.”

Mascot Tryout Information

- States that mascot tryouts will be held after school on the next day following cheer tryouts.

Awards: changes “quits” to ...”resigns” will not receive a letter jacket.

Conduct/ Rules/Demerits

- Adds “may not wear uniform, participate in scheduled activities “while on academic probation, but the student is still required to come to practice and attend tutorials.
- Adds to mandatory attendance, “summer designated paint days, Mini Cheer camp”
- Adds “may not wear jewelry to practice or any scheduled activity”
- Adds the requirement that all cheerleaders are to join the REMIND app, and asks that parents also join in order to stay connected with cheer information.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of the revisions to these PISD Cheer Constitutions.

Sincerely,



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