

LHS Cheer Conduct & Discipline System

MINOR INFRACTIONS: Cheerleaders will receive a demerit for minor infractions and the accumulation of 3 demerits will result in being benched for one performance. Cheerleaders can work off their demerits at the coach's discretion.

MAJOR INFRACTIONS: Cheerleaders will receive a written notice for major infractions. A cheerleader may be removed from the squad after an accumulation of 3 Major Infractions and immediately upon 3 unexcused absences. An unexcused absence will result in being benched for the next event/performance.

1st Written Notice: Parents will be notified, written notice will be signed by student & parent, and the cheerleader will be benched for one performance

2nd Written Notice: Parents will be notified, a conference will be held with the parents/student, written notice will be signed by student/parent, & the cheerleader will be benched for two performances

3rd Written Notice: Results in the student's removal from the squad for the remainder of the year. ***Any cheerleader who is removed or chooses to quit will be required to sit out one year before eligible to tryout again.*

MINOR INFRACTION	MAJOR INFRACTION
Late to practice/event or leaving early	Unexcused absence
Excessive talking during practice/event	Disrespecting a coach or teammate
Phone use during practice or events	Harassment/bullying (peer or coach via social media, texting or other means)
Public display of affection while in uniform	Inappropriate use of Social Media*
No communication prior to 4:00 pm notifying coach when missing practice for ANY reason	Teacher report and/or Office referral to include dress code violations
Not prepared for practice or event (jewelry or hair)	Incomplete uniform for event including specified shoes, bow & poms (will be benched)

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EXAMPLES OF UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- Work
- Vacation
- Scheduled appointments
- Non-UIL involvement

EXAMPLES OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- Illness (documentation may be required)
- Death in family
- Religious holidays
- UIL game/match/performance (*these require a written notice 5 days in advance to prevent the absence from being unexcused.*)
- Juniors/Seniors are allowed 1 college visit absence

NOTE: In order for **ANY** absence to be considered excused, it must be cleared by the sponsor **PRIOR** to the event.

***Social Media Conduct Policy**

As a Liberty High School Cheerleader/Mascot, the sponsors, principals, teachers, and community hold you to a high standard of behavior. This high standard of behavior includes the use of social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. If you choose to use social media and post inappropriate pictures and/or printed material on your account (including but not limited to the use of cursing, drugs, alcohol, sexual conduct, and any negative comments about LHS, LHS staff, or LHS students) you will be subject to consequences. The code of conduct states, "Cheerleaders will abide by school code of conduct both in and out of uniform, both at and away from school. Any question of appropriateness will be decided by the principal and sponsors."