

# **Joint Intergovernmental Agreement**

for

## **A Cooperative Athletic Competitive Cheerleading Team**

### **between Lexington High School and Ridgeview High School**

For and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained within, the Lexington High School and Ridgeview High School, become parties to this agreement, hereby mutually promise and agree to the following stipulations and conditions. This agreement is for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

1. **Name:** The official name of the cooperative team will be the Lexington/Ridgeview Cheerleading Coop
2. **Terms of the agreement:**
  - a. **Host School:** Lexington High School will be designated the host school to the Illinois High School Association.
  - b. **Schedule of Contests:** Lexington High School shall have the responsibility of scheduling competitions.
  - c. **Colors and Mascot/Nickname:** The official name will be Lexington/Ridgeview Cheerleading Coop. The colors will be Purple Black and White and the Mascot will be the Minutemen.
  - d. **Winter Sideline Cheer:** Lexington and Ridgeview will each have their own respective basketball sideline cheer teams. Each school will provide their own sideline coach and cheer at their home school's basketball games. Each school will verify that every member of the competitive cheer team is also a member of their respective schools basketball sideline cheer team.
  - e. **Awards, Letters, and Banquets:** Awards night will be held each year at Lexington High School. Athletes will be honored according to their respective schools' award system.
  - f. **Student-Athlete Registration:** Registration for the season will remain open until the conclusion of the first week of the IHSA season.
  - g. **Equipment:** Lexington High School will purchase, inventory, and store uniforms and equipment. If both schools are represented on a new uniform or equipment purchase, Ridgeview will pay 45% of the uniform/equipment purchase price. *(Equipment does not include cheerleading mats)*
  - h. **Transportation:** Ridgeview High School will be responsible for transporting their student-athletes to practices. The transportation of student-athletes to athletic contests will be agreed upon by both schools Athletic and Transportation Directors.
  - i. **Financial:**
    - i. The school where home events are held is responsible for all expenses at those events and will retain any proceeds from the events.
    - ii. Lexington will pay the entry fees for both JV and Varsity contests.
    - iii. Lexington will pay the music fees for both JV and Varsity routines.
  - j. **Athletic Fees:** Each district will charge participation fees based on the respective district's policy.
  - k. **Training Rules/Eligibility:** Student-Athletes will follow the eligibility rules and Student-Athlete Code of Conduct guidelines, established by the IHSA and their respective schools.
  - l. **Physical Exams:** Each student-athlete will be responsible for his/her own physical exam.
  - m. **Practice Schedules:** Practices, both preseason and regular season, will be conducted at Lexington High School or at Ridgeview High School when facilities are full at LHS. Time will be given to both competitive and sideline practice.
  - n. **Coaching:** Lexington will be responsible for hiring and compensating the head coach. Lexington and Ridgeview may each provide an assistant coach if desired.

- o. **Evaluation:** The home school athletic director will conduct the formal evaluation of coaches employed by their district. This evaluation will be completed in collaboration with the host-school athletic director, who will provide input based on in-season observations and team management. Final documentation will be shared between both athletic directors and kept in accordance with district personnel policies.
- p. **Paperwork on File:** Prior to any type of practice, each student-athlete must have all required documents on file with their respective school. These requirements can be found in each school's handbook.

**3. Approval:**

Approved and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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President, Lexington CUSD #7 Board of Education

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Principal, Lexington High School

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President, Ridgeview CUSD #13 Board of Education

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