

2023-2024 Olton ISD Cheer Code of Conduct

Core Values of Olton Cheerleaders:

The mission of the Olton ISD Cheerleading Squad is to lead support for OISD athletics through performances at games and pep rallies, to promote school spirit and pride for the Olton Mustangs, Colts, and Fillies and to serve as representatives of Olton ISD and the community both in and out of school.

General Rules

- A. Present** - You are expected to be at every practice, performance, and meeting. If there is an emergency and you can not be present, you must let your coach know in advance. Failure to contact your coach will result in an unexcused absence, and could result in non-participation in other upcoming game(s)/event(s).
- B. Punctual** - Be on time to practices so the team can stay on schedule.
- C. Grades** - Your primary reason for being in school is to earn an education. You must meet all UIL eligibility requirements in order to participate (no pass, no play).
- D. Conduct** - As cheerleaders, you are in the spotlight. Be responsible, honest, and respectful. Conduct yourself with class at all times.
- E. Out of Town Games** - We represent the City of Olton and Olton ISD. Do not do anything to embarrass yourself, your teammates, your school, or your town.
- F. Sportsmanship** - Treat game officials and opposing teams with respect at all times.
- G. Transportation** - Cheerleaders or their parents are responsible for their transportation to all home activities. The squad will ride in a school district vehicle for all out of town activities. Extenuating circumstances may require a squad member to travel to or from a game or event with a parent, guardian, or other designee requiring a written/signed note from the guardian that is turned into the sponsor.
- H. Equipment** - Uniforms owned by the school are not to be worn outside of cheerleading activities and are not to be loaned to anyone else for any reason.
- I. Appearance** - No jewelry is to be worn during practice, performances, or competition. Uniforms, warmups, and attire worn during competition and/or performance must be approved by the sponsor.
- J. Quitting** - Quitting is a bad habit that will not be tolerated. Before a cheerleader will be allowed to quit, there will be a required meeting between the cheerleader, parent(s), cheer sponsor and principal.
- K. Fundraising** - Fundraising is a requirement for cheerleading. Fundraising must follow district procedures. Parents/guardians will be responsible for any funds that are not raised by the student.
- L. Other** - Cheerleading will require multiple appearances in the community for various events in addition to athletics. The cheer sponsor will communicate these dates and the expectations for these events. It is expected that you are present and actively participating in events scheduled by the cheer sponsor. Timely notice is required when you cannot be present.

Suspension and dismissal progression for Discipline/Attendance:

- OISD Cheer will adhere to the Olton ISD Student handbook and Student Code of Conduct. Student's disciplinary actions, including attendance for school and/or cheer responsibilities may result in dismissal from the cheer squad. This could be due to continued behavioral or attendance problems at school and/or cheer, or a single incident severe enough to warrant the dismissal. As an interim measure to address behavioral or attendance problems, the sponsor may elect to suspend a student for up to 2 weeks from cheer activities. Decisions regarding suspension or dismissal from the cheer squad will require review and approval from the principal.

Disciplinary actions to be taken for drug, alcohol, and tobacco use or possession:

All Cheerleaders must enter the random drug testing program at Olton ISD. All Cheerleaders are bound by the rules and regulations of the Olton ISD drug testing policy.

- Use or possession of illegal drugs (including steroids)
- Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes/Vape products

First Offense

- The student will be suspended from performances for 15 consecutive school days. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The cheerleader and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Cheerleading Probationary Contract*.

Second Offense

- The student will be suspended from performances for 30 consecutive school days. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The cheerleader and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Cheerleading Probationary Contract*.

Third Offense

- The student will be suspended from performances for no less than one calendar year. During the suspension, practices will be mandatory and the student shall complete a district-approved substance abuse counseling course. The cheerleader and his/her parents will be required to sign an *Cheerleading Probationary Contract*.

Fourth Offense

- The student will be permanently removed from cheer.

The Cheer Sponsor and Principal reserves the right to review and manage all disciplinary actions based on the best interest of Olton ISD Cheer.

*** Uniforms, warmups, and attire worn during competition and/or performance must be composed of blue and white colors. Accents and variations must be approved by administration. The mascot must be the rearing Mustang.**

Communication

Olton ISD strives to keep the lines of communication open between the cheerleader, parents and the cheer sponsor. If a parent has an issue that they would like to discuss, the following chain of command will be followed.

- Step 1 Parent meeting with the cheer sponsor.
- Step 2 Parent meeting with the cheer sponsor and principal
- Step 3 If an issue is not resolved with the cheer sponsor and principal, a meeting with the Superintendent may be scheduled.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT BREAKING ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE COACHING STAFF OF OLTON ISD.

Cheerleader Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date