

# GATEWAY

HIGH SCHOOL

## WELCOME TO GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

The following items must be signed and turned in on the first day of tryouts. You will not be allowed to participate in tryouts if your application packet is incomplete.

- Cheerleading Registration Form
- Parental Permission Form
- Candidate & Parental Agreement Form
- GHS Cheer Guidelines
- Cheerleader Interview Sheet
- Cheer Fees Agreement and Other Info
- Athletic Clearance
- Headshot (If you don't have a headshot bring any printed picture of you NO FILTERS)

You **MUST** have arrangements for a ride to and from tryouts.

### Tryout Attire & Appearance

- *Day 1* - White fitted shirt or tank, black shorts, white socks, white cheer shoes or athletic sneakers, and white cheer hair bow.
- *Day 2* - White fitted shirt or tank, black shorts, white socks, white cheer shoes or athletic sneakers, and white cheer hair bow.
- *Day 3* - Black fitted shirt or tank, black shorts, white socks, white cheer shoes or athletic sneakers, and white cheer hair bow.
- *Hair should be in a slick back low pony (no fly aways).*

# GOOD LUCK!

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**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL  
Tryout Registration 2024-2025**

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|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Candidate's Name     | Candidate's Cell Phone    | Graduation Year    |
| Street Address       | City/State                | Zip Code           |
| Parent Name          | Parent Work Number        | Parent Cell Number |
| Parent Email Address | Candidate's Email Address |                    |

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In case of an emergency, please list two people to contact in case the parent cannot be reached.

Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # (or best available #) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # (or best available #) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE FORM**

I give my child permission to participate in GHS Cheerleader Tryouts April 19 – April 21, 2024. In consideration of GHS Cheer Coaches and GHS acceptance of my child as a participant in this activity, I, both individually and as a legal guardian of my child, hereby waive claims against GHS Cheer Coaches and GHS, its agents and its employees that may arise out of injury, loss or damage suffered by my child during this activity. Under no circumstances shall my child leave the group without authorization.

I hereby authorize GHS Cheer Coaches and GHS employees and agents to act as my agent to consent or arrange any emergency medical treatment that may be deemed necessary with respect to any illness or injury suffered by my child on said activity. I recognize that I will be responsible for any costs incurred for this treatment.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## GHS CHEERLEADER GUIDELINES

### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Cheerleaders must support the GHS Cheerleading Squad above all other teams.
- A candidate must be neatly presented, medically fit.
- No candidate shall be excluded based on gender or gender identity.
- Acceptance of a candidate shall be based on ability, the coach's agreement, and acceptance of squad rules.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- The GHS Cheerleader squad is a non-educational, extracurricular squad. The regular squad will consist of Varsity and a Junior Varsity squad with a set number of cheerleaders.
- The Varsity and JV squads will cheer at all respective football games and selected athletic contests (including showcase and pep rallies), participate in fundraisers, community and charity events unless otherwise stated, and participate in all competitions even if designated as an alternate.

### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

- Cheerleaders must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA average at the end of the semester to be eligible to participate in any athletic event. Participants not meeting this requirement will be dismissed.

### **BEHAVIOR**

- Cheerleaders must uphold and maintain acceptable behavior throughout their service at GHS. Infractions such as teacher/administrative detentions and in-school suspension, are infractions that will be punished at the coach's discretion.
- Out of School suspension will result in automatic dismissal from the GHS cheerleading squad.
- All students must always abide by the School District of Lee County Student Code of Conduct.
- If a parent is disorderly to a coach your cheerleader could face the possibility of being removed from the team.
- The 24-Hour rule is in effect. All questions or concerns will be addressed not at the game, but the next day with a scheduled meeting.

### **Practice/Attendance/Events**

- All practices and events are mandatory.
- To participate in practice, athletes must be in school for a minimum of 50% (4 periods) of that day.
- To participate in an event, athletes must be in school for the entire day of the event.
- Excused absences include serious injury, illness, family emergencies, class requirements, or a prearranged absence. A two-week advance notice for prearranged absences is required for events. A prearranged absence from practice requires a 48-hour notice.

### **DISMISSAL FROM OR QUITTING A CHEERLEADING SQUAD**

- Anyone who is dismissed or chooses to quit a GHS cheerleading squad will be ineligible to tryout/cheer for any cheerleading squad the following school year.

*Sign below acknowledging the expectations of a GHS Cheerleader.*

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

### Cheer Fees Agreement

- Each cheerleader is responsible for all costs associated with being a member of the GHS Cheerleading Squad.
- The estimated annual cost is \$750 per participant.
- Fundraisers will be held to help offset costs but the final responsibility for all costs lies with each participant.
- All funds raised by a participant will be put toward their total cheer balance owed.
- If your child makes the GHS cheerleading squad, members are responsible for the initial \$300.00 of the total balance. Payments may be made in installments with the first minimum payment of \$150.00 due by Tuesday April 30, 2024, and the second minimum payment of \$150.00 due by Wednesday May 15, 2024.
- An itemized breakdown of costs will be provided for parents at our first cheer parent meeting on Thursday April 25, 2024.
- Cheerleaders who do not fulfill their financial obligations to the team will be ineligible to participate in cheerleading activities.
- Cheerleaders who have an outstanding balance for cheerleading at GHS from previous seasons are ineligible to tryout until those obligations are satisfied.
- All fundraisers go toward the Gateway High School Cheerleading program. If your cheerleader raises more than the total balance owed, the remainder will be used on other cheer necessities (i.e., pregame meals, awards, etc.)
- If a cheerleader is removed or quits the team all funds paid/raised are non-refundable.
- All cheer uniforms are owned by the Gateway High School Athletic Department. Under no circumstance will the cheerleaders be able to keep the uniform. All school issued property not returned at the end of the season will be reported to Fines & Fees. Please refer to the provided *Uniform Checkout Form* for details.

### Other Information

Summer practices are essential to the success of our cheer squad. The summer practice schedule will be communicated prior to tryouts. A commitment should be made to attend practice. Any absence from summer practice should be communicated to the coaching staff.

Cheer Camp is mandatory for all members of the GHS Cheerleading Squad. If a cheerleader is unable to attend cheer camp, they will be unable to cheer for GHS. The cheerleading camp dates are June 17– June 19, 2024.

I have read and understand the financial commitment required to participate in GHS cheerleading.

Parent Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## CANDIDATE & PARENTAL AGREEMENT FORM

### Candidate Agreement

Thank you for expressing your interest in being a GHS cheerleader. As a participant of the sport of cheerleading at GHS, I understand that being a cheerleader is a privilege and not a right. I understand that second to my academic responsibilities, cheerleading is a priority. I also understand that I must maintain satisfactory grades and conduct in all school and community arenas to hold my position on the squad. I am aware of the contract, demerit system, rules, and regulations governing GHS Cheerleaders, and I agree to abide by all rules. I understand that any infraction of the rules on my part may result in an automatic dismissal.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Agreement

The above-mentioned candidate has signified his/her desire to become a cheerleader at GHS. If he/she is selected, there are certain responsibilities and obligations which he/she must assume to remain a member of the squad.

I have read the expectations governing the GHS Cheerleading squad and I will, as far as I am able, assist in seeing that the rules are carried out. I will see that my child attends all practice sessions unless excused by the coach. I will also see that he/she participates in all fundraising activities and other practices associated with being a GHS cheerleader.

I am aware of the physical responsibilities associated with cheerleading and agree that my child can meet the physical duties and requirements for the GHS Cheerleading squad.

Finally, I understand that GHS cheerleading requires a large time commitment on behalf of my child and me. If selected, I understand that cheerleading is a year-long commitment which extends beyond the current athletic season.

I hereby give my child permission to tryout and to take part in cheerleading activities at Gateway High School.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Head Varsity Cheer Coach Faith Parker – [faithlp@leeschools.net](mailto:faithlp@leeschools.net)

Athletic Director Michael Dubbelde – [michaeldd@leeschools.net](mailto:michaeldd@leeschools.net)

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