

Cheerleading Constitution Addendum
Fowler Middle School
2010-2011

Demerits and Discipline:

In compliance with the cheerleader constitution established by the Frisco Middle Schools, the sponsors are installing a system of demerits to keep track of behavior of the cheerleading squad. We believe this system will keep the expectations, standards, and morals of the cheerleaders high and reflect positive characteristics for all FISD middle schools.

Demerits are negative points that are recorded for behavior that disagrees with the cheerleaders' constitution.

Demerits are one type of consequence a cheerleader may receive for any infractions of the Cheerleading Constitution through-out the school year. Others include:

- Verbal Correction
- Time Out
- Behavior Contracts
- Parent/teacher conference
- Game suspensions
- Withdrawal of Privileges
- Probation
- Dismissal from squad
- Extra Conditioning

The following is a guideline. Certain behaviors not listed may also result in demerits deemed appropriate by the sponsors. Some behaviors listed below may result in more or less demerits at the sponsors' discretion.

Attendance Infractions	Practice	Performance
Tardy 1-5 minutes	1	2
Tardy 6-15 minutes	2	3
Tardy 15+ minutes	3	4
Failure to advise sponsor in writing of non UIL absence prior to event	4	5
Failure to advise sponsor in writing of UIL related absence 5 days prior	4	5
Failure to provide proper documentation of excused absence (within 24 hrs)	4	5
Picked up 20 - 30 minutes after an event	3	3
Picked up 30 - 45 minutes after an event	6	6
Picked up 45+ minutes after and event	9	9

Appearance Infractions	Practice	Performance
Food/Gum	1	2
Jewelry	1	2
Hair not in pony tail	1	2
Inappropriate Appearance	1	2
Disruptive Behavior	2	3
Missing equipment/outfit piece (per piece)	2	3

Academic/Citizenship Infractions	Progress Re	Report Card
Failing 1 class (1 demerit for each additional failure)	3	9
N for Conduct (1 for each additional N)	3	6
U for Conduct (1 for each additional)	6	9

Other Infractions	
Failure to return forms on time	1
Unexcused Absence/tardy to school	1
Failure to learn material	3
Lending out practice or uniform pieces	3
teacher/lunch detention	3
referral to office from teacher (behavior or dress)	3
Unexcused Absence/tardy day after a performance	3
Dress Code violation	3
C-Hall	6
Short Term ISS	9
Full Day ISS	12
OSS/KEYS	12
Conduct unbecoming of a cheerleader	3+
Other not listed	1+

Demerits – I Have One, What’s Next?

Having one or two demerits has no consequence. Those with less than three demerits are considered in “good standing” with the sponsors.

Three demerits will result in suspension from one performance

Six demerits will result in suspension from two performances.

When a cheerleader is suspended from a game, she must still wear her uniform and abide by all cheerleader guidelines. She will sit with the sponsors during the performance.

Nine demerits will result in a probation period. This period will be determined by the sponsors and the principal. The cheerleader may not wear her cheer uniform while on probation. She must abide by all rules and still participate in practices and attend all performances. She will sit with the sponsor during the performances in dress code approved clothing.

With twelve demerits, the cheerleader will be removed from the squad.

A cheerleader can be removed from the squad by the sponsor/principal for any extremely inappropriate behavior (i.e. alcohol, drug, stealing, suspensions, or any other behavior deemed inappropriate by the sponsor or the principal.)

A cheerleader that accumulates 3 unexcused absences from practices or performances (whether prior notification was given or not) will be removed from the squad.

Any cheerleader that has been removed from the squad will not be allowed to try-out for cheerleader the next school year.

I have read the 2010-2011 Fowler Middle School Cheerleading Constitution Addendum. I understand the expectations and responsibilities of a Fowler Cheerleader, and I agree to follow the constitution to the best of my ability.

Cheerleader Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date